

**413: PROBLEM SET 4. DUE THURSDAY 28 FEBRUARY**

- (1) Let  $\{x_n\}$  be a Cauchy sequence of rational numbers. Since  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$ , we may regard  $\{x_n\}$  as a Cauchy sequence of real numbers. Since every Cauchy sequence of real numbers converges, this sequence has a limit. Prove that this limit is the real number defined as the equivalence class of the original sequence  $\{x_n\}$ .
- (2) Since  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a countable set, we may write down its elements as a sequence  $q_1, q_2, q_3, \dots$  (this is called an *enumeration* of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ). What are the limit points of such a sequence? Does the set of limit points depend on the choice of enumeration?
- (3) Let  $\{x_n\}$  be any sequence of real numbers and let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence which converges to 0. Prove that the set of limit points of the sequence  $\{x_n + a_n\}$  is the same as the set of limit points of  $\{x_n\}$ .
- (4) Find all the limit points in  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\}$  of the following sequences. Identify the limsup and liminf.
  - (a)  $\{(-1)^n + \frac{1}{n} + 2^{-n}\}$ .
  - (b)  $\{(-2)^n\}$ .
- (5) Section 3.1.3, #5.
- (6) Section 3.1.3, #9.
- (7) A subset  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  is an *interval* if for all  $x, y \in S$  and for all  $z \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $x < z < y$  then  $z \in S$ . Prove that the intersection of an arbitrary collection of intervals is always an interval.
- (8) Section 3.2.3 #1.
- (9) Section 3.2.3 #7. (Note: limit-point is here a synonym for cluster point; see p. 92 of the textbook.)