

MA575
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CB 343
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1. (Beals, page 20) For two sets A and B , we define $A + B = \{c : c = a + b \text{ with } a \in A, b \in B\}$. Show that $\sup A + B = \sup A + \sup B$.
2. Can you show that if E is a set of real numbers, then $\sup E \in E$?
3. (Beals, page 20) Show that, for any positive reals x and y , there is a positive integer n so that $x/n < y$.
4. (Beals, page 20) *The nested interval property.* Suppose that I_1, I_2, \dots is a sequence of bounded closed intervals with $I_1 \subset I_2 \subset I_3 \dots$. Let $I_n = [a_n, b_n]$ and suppose that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n - a_n = 0$.

Show that $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$ is not empty. Is the result still true if the intervals are not bounded?

Hint: What can you say about $\sup\{a_n : n = 1, 2, \dots\}$.

5. (Beals, page 20) Prove that for any positive h and any integer $n \geq 0$, we have

$$(1 + h)^n \geq 1 + nh + \frac{n(n-1)}{2}h^2.$$

Hint: Binomial theorem. You may assume the binomial theorem.

6. (Beals, page 20) Suppose that a is positive and $n \geq 2$ is an integer. Suppose that $a^n = n$. Prove that $1 < a < 1 + \sqrt{2/(n-1)}$.
7. Prove that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^{1/n} = 1$.
8. Negate the definition of a sequence which converges to a . That is write out what it means for a sequence $\{a_n\}$ to not converge to a .
9. (Beals, page 29) Prove that there is no way to put an order relation on \mathbf{C} so that \mathbf{C} is an ordered field. An ordered field satisfies the axioms A1-4, M1-4, D and O1-4.
10. (Beals, page 29) Show that if a, b and c are complex numbers, $|a| = |b| = |c|$ and $a + b + c = 0$, then $|a - b| = |b - c| = |a - c|$. Discuss the geometric significance.

Additional questions.(Not to be collected.)

1. Is π^e transcendental?