## Due In Class: Thursday, September 4

**Reading:** If you haven't done so yet, read *Some Remarks on Writing Mathematical Proofs* by John M. Lee, available at

http://www.math.washington.edu/~lee/Writing/writing-proofs.pdf

Finish reading Chapter 1 and start reading Chapter 2 in the textbook.

Turn in the following problems. Exercise a.b refers to Exercise b in Chapter a of the textbook.

Problem A: Exercise 1.4.

**Problem B:** Let  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be bounded from below and let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Prove that  $x = \inf A$  if and only if x is a lower bound for A and for all  $\varepsilon > 0$  there exists  $a \in A$  such that  $a < x + \varepsilon$ . (We did half of this claim in class. Remember to prove both implications.)

Problem C: Exercise 1.6.

Problem D: Exercise 1.9.

**Problem E:** Let  $1^* = \{p \in \mathbb{Q} : p < 1\}$ ; you may use without proof that  $1^*$  is a Dedekind cut. Prove that  $1^*$  is a multiplicative identity on the set of cuts, i.e.  $\alpha 1^* = \alpha$  for all cuts  $\alpha$ .