

# Midterm 1 : 131A

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This test totals 50 points and you get 50 minutes to do it. Answer the questions in the spaces provided on the question sheets. Always show work unless the question says otherwise. Good luck!

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1. (10 points) Assume  $n \geq 2$ . From first principles ( $\epsilon$ -definition) and reasoning rigorously at every step, find

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{2}{n-1} \right).$$

$$L = 0$$

Given  $\epsilon > 0$ , find  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$\left| \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{2}{n-1} - 0 \right| < \epsilon \quad \text{for all } n > N$$

Since  $\left| \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{2}{n-1} \right| \leq \left| \frac{1}{n+1} \right| + \left| \frac{2}{n-1} \right| = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{2}{n-1}$   
 so  $\Delta$  neg

enough to ensure  $\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{2}{n-1} < \epsilon$  for all  $n > N$

By each property, given  $\epsilon > 0$ , find  $\tilde{N} \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$\frac{1}{2\tilde{N}} < \frac{\epsilon}{4}$$

$$\text{Set } N = \tilde{N} + 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{so } n > N &\Rightarrow n - 1 > N - 1 = \tilde{N} + 4 > 2\tilde{N} \\ n + 1 &> N + 1 = \tilde{N} + 6 > 2\tilde{N} \end{aligned}$$

In any case, for all  $n > N$

$$\left| \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{2}{n-1} \right| \leq \left| \frac{1}{n+1} \right| + \left| \frac{2}{n-1} \right| < \frac{1}{2\tilde{N}} + \frac{2}{2\tilde{N}} < \frac{\epsilon}{4} + \frac{2\epsilon}{4} < \epsilon$$

2. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be non-empty bounded subsets<sup>1</sup> of  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$

(a) (4 points) Show  $\sup(A \cup B)$  exists and  $\sup(A \cup B) = \max(\sup(A), \sup(B))$ .

~~$A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  or  $A \cap B = \emptyset$~~

$A, B$  non-empty  $\Rightarrow A \cup B$  non-empty.

Let  $M = \max(\sup(A), \sup(B))$ , in particular

$M \geq a$   
for all  $a \in A$

$\Rightarrow M$  upper bound for  $A \cup B$

$\Rightarrow \sup(A \cup B)$  exists and  $M \geq \sup(A \cup B) = L$   
by completeness axiom Call it  $L$

$M \geq b$   
for all  $b \in B$

Since  $L = \sup(A \cup B)$ ,  $L \geq a$  for all  $a \in A$ ,  
 $L \geq b$  for all  $b \in B \Rightarrow L \geq \sup(A), \sup(B)$

$\Rightarrow \boxed{L = M} \Rightarrow L \geq \max(\sup(A), \sup(B)) = M$

(b) (4 points) Show that  $\sup(A \cap B)$  exists and  $\sup(A \cap B) \leq \min(\sup(A), \sup(B))$

$A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  given.

Let  $\sup(A) = \alpha, \sup(B) = \beta \in \mathbb{R}$

so  $\alpha \geq a$  for all  $a \in A$

$\beta \geq b$  for all  $b \in B$

$\Rightarrow \min(\alpha, \beta) \geq x$  for all  $x \in A \cap B$

$\Rightarrow \min(\alpha, \beta)$  is an upper bound for  $A \cap B$

and so  $\sup(A \cap B)$  exists by completeness axiom and

$$\min(\alpha, \beta) \geq \sup(A \cap B)$$

(c) (2 points) Give an example of bounded non-empty sets  $A, B$  so that  $\sup(A \cap B)$  exists and  $\sup(A \cap B) < \min(\sup(A), \sup(B))$ .

$$A = (1, 2)$$

$$B = (1, 1.5) \cup \{2\}$$

$$A \cap B = (1, 1.5)$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \sup A = 2 \\ \sup B = 2 \end{array} \right\} \min = 2$$

$$\sup B = 2$$

$$\sup A \cap B = 1.5$$

$$1.5 < 2$$

<sup>1</sup>Recall  $A \cup B$  is the set of all  $x$  which is in  $A$  or  $B$  or both. Similarly  $A \cap B$  is  $x$  which is in both  $A$  and  $B$  simultaneously.

3. (5 points) Let  $(s_n)$  be a sequence such that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = -\infty$ . Prove from first principles that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n^2 = +\infty$ .

Given  $\tilde{M} < 0$ , there  $\exists N_{\tilde{M}} \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  
 $s_n < \tilde{M}$  for all  $n > N_{\tilde{M}}$

as  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = -\infty$   
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$\rightarrow$  Given  $M > 0$ , choose  $M_1 > \max(1, M)$   
 (by arch prop)  
 $\Rightarrow M_1^2 > M_1 > M > 0$

so  $\tilde{M} = -M_1^2$

By  $\star$  find  $N_{\tilde{M}}$

$\Rightarrow s_n < -M_1^2$  for all  $n > N_{\tilde{M}}$

$\Rightarrow -s_n > M_1^2 > M$  for all  $n > N_{\tilde{M}}$   
 $> 0$

$\Rightarrow s_n^2 > M_1^4 > M_1^2 > M > 0$

for all  $n > N_{\tilde{M}}$

$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n^2 = +\infty$

4. Let  $(s_n)$  be a sequence so that each  $s_n > 0$ . Suppose you know that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

(a) (5 points) Show that there is an  $N \in \mathbb{N}$  so that  $s_{n+1} < \frac{1}{2}s_n$  for all  $n \geq N$

Given  $\varepsilon > 0$ , there is  $N_1 \in \mathbb{N}$  so that

$$\left| \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} - \frac{1}{3} \right| < \varepsilon$$

(ie)  $\frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} \in \left( \frac{1}{3} - \varepsilon, \frac{1}{3} + \varepsilon \right)$  for all  $n > N_1$

choose  $\varepsilon < \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} \in \left( \frac{1}{6}, \frac{1}{2} \right)$  for all  $n > N_1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} < \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $n > N_1$

$\Rightarrow \frac{s_{n+1}}{s_n} < \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $n \geq N_1$

$N = N_1 + 1$

(b) (5 points) Show using the above part that  $s_n < \left(\frac{1}{2^{n-N}}\right) s_N$  for all  $n > N$ .

$$s_{N+1} < \frac{1}{2} s_N$$

$$s_{N+2} < \frac{1}{2} s_{N+1} < \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) s_N = \frac{s_N}{2^{N+2-N}}$$

induction, assume  
hypothesis

$$s_n < \frac{1}{2^{n-N}} s_N \quad \text{for all } n > N$$

Then

$$s_{n+1} < \frac{1}{2} s_n < \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2^{n-N}} s_N = \frac{1}{2^{n+1-N}} s_N$$

Hence by induction,  $s_n < \left(\frac{1}{2^{n-N}}\right) s_N$  for all  $n > N$

(c) (5 points) Hence find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n$  (you can use squeeze lemma).

Define seq  $s''_n = 0$   
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Define seq  $s'_n = \frac{s_N}{2^{n-N}}$  for all  $n > N$

$$s_n = \begin{pmatrix} \max \\ (s_1, \dots, s_N) \\ + 1 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{for } n \leq N$$

so  $s''_n \leq s_n \leq s'_n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s'_n = \frac{s_N}{2^n}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{2^n} = 0$$

constant

By squeeze lemma

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s''_n = 0$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n = 0$$

5)

Let  $r = 2$ . Find  $s_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ ,  $s_n < s_{n+1}$  so that  $s_n \rightarrow \sqrt{2}$

PP  $s_n = 2 - \frac{1}{n} \quad n \geq 1$

Claim:  $s_n < s_{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq 1$

because  $n+1 > n$ ,

$$\frac{1}{n+1} < \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-1}{n+1} > \frac{-1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 - \frac{1}{n+1} > 2 - \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow s_{n+1} > s_n$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} s_n &= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2 - \frac{1}{n} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2 - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \\ &= 2 - 0 \\ &= \underline{2} \end{aligned}$$

\*\*\*\*\*SCRATCH WORK\*\*\*\*\*