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**Theory 1.** (3pts) Define a denumerable set.

**Theory 2.** (3pts) State the multiplicative properties of  $\mathbf{R}$ . That is, state the four algebraic properties of  $\mathbf{R}$  that deal only with multiplication.

**Theory 3.** (3pts) State the Completeness Property of  $\mathbf{R}$ .

TYPE A PROBLEMS (5PTS EACH)

**A1.** Show using Mathematical Induction that  $(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$ . (Here  $i$  is the imaginary unit,  $i^2 = -1$ , and recall that  $\sin(x + y) = \sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y$  and  $\cos(x + y) = \cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y$ ).

**A2.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets, where  $A$  is finite. Show:  $A \cup B$  is finite if and only if  $B$  is finite. You may use the statement that the union of two disjoint finite sets is finite.

**A3.** If  $a, b \in \mathbf{R}$ , use only the axiomatic algebraic properties of  $\mathbf{R}$  to show that  $-(a + b) = (-a) + (-b)$ , and  $a \cdot (-b) = -ab$ .

**A4.** Show that for all  $x, y, z \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $||x - y| - |z - y|| \leq |x - z|$ .

**A5.** If they exist, find a lower bound of  $S$ , an upper bound of  $S$ ,  $\inf S$  and  $\sup S$ . There is no need to justify.      a)  $S = \{x \mid x < 0\}$       b)  $S = \{\frac{n-1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbf{N}\}$

TYPE B PROBLEMS (8PTS EACH)

**B1.** Show that the collection of two-element subsets of  $\mathbf{N}$  is denumerable.

**B2.** Recall that we set  $\frac{a}{b} = a \cdot \frac{1}{b}$ . Use only the axiomatic algebraic properties of  $\mathbf{R}$  to show the rule for adding fractions:  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd}$ . (You will need to prove an intermediate lemma.)

**B3.** Show directly that  $\sqrt{8}$  is not a rational number, that is, without resorting to knowledge that  $\sqrt{2}$  is not rational.

**B4.** Determine and sketch the set of points in the plane satisfying  $|x| - 2|y| \leq 4$ .

**B5.** Consider the subset  $S$  of  $\mathbf{R}$ ,  $S = \{x \in \mathbf{Q} \mid x > \pi\}$ . If they exist, find a lower bound of  $S$ , an upper bound of  $S$ ,  $\inf S$  and  $\sup S$ . Prove the details, including nonexistence of any of the quantities.

**B6.** Let  $S \subset (0, \infty)$  be a nonempty set that is bounded above. Show that  $\inf \frac{1}{S} = \frac{1}{\sup S}$ . (As expected,  $\frac{1}{S} = \{\frac{1}{s} \mid s \in S\}$ .)

TYPE C PROBLEMS (12PTS EACH)

**C1.** Show that the set of all functions  $\mathbf{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  is uncountable. *Hint: any function  $a : \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$  may be thought of as a sequence of 0's and 1's.*

**C2.** Let  $S$  be a bounded nonempty subset of  $\mathbf{R}$ .

a) Show by example that, in general,  $\sup |S| \neq |\sup S|$ .

b) Figure out the correct expression for  $\sup |S|$  and prove it. Some homework statements may be helpful here, and you may use them without proof.

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**Theory 1.** (3pts) Define when the limit of a sequence  $(x_n)$  is  $x$ .

**Theory 2.** (3pts) State the squeeze theorem for sequences.

**Theory 3.** (3pts) State the Cauchy Convergence Theorem.

TYPE A PROBLEMS (5PTS EACH)

**A1.** Use the definition of the limit to show  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n+3}{5n+4} = \frac{1}{5}$ .

**A2.** Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{n+1}\right)^{n-1}$ .

**A3.** Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt[n]{n^2 + 4n + 7}$ .

**A4.** Use the “ratio test” or other method to find the limit of the sequence  $\frac{b^n}{n!}$ ,  $b > 0$ .

**A5.** Prove the extended limit law  $L + \infty = \infty$ . That is, use the definition to show: if  $\lim x_n = L \in \mathbf{R}$  and  $\lim y_n = \infty$ , then  $\lim(x_n + y_n) = \infty$ .

**A6.** Use the definition to show that the sequence  $x_n = \frac{n}{n+6}$  is Cauchy.

TYPE B PROBLEMS (8PTS EACH)

**B1.** Let the sequence  $x_n$  be recursively given by:  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_{n+1} = 3 + \sqrt{2x_n + 1}$ . Show that this sequence converges and find its limit.

**B2.** Prove the limit law  $\lim(x_n \cdot y_n) = \lim x_n \cdot \lim y_n$ .

**B3.** Let  $a > 0$  and  $b > 1$ . Find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n^a}{b^n}$ .

**B4.** Show that if a sequence of positive numbers  $(x_n)$  is unbounded, then there exists a subsequence  $(x_{n_k})$  such that  $\lim x_{n_k} = \infty$ .

**B5.** Let the sequence  $x_n$  be recursively given by:  $x_1 > 0$ ,  $x_{n+1} = \frac{1}{3+x_n}$ . Show that this sequence is contractive and find its limit.

**B6.** Suppose that for two positive sequences  $(x_n)$  and  $(y_n)$ ,  $\lim x_n y_n = \infty$  and  $(x_n)$  is bounded. Show that  $\lim y_n = \infty$ .

**B7.** Let  $\lim x_n = x$  and  $\lim y_n = y$ , where  $x < y$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$ , and let  $z_n = \max\{x_n, y_n\}$ . Show that  $\lim z_n = y$ .

TYPE C PROBLEMS (12PTS EACH)

**C1.** Let  $(x_n)$  be a bounded sequence that does not converge to  $x$ . (It does not mean it converges to some other number.) Show  $(x_n)$  has a subsequence that converges to a number  $y$ , where  $y \neq x$ .

**C2.** Let  $x_n = \sqrt[n]{n!}$ .

a) Show  $(x_n)$  is increasing.

b) Show  $n! \geq k!k^{n-k}$  for every  $k = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

c) Fixing a  $k$ , use b) to get an inequality that will give you the limit of  $(x_n)$ .

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**Theory 2.** (3pts) Define what  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  means.

**Theory 3.** (3pts) State the limit law for quotients.

TYPE A PROBLEMS (8PTS EACH)

**A1.** Find the limits, if they exist (just a computation is expected): a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{x^2 - 3x - 10}{x + 2}$  b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x + 7} - \sqrt{x + 3})$ .

**A2.** Does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{x}$  exist? If yes, find it, if not, justify.

**A3.** Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \cos \frac{1}{x + 1}$  does not exist.

**A4.** Use the definition to show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (2x + 1) = 7$ .

**A5.** Let  $f(x) \geq 0$  and  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$ . Use the definition to show that  $L \geq 0$ , by showing that  $L \geq -\epsilon$  for every  $\epsilon > 0$ .

TYPE B PROBLEMS (8PTS EACH)

**B1.** Use the definition to show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \frac{1}{x^2 + 4} = \frac{1}{c^2 + 4}$ .

**B2.** Use the definition to prove the extended limit law  $\infty + \infty = \infty$ , that is, if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = \infty$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \infty$ , show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} (f(x) + g(x)) = \infty$ .

**B3.** Suppose  $f(x), g(x) > 0$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)g(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 0$ . Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} g(x) = \infty$ .

**B4.** Find all the cluster points (in  $\mathbf{R}$ ) of the set  $(-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}) \cap \mathbf{Q}$ . You do not need to write a detailed proof, but justify your answer with a picture and a few words. Justify also why certain points are *not* cluster points of the set.

**B5.** Use the definition and properties of the sine function to show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} \sin x = \sin c$ . You will find the formula  $\sin u - \sin v = 2 \sin \frac{u-v}{2} \cos \frac{u+v}{2}$  useful.

**B6.** Suppose  $f, g : (a, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = L$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow L} g(x) = \infty$ . Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(g(x)) = L$ .

**B7.** Use a picture of the unit circle and areas to show that  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \cos \theta = 1$  by showing that  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} (1 - \cos \theta) = 0$ .

TYPE C PROBLEMS (12PTS EACH)

**C1.** Let  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ ,  $f(x) = 0$  if  $x$  is irrational,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{n}$  if  $x$  is a rational number represented by  $\frac{m}{n}$  in reduced form. Show that for every  $c$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x) = 0$ .

Hint: show that in an open interval of width  $\frac{1}{n}$  there are only finitely many rational numbers  $x$  so that  $f(x) > \frac{1}{n}$  and take it from there.