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**Math 140A: Midterm 1**  
**Foundations of Real Analysis**

- You have 50 minutes.
- No books and notes are allowed.
- You may quote any result stated in the textbook or in class.
- You may not use homework problems (without proof) in your solutions.

1. (10 points) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two nonempty sets of positive real numbers. The “product of  $A$  and  $B$ ” is defined as  $C = \{ab \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$ . Prove that  $C$  is bounded below and  $\inf C = (\inf A)(\inf B)$ .



**2.** (10 points)

(a) (5 points) Prove that  $\inf \{ \frac{1}{n} \mid n \text{ positive integer} \} = 0$ .

(b) (5 points) Prove that if  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}^k$  (the euclidean  $k$ -space), then

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



**3.** (10 points) Let  $J$  be the set of all positive integers.

(a) (5 points) Let  $A$  be the set of all finite subsets of  $J$ . Prove that  $A$  is countable.

(b) (5 points) Let  $B$  be the set of all subsets of  $J$ . Prove that  $B$  is uncountable.



4. (10 points) Let  $X$  be a metric space with distance function  $d$ . Let  $A$  be a subset of  $X$  and  $x$  be a point in  $X$ . The “distance from  $x$  to  $A$ ” is defined as  $d(x, A) = \inf \{d(x, y) \mid y \in A\}$ .

(a) (5 points) Prove that  $x \in \bar{A}$  if and only if  $d(x, A) = 0$ .

(b) (5 points) Assume that  $A$  is compact. Prove that there exists a point  $y \in A$  such that  $d(x, y) = d(x, A)$ .





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