

Series of exercises 1: the Field of real numbers

Exercise 1:

a) Prove that $\forall n > 1 : n^n \geq n!$

b) Let $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \times \mathbb{Q}^+$ such that $\sqrt{ab} \notin \mathbb{Q}$

Prove that $\sqrt{a} + 2\sqrt{b} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ and $\frac{\ln 2}{\ln 3} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ (are irrational numbers).

Exercise 2:

1). Solve the following equation

$$E(2x - 1) + 1 = 0$$

2) Show the following properties :

$$\bullet \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^* : E\left(\frac{E(nx)}{n}\right) = E(x).$$

$$\bullet \forall x \in \mathbb{R} : E\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + E\left(\frac{x+1}{2}\right) = E(x)$$

Exercise 3:

1) Prove the following inequalities:

$$\bullet \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, ||x| - |y|| \leq |x + y|$$

$$\bullet \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} : \max(x, y) = \frac{x + y + |x - y|}{2}$$
$$\min(x, y) = \frac{x + y - |x - y|}{2}$$

Exercise 4:

Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : |2x + 1| \leq 5\}$; $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R}, e^x < \frac{1}{2}\}$,

$$C = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^2 < 2\}.$$

Are A, B and C bounded below? bounded above?, do they admit Inf, Min? Sup, Max?

Exercise 5:

Let A be a non-empty and bounded subset of $\mathbb{R}$.

We denote $B = \{|x - y| ; (x, y \in A^2)\}$.

1. Justify that B is bounded above.

2. We denote $\sup(B)$ as the supremum of the set B and $\inf(A)$ as infimum of the set A

Show that $\sup(B) = \sup(A) - \inf(A)$.

Exercise 6:

Determine the minimum, maximum, Supremum and infimum if they exist while justifying the answers of the following sets :

$$A = \left\{ \frac{2n-3}{n+1}; n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}, \quad B = \left\{ \frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n^2} / \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\},$$
$$C = \{x^2 + 1; x \in]1, 2]\}$$