

## TUTORIAL I

1. Use induction to show that  $n! \geq 2^n$  for all  $n > 4$ .
2. Use induction to prove the following statement also known as the Well Ordering Principle. Every non-empty subset of natural numbers has a least number, namely, if  $A \neq \emptyset$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  then there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $a \leq k$  for all  $k \in A$ . (Hint: Assume that  $A$  has no least number. Consider the set  $B$  of lower bounds of  $A$ . Note that  $B$  and  $A$  cannot have any numbers in common. Now use induction to complete proof by contradiction.)
3. Let  $a, b$  and  $c$  be rational numbers. Use the fact that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is an ordered field to prove the following (this means you can use the 11 properties we stated for a field in class and the 2 properties needed for a field to be ordered).
  - (i)  $-(-a) = a$ .
  - (ii) If  $a \neq 0$  and  $ab = ac$  then  $b = c$ .
  - (iii)  $a \cdot 0 = 0$ .
  - (iv) If  $a > 0$  then  $ab > 0$  implies  $b > 0$ . (Prove by contradiction)
  - (v) If  $0 < a < b$  then  $0 < \frac{1}{b} < \frac{1}{a}$ . (Hint:  $1 > 0$  and previous argument)
4. Let  $A = \{p \in \mathbb{Q} \mid p > 0, p^2 < 2\}$  and  $B = \{p \in \mathbb{Q} \mid 2 < p^2, p > 0\}$ .
  - (i) Let  $q = p - \frac{p^2 - 2}{p + 2}$ . Show that  $q > p$  if  $p \in A$  and  $q < p$  if  $p \in B$ .
  - (ii) Show that  $q^2 - 2 = \frac{2(p^2 - 2)}{p + 2}$ .
  - (iii) Show that  $A$  does not have least upper bound in  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $B$  does not have greatest lower bound in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

Following at problems from Chapter 1, in the textbook

Chapter 1, Pb 4 Let  $A$  be an nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above. Show that there is a sequence  $(x_n)$  of elements of  $A$  that converges to  $\sup A$ .

Chapter 1, Pb. 7 If  $a < b$  then there is also an irrational  $x \in \mathbb{R}/\mathbb{Q}$  with  $a < x < b$ . [ Hint: Find an irrational of the form  $\frac{p\sqrt{2}}{q}$  ]