

In my lectures, I often use the following mathematical notations, which speed up my blackboard writing. Please make sure that you understand these notations:

- $\mathbb{N} :=$  the set of natural numbers = the set of positive integers (not including zero)
- $\mathbb{Z} :=$  the set of integers
- $\mathbb{Q} :=$  the set of rational numbers
- $\mathbb{R} :=$  the set of real numbers
- $\mathbb{C} :=$  the set of complex numbers
- $\in :=$  belongs to
- iff := if and only if
- $\iff :=$  if and only if
- $\Rightarrow :=$  implies
- $\forall :=$  for all
- $\exists :=$  there exists
- s.t. := such that
- bdd := bounded
- bd := bound
- l.u.b. := the least upper bound

Here are some actual examples:

- “ $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ ” means “for all real-valued  $x$ .”
- “ $\forall n \geq \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ ” means “for all  $n$  larger than or equal to a certain natural number  $N$ .”