MATHS 255	Assignment 10	Due: 14 October 2003

**NB:** Please deposit your solutions in the appropriate box by 4 p.m. on the due date. Late assignments or assignments placed into incorrect boxes will not be marked. Use a mathematics department cover sheet: these are available from outside the Resource Centre.

- 1. (5 marks) Determine with reasons that whether or not there is a subgroup of order 5 in  $D_4$ .
- **2.** (13 marks) Let F be a field. For  $x, y \in F$  with  $y \neq 0$ , denote  $xy^{-1}$  by x/y. Prove that for all  $a, b, c, d \in F$  the following hold.
  - (a) (3 marks) If ab = 0 then either a = 0 or b = 0.
  - (b) (3 marks) (-a)b = -(ab) and (-a)(-b) = ab.
  - (c) (3 marks) If  $b, d \neq 0_F$ , then a/b + c/d = (ad + bc)/bd.
  - (d) (2 marks) If  $b, d \neq 0_F$ , then (a/b)(c/d) = ac/bd
  - (e) (2 marks) If  $b, c, d \neq 0_F$ , then (a/b)/(c/d) = ad/bc

## **3.** (14 marks)

- (a) Let F be an ordered field. Prove that for all  $a, b, c \in F$  the following hold.
  - (i) (3 marks) If a < b and c < 0 then bc < ac.
  - (ii) (3 marks) If a < b, then -b < -a. In particular, a < 0, then 0 < -a.
  - (iii) (4 marks) If ab > 0 (that is, 0 < ab), then either both a, b > 0 or both a, b < 0.
- (b) (4 marks) Show that  $\mathbb{C}$  is not an ordered field.
- **4.** (8 marks) Let S and T be two non-empty sets of real numbers such that  $x \leq y$  for all  $x \in S$  and  $y \in T$ . Let lub S be the least upper bound of S and glb T be the greatest lower bound of T. Show that both lub S and glb T exist and

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$$S \leq \text{glb } T$$
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