- 1. Let f be a continuous function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , and suppose that for every t > 0 the sequence  $f(t), f(2t), f(3t), \ldots$  tends to 0. Prove that  $f(x) \to 0$  as  $x \to \infty$ .
- 2. (i) Find a sequence  $[a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \ldots$  of closed intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$  of positive length whose union contains all rationals in [0, 1] and such that  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (b_i a_i) < 1$ .
  - (ii) Let  $[a_1, b_1], [a_2, b_2], \ldots$  be a sequence of closed intervals in  $\mathbb{R}$  of positive length whose union contains all irrationals in [0, 1]. Can we have  $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} (b_i a_i) < 1$ ?
- 3. Let f be an infinitely-differentiable function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , such that for every x there is an n with all the derivatives  $f^{(n)}(x)$ ,  $f^{(n+1)}(x)$ ,  $f^{(n+2)}(x)$ , ... being zero. Must f be a polynomial?
- 4. Show that  $\mathbb{R}^2$  cannot be written as the disjoint union of (non-trivial) circles. What about  $\mathbb{R}^3$ ?
- 5. (i) Does there exist a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  which is continuous at precisely the rationals?
  - (ii) Does there exist a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  which is continuous at precisely the irrationals?
- 6. We say that a function f from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  crosses the axis at a point x if f(x) = 0 but for any  $\epsilon > 0$  there exist y and z in  $(x - \epsilon, x + \epsilon)$  with f(y) > 0 and f(z) < 0. Can a continuous function cross the axis at uncountably many places?
- 7. If f is a polynomial of one real variable that is bounded below (on  $\mathbb{R}$ ), explain why f attains its minimum value. If f is a polynomial of two real variables that is bounded below (on  $\mathbb{R}^2$ ), must f attain its minimum value?
- 8. Show that the set  $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$  of all functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  bijects with the set  $\mathcal{P}(\mathbb{R})$  of all subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and that the set of continuous functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  bijects with  $\mathbb{R}$ . What about the sets of monotonic functions and of integrable functions?
- 9. A subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  is *perfect* if it is closed and has no isolated points. Prove that every non-empty perfect set has cardinality that of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and that every closed set is the union of a perfect set and a countable set.
- 10. Construct a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$  that is infinitely differentiable, and which is identically 1 on [-1, 1] and identically 0 outside (-2, 2).
- 11. Let f be a differentiable function from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that f' = f. Must f be identically zero?