

**Assignment 3.**

This homework is due *Thursday*, September 24.

There are total 23 points in this assignment. 20 points is considered 100%. If you go over 20 points, you will get over 100% (but not over 115%) for this homework and it will count towards your course grade.

Collaboration is welcome. If you do collaborate, make sure to write/type your own paper and *credit your collaborators*. Your solutions should contain full proofs. Bare answers will not earn you much.

This assignment covers sections 2.3–2.4 in Bartle–Sherbert.

- (1) [3pt] (2.3.4) let  $S$  be a nonempty bounded set in  $\mathbb{R}$ .
- (a) Let  $a > 0$ , and let  $aS = \{as \mid s \in S\}$ . Prove that
- $$\inf(aS) = a \inf S, \quad \sup(aS) = a \sup S.$$
- (b) Let  $b < 0$ , and let  $bS = \{bs \mid s \in S\}$ . Prove that
- $$\inf(bS) = b \sup S, \quad \sup(bS) = b \inf S.$$
- (2) (a) [2pt] (Part of 2.3.11) Let  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  be a bounded set. Let  $S' \subset S$  be its nonempty subset. Show that  $\sup S' \leq \sup S$ .
- (b) [2pt] (2.3.10) Show that if  $A$  and  $B$  are bounded nonempty subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , then  $A \cup B$  is a bounded set and  $\sup A \cup B = \sup\{\sup A, \sup B\}$ .
- (c) [2pt] (2.4.7) For  $A, B$  as in previous item, show that  $A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}$  is a bounded set. Prove that  $\sup(A + B) = \sup A + \sup B$  and  $\inf(A + B) = \inf A + \inf B$ .
- (d) [2pt] Find  $\sup\{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $\inf\{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $\sup\{\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m} : m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ ,  $\inf\{\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m} : m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . (*Hint*: for the last two questions, use the previous item 2c.)
- (e) [2pt] For  $A, B$  as in item 2c, show that  $AB = \{ab : a \in A, b \in B\}$  is a bounded set. Is it true that always  $\sup AB = \sup A \cdot \sup B$ ?
- (3) [3pt] (2.4.8) Let  $X$  be a nonempty set, and let functions  $f$  and  $g$  be defined on  $X$  and have bounded ranges in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Show that
- $$\sup\{f(x) + g(x) \mid x \in X\} \leq \sup\{f(x) \mid x \in X\} + \sup\{g(x) \mid x \in X\}$$
- and that
- $$\inf\{f(x) + g(x) \mid x \in X\} \geq \inf\{f(x) \mid x \in X\} + \inf\{g(x) \mid x \in X\}.$$
- Give examples to show that each of these inequalities can be either an equality or a strict inequality.

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- (4) (2.4.9) Let  $X = Y = (0, 1) \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ . Define  $h : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $h(x, y) = 2x + y$ .
- (a) [1pt] For each  $x \in X$ , find  $f(x) = \sup\{h(x, y) \mid y \in Y\}$ ; then find  $\inf\{f(x) \mid x \in X\}$ .
- (b) [1pt] For each  $y \in Y$ , find  $g(y) = \inf\{h(x, y) \mid x \in X\}$ ; then find  $\sup\{g(y) \mid y \in Y\}$ . Compare with the result found in (a).
- (c) [2pt] (2.4.10) Perform the computations in (a), (b) for the function  $h : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$h(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{if } x < y, \\ 1, & \text{if } x \geq y. \end{cases}$$

- (5) [3pt] (2.4.11) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be nonempty sets and let  $h : X \times Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  have bounded range in  $\mathbb{R}$ . Let  $f : X \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and  $g : Y \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by

$$f(x) = \sup\{h(x, y) \mid y \in Y\}, \quad g(y) = \inf\{h(x, y) \mid x \in X\}.$$

Prove that  $\sup\{g(y) \mid y \in Y\} \leq \inf\{f(x) \mid x \in X\}$ .

COMMENT. This inequality can be also expressed in the following way:

$$\sup_{y \in Y} \inf_{x \in X} h(x, y) \leq \inf_{x \in X} \sup_{y \in Y} h(x, y).$$

Previous problem shows that this non-strict inequality may be either an equality or a strict inequality.