

Exercise series N°1

Exercise 1 : Consider the following assertions:

$$A_1 : \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}: x + y > 0.$$

$$A_2 : \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}: x + y > 0.$$

$$A_3 : \forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}: x + y > 0.$$

$$A_4 : \exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}: y^2 > x.$$

1. Are assertions A_1 , A_2 , A_3 and A_4 true or false?
2. Give their negation.

Exercise 2 :

- If a and b are two positive or zero real numbers, show that:

$$\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} \leq 2\sqrt{a+b}.$$

- Prove by induction the following equalities:

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^k = 2^n - 1, \quad \text{with } n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

- Show that $\sqrt{2}$ is not a rational number.

Exercise 3 Let x and $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

1. Show that the following relationships are always true:

(a) If $|x| < y$ then $-y < x < y$

(b) $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$.

(c) $||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$.

2. Solve the following inequalities:

(a) $|x - 2| > 5$.

(b) $|x + 2| > |x|$.

(c) $|2x - 1| < |x - 1|$.

Exercise 4 Determine (if they exist): the all upper and lower bounds, supremum, infimum, maximum, and minimum, of the following sets:

$$E_1 = \left\{ 1, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{5}, \dots, \frac{1}{2n+1}, \dots; \quad n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}, \quad E_2 =]0, 5], \quad E_3 = \left\{ 4 - \frac{1}{n}; n \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\},$$

$$E_4 = \left\{ \frac{1}{2} + \frac{n}{2n+1}, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{n}{2n+1}; \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^* \right\}$$

Exercise 5 Show that the following relationships are true.

- $x - 1 < E(x) \leq x$,
- $E(x) + E(y) \leq E(x + y)$,
- $E(x) - E(y) \geq E(x - y)$,
- $E\left(\frac{E(nx)}{n}\right) = E(x)$,

with $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$ and $E(\cdot)$ is the integral part function.

Solution

Solution of the Exercise 1 :

A_1 : is false, because we can find an y in \mathbb{R} such that for any x in \mathbb{R} we have $x + y$ less or equal to zero ($x + y \leq 0$.)

For example, if we take $y = 0$, then for all x negative ($x \leq 0$) we have $x + y = x \leq 0$

The negation: $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}: x + y \leq 0$.

A_2 : is true, the fact that for any x we can find an $y \in \mathbb{R}$ for which the inequality $x + y > 0$ is verified.

For example, if we take $y = -x + 1$ then $x + y = 1 > 0$.

The negation: $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \forall y \in \mathbb{R}: x + y \leq 0$.

A_3 : is false, because if we choose, for example, $y \leq 0$ and $x \leq 0$ then $x + y < 0$.

The negation: $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}: x + y \leq 0$.

A_4 : is true, and it is the fact that for all $y \in \mathbb{R}$, it is enough to take an x in the interval $] -\infty, y^2[$ for the inequality $y^2 > x$ to be verified.

The negation: $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists y \in \mathbb{R}: y^2 \leq x$.

Solution of the Exercise 2 :

- For two positive or zero real numbers a and b , we have:

$$\begin{cases} a \leq a + b \\ b \leq a + b \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} \sqrt{a} \leq \sqrt{a + b} \dots (*) \\ \sqrt{b} \leq \sqrt{a + b} \dots (**) \end{cases} \quad (\text{the fact that the root function is an increasing function})$$

by adding the two sides of the inequalities (*) and (**), we will have:

$$\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b} \leq 2\sqrt{a + b}.$$

- Recall that the proof by induction is based on the following three steps:

Step 1: Verify that the desired result holds for $n = n_0$

Step 2: Assume that the desired result holds for n .

Step 3: Use the assumption from step 2 to show that the result holds for $(n + 1)$.

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}, \quad \text{with } n \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad (1)$$

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^k = 2^n - 1, \quad \text{with } n \in \mathbb{N}^* \quad (2)$$

for $n = 1$:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{k=1}^n k = \sum_{k=1}^1 k = 1 \\ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{1(1+1)}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

for n : We assume that the following equality is true for n .

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \quad (4)$$

for $n+1$: On the one hand, using the assumption (4), we have:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k = \sum_{k=1}^n k + (n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n+1) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

On the other hand we have:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} k = \frac{(n+1)((n+1)+1)}{2} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

Consequently, the equality (1) holds for $n+1$. From the above three steps we conclude that (1) holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

for $n=1$:

$$\begin{cases} \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^k = \sum_{k=0}^0 2^k = 2^0 = 1 \\ 2^n - 1 = 2^1 - 1 = 2^1 - 1 = 1 \end{cases} \quad (5)$$

So the equality holds for $n=1$.

for n : We assume that the following equality is true for n .

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^k = 2^n - 1 \quad (6)$$

for $n+1$: On the one hand, using the assumption (6), we have:

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n+1-1} 2^k = \sum_{k=0}^n 2^k = \sum_{k=1}^{n-1} 2^k + 2^n = 2^n - 1 + 2^n = 2 \times 2^n - 1 = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

On the other hand we have:

$$\sum_{k=0}^n 2^k = 2^{n+1} - 1$$

Consequently, the equality (2) holds for $n+1$. From the above three steps we conclude that (2) holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}^*$.

- Proof By Contradiction that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational

Recall that for $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have:

n is an odd natural number $\Leftrightarrow n^2$ is an odd natural number.

n is an even natural number $\Leftrightarrow n^2$ is an even natural number.

Note: The demonstration of the two equivalences above is an additional exercise to be left for the student. Assume that $\sqrt{2}$ is rational.

Then, let $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$, where $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $q \in \mathbb{Z}^*$, and p and q are relatively prime i.e $\gcd(p, q) = 1$.

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q} &\Rightarrow 2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \Rightarrow p^2 = 2q^2 \Rightarrow p^2 \text{ is even} \Rightarrow p \text{ is even, say } p = 2m \\ &\Rightarrow 4m^2 = 2q^2 \Rightarrow 2m = q^2 \Rightarrow q \text{ is even.} \end{aligned}$$

Thus, both p and q are even and have 2 as a common factor. But we assumed that p and q are relatively prime. This is a contradiction. Thus, $\sqrt{2}$ cannot be written as $\frac{p}{q}$ for $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $q \in \mathbb{Z}^*$. Thus $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.

Solution of the Exercise 3 Let x and $y \in \mathbb{R}$.

1. From the definition of the absolute value we have:

$$\begin{cases} x < y, & \text{if } x \geq 0; \\ -x < y, & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} x < y, & \text{if } x \geq 0; \\ x > -y, & \text{if } x < 0. \end{cases} \implies -y < x < y. \quad (7)$$

2. We have

$$\begin{cases} -|x| \leq x \leq |x| \\ -|y| \leq y \leq |y| \end{cases} \implies -|x| - |y| \leq x + y \leq |x| + |y| \implies -(|x| + |y|) \leq x + y \leq (|x| + |y|) \quad (8)$$

As $|x| + |y| \geq 0$, then from (7) and (8) we can conclude that :

$$|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|. \quad (9)$$

3. $||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|$?

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} |x| \leq |(x - y) + y| \\ |y| \leq |(y - x) + x| \end{cases} \text{ using the inequality (9)} \implies \begin{cases} |x| \leq |(x - y) + y| \leq |(x - y)| + |y| \\ |y| \leq |(y - x) + x| \leq |(y - x)| + |x| \end{cases} \\ \implies & \begin{cases} |x| \leq |(x - y)| + |y| \\ |y| \leq |(y - x)| + |x| \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} |x| \leq |(x - y)| + |y| \\ |y| \leq |(y - x)| + |x| \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} |x| - |y| \leq |x - y| \\ |y| - |x| \leq |x - y| \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} |x| - |y| \leq |x - y| \\ |x| - |y| \geq -|x - y| \end{cases} \end{aligned}$$

Finally,

$$-|x - y| \leq |x| - |y| \leq |x - y|.$$

Thus, from the result proven at the beginning of the exercise, we conclude that

$$||x| - |y|| \leq |x - y|.$$

Resolution of inequalities:

1. $|x - 2| > 5$. we have the inequality $|x - 2| > 5$, then using the absolute value definition, we can be rewritten the inequality as follows:

$$\begin{cases} (x - 2) > 5, & \text{if } x - 2 \geq 0; \\ -(x - 2) > 5, & \text{if } x - 2 < 0. \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} (x - 2) > 5, & \text{if } x \geq 2; \\ -(x - 2) > 5, & \text{if } x < 2. \end{cases} \implies \begin{cases} x > 7, & \text{if } x \geq 2; \\ x < -3, & \text{if } x < 2. \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

Thus, the solutions of the inequality $|x - 2| > 5$ are:

$$x \in]-\infty, -3[\cup]7, +\infty[.$$

2. $|x + 2| > |x|$.

x	-2		0
$ x $	$-x$	$-x$	x
$ x + 2 $	$-x - 2$	$x + 2$	$x + 2$
	A	B	C

We notice that three situations are possible:

Case A:

$$\text{for } x \in]-\infty, -2[, \quad -x - 2 > -x \implies x + 2 < x \implies 2 < 0$$

Thus the set of solution in this case is empty i.e. $E_A = \{\} = \emptyset$

Case B:

$$\text{for } x \in [-2, 0], \quad x + 2 > -x \Rightarrow x > -1$$

Thus, the set of solution in this case $x \in [-2, 0]$ and $x > -1$ i.e. $E_B =]-1, 0]$

Case C:

$$\text{for } x \in]0, +\infty[, \quad x + 2 > x \Rightarrow 2 > 0. \text{ This latest inequality is always true, } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

Thus, the set of solution in this case $x \in]0, +\infty[$ and $x \in \mathbb{R}$ i.e. $E_C =]0, +\infty[$

From the three cases above, we conclude that the set of solutions to the inequality $|x + 2| > |x|$ is:

$$E = E_A \cup E_B \cup E_C = \emptyset \cup]-1, 0] \cup]0, +\infty[=]-1, +\infty[.$$

3. $|2x - 1| < |x - 1|$. Note that:

x	$1/2$	1	
$ 2x - 1 $	$-2x + 1$	$2x - 1$	$2x - 1$
$ x - 1 $	$-x + 1$	$-x + 1$	$x - 1$
	A	B	C

With the same reasoning as in Example 2, we can show the following:

$$E_A = \left]0, \frac{1}{2}\right[, \quad E_B = \left[\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}\right[, \quad \text{and} \quad E_C = \emptyset$$

$$\Rightarrow E = \left]0, \frac{2}{3}\right[.$$

Solution of the Exercise 4

1. max, min, sup, inf, lb, ub of E_1 we have

$$n \in \mathbb{N} \Leftrightarrow 0 \leq n < \infty \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq n + 1 < \infty \Leftrightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{n + 1} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow E_1 =]0, 1]. \quad (11)$$

From (11), we conclude that

lb: $lb =]-\infty; 0]$.

inf: $\inf = \max(]-\infty; 0]) = 0$.

min: the minimum of E_1 does not exist, because E_1 is an open interval on the left side.

ub: $ub = [1; +\infty[$

sup: $\sup = \min([1; +\infty[) = 1$.

min: $\max=1$ (because $1 \in E_1$).

2. max, min, sup, inf, lb, ub of E_2

lb: $lb =]-\infty; 0]$.

inf: $\inf = \max(]-\infty; 0]) = 0$.

min: the minimum of E_2 does not exist, because E_2 is an open interval on the left side.

ub: $ub = [5; +\infty[$

sup: $\sup = \min([5; +\infty[) = 5$.

min: $\max=5$ (because $5 \in E_2$).

3. max, min, sup, inf, lb, ub of E_3

$$n \in \mathbb{N}^* \Leftrightarrow 1 \leq n < \infty \Leftrightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{n} \leq 1 \Leftrightarrow -1 \leq \frac{-1}{n} < 0 \Leftrightarrow 3 \leq 4 - \frac{1}{n} < 4 \Leftrightarrow E_1 = [3, 4]. \quad (12)$$

From (12), we conclude that

lb: $lb =] - \infty; 3]$.

inf: $\inf = \max(] - \infty; 3]) = 3$.

min: $\min=3$;

ub: $ub = [4; +\infty[$

sup: $\sup = \min([4; +\infty[) = 4$.

min: the maximum of E_3 does not exist, because E_3 is an open interval on the right side.

4. max, min, sup, inf, lb, ub of E_3 Let's define the following subsets:

$$u_n = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{n}{2n+1}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

$$v_n = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{n}{2n+1}; \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

It is easy to show that u_n is an increasing sequence while v_n is a decreasing sequence. Indeed,

$$\begin{aligned} u_{n+1} - u_n &= \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{n+1}{2n+3} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{n}{2n+1} \right) \\ &= \frac{(2n^2 + n + 2n + 1) - (2n^2 + 3n)}{(2n+3)(2n+1)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(2n+3)(2n+1)} > 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow u_n \text{ is an increasing sequence.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} v_{n+1} - v_n &= \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{n+1}{2n+3} \right) - \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{n}{2n+1} \right) \\ &= \frac{-(2n^2 + n + 2n + 1) + (2n^2 + 3n)}{(2n+3)(2n+1)} \\ &= \frac{-1}{(2n+3)(2n+1)} < 0 \\ &\Leftrightarrow v_n \text{ is a decreasing sequence.} \end{aligned}$$

so,

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} u_1 \leq u_n < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} u_n, \\ \lim_{n \rightarrow +\infty} v_n < v_n \leq v_1, \end{array} \right\} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{5}{6} \leq u_n < 1, \\ 0 < v_n \leq \frac{1}{6}, \end{array} \right. \quad (13)$$

At this level, to answer the main question of the exercise we can proceed in two ways:

First way:

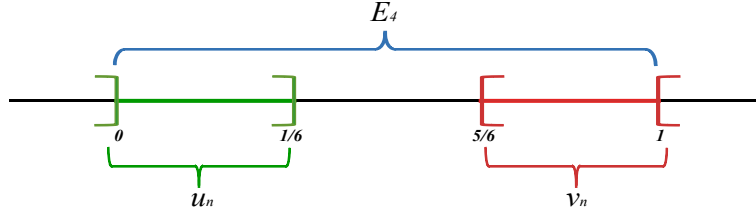
lb: we have $lb_u =] - \infty; \frac{5}{6}]$ and $lb_v =] - \infty; 0]$ $\Rightarrow lb_{E_4} = lb_u \cap lb_v =] - \infty; 0]$.

inf: we have $\inf_u = \frac{5}{6}$ and $\inf_v = 0$ $\Rightarrow \inf_{E_4} = \min(\inf_u, \inf_v) = 0$.

min: we have $\min_u = \frac{5}{6}$ and \min_v does not exist $\Rightarrow lb_{E_4}$ does not exist.;

ub: we have $ub_u = [1; +\infty[$ and $ub_v = [\frac{1}{6}; +\infty[$ $\Rightarrow lb_{E_4} = ub_u \cap ub_v = [1; +\infty[$.

sup: we have $\sup_u = 1$ and $\sup_v = \frac{1}{6}$ $\Rightarrow \sup_{E_4} = \max(\sup_u, \sup_v) = 1$.



min: we have \max_u does not exist and $\max_v = \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow lb_{E_4}$ does not exist.;

Second way: From (13), we note that

$$u_n \in \left[\frac{5}{6}; 1 \right[\text{ and } v_n \in \left] 0; \frac{1}{6} \right] \Rightarrow E_5 = \left] 0; \frac{1}{6} \right] \cup \left[\frac{5}{6}; 1 \right[,$$

thus,

lb: $lb =] - \infty; 0]$.

inf: $\inf = \max(] - \infty; 0]) = 0$.

min: minimum does not exist;

ub: $ub = [1; +\infty[$

sup: $\sup = \min([1; +\infty[) = 1$.

max: the maximum does not exist.

Solution of the Exercise 5

- $x - 1 < E(x) \leq x$?

According to the definition of the integer part of a real number, we have

$$\begin{aligned} E(x) \leq x < E(x) + 1 &\Leftrightarrow 0 \leq x - E(x) < 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow 0 \leq x - E(x) < 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow -x \leq -E(x) < -x + 1 \\ &\Leftrightarrow x \geq E(x) > x - 1. \end{aligned}$$

- $E(x) + E(y) \leq E(x + y)$?

Let x and y two real numbers. We have

$$\begin{cases} x = E(x) + R_x, & \text{with } R_x \in [0, 1[; \\ y = E(y) + R_y, & \text{with } R_y \in [0, 1[; \end{cases}$$

On the one hand, as $R_x + R_y < 2$ then

$$R_x + R_y = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } R_x + R_y \in [0; 1[; \\ 1, & \text{if } R_x + R_y \in [1; 2[; \end{cases}$$

On the other hand,

$$\begin{aligned} E(x + y) &= E(E(x) + R_x + E(y) + R_y) \\ &= E((E(x) + E(y)) + (R_y + R_x)) \\ &= E(x) + E(y) + E(R_x + R_y) \end{aligned}$$

Consequently,

$$\begin{aligned}
& \begin{cases} E(x+y) = E(x) + E(y), & \text{if } R_x + R_y \in [0; 1[; \\ E(x+y) = E(x) + E(y) + 1, & \text{if } R_x + R_y \in [1; 2[; \end{cases} \\
\Rightarrow & \begin{cases} E(x+y) = E(x) + E(y), & \text{if } R_x + R_y \in [0; 1[; \\ E(x+y) > E(x) + E(y), & \text{if } R_x + R_y \in [1; 2[; \end{cases} \\
\Rightarrow & E(x+y) \geq E(x) + E(y).
\end{aligned}$$

- $E(x) - E(y) \geq E(x - y)$?
Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$.

$$E(x) = E((x - y) + y) \geq E(x - y) + E(y) \Rightarrow E(x) - E(y) \geq E(x - y).$$

- $E\left(\frac{E(nx)}{n}\right) = E(x)$?

According to the definition of the integer part of a real number, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
E(x) \leq x < E(x) + 1 & \Leftrightarrow nE(x) \leq nx < nE(x) + n \\
& \Leftrightarrow E(nE(x)) \leq E(nx) < E(nE(x) + n), \text{ (} E(.) \text{ is an increasing function)} \\
& \Leftrightarrow nE(x) \leq E(nx) < nE(x) + n \text{ (integer part of an integer number)} \\
& \Leftrightarrow E(x) \leq \frac{E(nx)}{n} < E(x) + 1 \text{ (definition of } E(.)) \\
& \Leftrightarrow E\left(\frac{E(nx)}{n}\right) = E(x).
\end{aligned}$$