

*Read:* Rudin, Chapter 1. Do not worry about understanding every detail, but get a good sense of the big ideas.

1. In no more than four sentences, summarize the main concepts and ideas of Chapter 1 in Rudin. Pretend that you are writing for a friend who is an English major (and naturally, took math throughout high school, but maybe not in college). They should be able to understand it *and* appreciate the clarity and style in which it is written.
2. Suppose that we were to define a cut *without* the requirement that it contain no largest element. Keep the same definitions of order and addition. Show that the resulting ordered set has the least-upper-bound property, the addition satisfies axioms (A1) to (A4) [see Definition 1.12 in Rudin]. What is the zero-element? Also, show that (A5) fails.
3. Fix  $b > 1$ . This problem builds off of Theorem 1.21 in Rudin, which defined (and proved the existence of) for each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the (positive)  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of  $b$ , as

$$b^{1/n} := \sup\{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^n < b\}.$$

You may use the result of the Corollary to this theorem (see page 11 of Rudin): If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive real numbers and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(ab)^{1/n} = a^{1/n}b^{1/n}$ .

- (a) If  $m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $n, q > 0$ , and  $r = m/n = p/q$ , prove that

$$(b^m)^{1/n} = (b^p)^{1/q}.$$

Hence it makes sense to define  $b^r = (b^m)^{1/n}$ , i.e., this definition is *well-defined*.

- (b) Prove that  $b^{r+s} = b^r b^s$  if  $r$  and  $s$  are rational.  
 (c) If  $x$  is real, define  $B(x)$  to be the set of all numbers  $b^t$ , where  $t$  is rational and  $t \leq x$ . Prove that

$$b^r = \sup B(r)$$

when  $r$  is rational. Hence it makes sense to define

$$b^x = \sup B(x)$$

for every real  $x$ .

- (d) Prove that  $b^{x+y} = b^x b^y$  for all real  $x$  and  $y$ .

4. Prove that no order can be defined in the complex field that turns it into an ordered field. [*Hint:*  $-1$  is a square.]

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5. Suppose  $z = a + bi$ ,  $w = c + di$ . Define  $z < w$  if  $a < c$ , and also if  $a = c$  but  $b < d$ . Prove that this turns the set of all complex numbers into an ordered set (This type of order relation is called a *dictionary order*, or *lexicographic order*, for obvious reasons.) Does this ordered set have the least-upper-bound property?
  
  6. If  $z_1, \dots, z_n$  are complex, prove that  $|z_1 + z_2 + \dots + z_n| \leq |z_1| + |z_2| + \dots + |z_n|$ .
  
  7. Under what conditions does equality hold in the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality? Justify your answer.