

## MATH 149S

# Study Guide and Sample Problems for Test 2

Note: the actual test will consist of five questions, some of which will be computational, some will ask for a brief explanation, and some will require a rigorous detailed proof. Some of the problems will be very similar to homework problems and/or those discussed in class, but some will be different. So make sure that you understand well all the concepts discussed, know precise definitions and basic properties, rather than memorize how to solve specific problems.

1. Formal construction of number systems
  - (a) Give the definition of the set of natural numbers (with Peano postulates)
  - (b) Give the definition of the set of integer numbers as equivalence classes of pairs of natural numbers and definitions of addition and multiplication.
  - (c) Give the definition of the set of rational numbers as equivalence classes of pairs of integer numbers and definitions of addition and multiplication.
  - (d) Give the definition of the set of real numbers as equivalence classes of Cauchy sequences of rational numbers and definitions of addition and multiplication.
  - (e) Give the definition of the set of complex numbers either as pairs of real numbers or as formal expressions of the form  $a + bi$  and definitions of addition and multiplication.
2. Rational and irrational numbers.
  - (a) Prove that the quotient of two nonzero rational numbers is rational.
  - (b) Prove that the following statement is false.  
The quotient of two nonzero irrational numbers is irrational.
  - (c) Prove that  $\sqrt{5}$  is irrational.
  - (d) Convert the following decimals into fractions: 12.345, 12.3(45).
  - (e) What is the 149th digit after the decimal point in the decimal representation of  $\frac{1}{7}$ ?
  - (f) Explain why a decimal represents a rational number if and only if it is either terminating or periodic.
  - (g) Show that  $\sqrt{2}$  cannot be written in the form  $a + b\sqrt{3}$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$  (i.e.  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$ ).
3. Complex numbers.
  - (a) Find the additive and multiplicative inverses of the element  $4 + 3i$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .
  - (b) Compute:  $i^{149}$ ,  $(\sqrt{3} + i)^9$ .
  - (c) Find at least one complex solution to  $x^4 = -1$ .

(d) Find the sum of the infinite series  $1 + \frac{1}{2}i + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8}i + \frac{1}{16} + \frac{1}{32}i + \dots$

#### 4. Functions

(a) What is a function? List at least 4 ways to define/represent a function.

(b) Give the definitions of: domain, codomain, range, intercept, root, graph.

(c) Determine which of the following statements are true, which are false, and which do not make sense or are incorrectly worded. For the last group, explain what exactly is incorrect, and, if possible, propose a correction.

i. The point  $(2, 3)$  satisfies the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$ .

ii. If the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is defined by  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , then the value  $f(0)$  does not exist.

iii. The point  $(3, 4)$  lies on the graph of the function  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ .

iv. The graph of the equation  $y = x + 5$  has two intercepts.

v. One way to find all horizontal intercepts of the function  $f(x)$  is to solve the equation  $f(x) = 0$ .

vi. The graph of a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can have any number of vertical asymptotes, from 0 to infinitely many.

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viii. A function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can have any number of roots, from 0 to infinitely many.

ix. The graph of a function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  can have any number of  $x$ -intercepts, from 0 to infinitely many.

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