

**Math 131A, problem set 02**  
**Outline due: Wed Feb 07, 9:30am**  
**Completed version due: Mon Feb 12**  
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**Problems to be done but not turned in:** 5.1, 5.3, 5.5, 5.7, 7.1, 7.3, 7.5.

**Problems to be turned in:** All numbers refer to exercises in Ross.

1. Let  $S$  be a bounded subset of  $\mathbf{R}$ , and let  $T = \{x - y \mid x, y \in S\}$ .
  - (a) Prove that  $\sup S - \inf S$  is an upper bound for  $T$ .
  - (b) Prove that  $\sup T = \sup S - \inf S$ . (Suggestion: Arbitrarily Close Criterion.)
2. We define an *interval* in  $\mathbf{R}$  to be a nonempty subset  $S \subseteq \mathbf{R}$  such that if  $x, y \in S$  and  $x < z < y$ , then  $z \in S$ .
  - (a) Give an example of a nonempty  $T \subseteq \mathbf{R}$  that is *not* an interval, and prove that  $T$  is not an interval.
  - (b) Now suppose  $S$  is a *bounded* interval, let  $a = \inf S$ , and let  $b = \sup S$ . (Note that  $a$  and  $b$  need not be elements of  $S$ .) Prove that if  $a < x < b$ , then  $x \in S$ .
3. Let  $S$  be a nonempty set of *positive* real numbers such that  $\sup S = +\infty$ , and let  $T = \left\{ \frac{1}{x} \mid x \in S \right\}$ . Prove that  $\inf T = 0$ .
4. Ex. 7.2.
5. Ex. 7.4.
6. Guess the value of  $\lim \frac{3n + 15}{n^2 - 7}$ , and prove your answer, using the definition of limit.
7. Guess the value of  $\lim \frac{4n + 7}{3n - 5}$ , and prove your answer, using the definition of limit.