

**MATH 2200 Assignment No.2, October 6, 2006**

The assignment is due Friday, October 13, 2006, in class. Late assignments receive mark zero.

1. Use the **Principal of Mathematical Induction** to prove that:

a)  $5^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 8, for every  $n$  in  $\mathbb{N}$ . [5]

b)  $2^n < n!$ , for every  $n \geq 4$ . [5]

2. a) If  $a < x < b$  and  $a < y < b$ , show that  $|x-y| < b-a$ . Interpret this geometrically. [5]

b) Determine and sketch the set of pairs  $(x,y)$  in  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  that satisfy  $|x| = |y|$ . [5]

c) Show that if  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $a \neq b$ , then there exists  $\varepsilon$  neighbourhoods  $U$  of  $a$  and  $V$  of  $b$  such that  $U \cap V = \emptyset$ . [6]

3. a) Prove that for a nonempty, bounded subsets  $A$  and  $B$  of  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\inf(A+B) = \inf A + \inf B$ . [6]

b) Prove that a supremum of a bounded nonempty set  $A$  is unique, i.e. prove that if  $s_1 = \sup A$  and  $s_2 = \sup A$ , then  $s_1 = s_2$ . [6]

4. For the given set  $A$ , find  $\sup A$  and  $\inf A$ , whenever they exist:

a)  $A = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n$  with  $I_n = (1, 2 + \frac{1}{n}]$ , [6]

b)  $A = \bigcap_{n=0}^{\infty} I_n$  with  $I_n = (1, 1 + \frac{1}{n})$ , [4]

c)  $A = \{ \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m} : n, m \text{ in } \mathbb{N} \}$ . [7]

( Show all of your work.)

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total [ 55/54 marks]