

Assignment 8

Mandatory questions to be answered orally

From the yellow book:

1. Exercise 4.16
2. Exercise 7.2 b and 7.2 c
3. Exercise 7.4 a (hint: try to get 0 as a limit of irrational numbers)
4. Exercise 8.4
5. Exercise 8.8 b
6. Exercise 8.10

Mandatory question to be answered in writing

1. Prove by induction that

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{(n-1) \cdot n} = 1 - \frac{1}{n}.$$

Hint: rewrite $\frac{1}{(n-1)n}$ as the difference of inverses of consecutive integers. Such sums are called *telescoping sums*.