

## HOMEWORK

- 1) For each of the following sets find the infimum and supremum. Where necessary you should state one or both do not exist (DNE).
  - a)  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 > 2\}$
  - b)  $\{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0\}$
  - c)  $\{x \in \mathbb{Z} : x + 7 > \pi\}$
  - d) Let  $a$  be a fixed real number.  $\{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q > a^2\}$
  
- 2) Determine whether the following are true or false. Justify your answers.
  - a) Every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded below has a least element.
  - b) The set of positive rational numbers has a supremum.
  - c) If  $S$  is a nonempty set of negative real numbers, then  $0 \geq \sup S$ .
  - d) If  $S$  is a nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded below and  $B$  is a subset of  $S$ , then  $\inf B \geq \inf S$ .
  - e)  $\mathbb{Z}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - f)  $\mathbb{Q} - \mathbb{Z}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  
- 3) Let  $S$  be a nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded. Prove the following:
  - a)  $\inf S \leq \sup S$ .
  - b) If  $\inf S \geq \sup S$ , then  $S$  consists of exactly one number.
  
- 4) Fitzpatrick Section 1.1 number 11.
  
- 5) Fitzpatrick Section 1.1 number 19.
  
- 6) Let  $S$  be a nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded below. Prove that  $S$  has a minimum if and only if the number  $\inf S$  belongs to  $S$ .
  
- 7) Suppose that the number  $a$  has the property that for every natural number  $n$ ,  $a \leq 1/n$ . Prove  $a \leq 0$ .
  
- 8) Let  $b$  be a real number and define  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} | x < b\}$ . Prove  $\sup S = b$ .
  
- 9) Fitzpatrick Section 1.2 number 7.
  
- 10) Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that  $|a - b| \leq 1$ . Prove  $|a| \leq |b| + 1$ .
  
- 11)
  - a) (Cauchy's inequality) Using the fact that the square of a real number is non-negative, prove for any  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $ab < \frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2)$ .
  - b) Using Cauchy's inequality prove that if  $x, y$  are non-negative real numbers, then  $\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{1}{2}(x + y)$ .
  - c) Using Cauchy's inequality prove that if  $\ell, m, n$  are non-negative real numbers, then  $\ell m + mn + \ell n \leq \ell^2 + m^2 + n^2$ .
  - d) Using part b prove that if  $\ell, m, n$  are non-negative real numbers, then  $8\ell mn \leq (\ell + m)(m + n)(\ell + n)$ .