

Indian Statistical Institute, Bangalore

B. Math.

First Year, First Semester

Mid-term Examination Date : 19/09/08

Maximum marks: 100

Time: 3 hours

1. Show that the ordered field \mathbb{R} of real numbers has the Archimedean property. [15]
2. For any two subsets A, B of \mathbb{R} , define

$$A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\};$$

$$AB = \{ab : a \in A, b \in B\}.$$

Show that if A, B are bounded above,

$$\sup(A + B) = \sup(A) + \sup(B).$$

Give an example to show that

$$\sup(AB) = \sup(A) \cdot \sup(B),$$

need not be true. [15]

3. Show that intervals $[0,1]$ and $(0,1)$ have same cardinality. [15]
4. Let $\{a_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ be a sequence of real numbers converging to $a \in \mathbb{R}$. Define

$$b_n = \frac{1}{n}(a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_n)$$

for $n \geq 1$. Show that $\{b_n\}_{n \geq 1}$ is a convergent sequence converging to a . [15]

5. Show that every Cauchy sequence of real numbers is convergent. [15]
6. Let A be a subset of \mathbb{R} . Show that interior of A is the largest open set contained in A . [15]

7. Suppose $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a continuous function. Define a new function $g_+ : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ by

$$g_+(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } g(x) < 0, \\ g(x) & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Show that if g is continuous then g_+ is continuous. Give an example where g_+ is continuous but g is not continuous. [15]