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## Math 508 - Lecture 5

(Order 6) If  $A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  has an upper bound  
[ A number  $c$  is an upper bd. for  $A$  if  
 $\forall x \in A, x \leq c$  ], then  $A$  has a  
least upper bound.

Note: This axiom is not satisfied by  $\mathbb{Q}$ . (set of rationals)

- The additive inverse is unique.
- The multiplicative inverse is unique.
- The neutral elements  $0, 1$  are unique.
- $0 < a$  iff  $(-a) < 0$

Pf:  $(\Rightarrow) 0 < a$

$$\begin{aligned} 0 + (-a) &< a + (-a) \\ (-a) &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\left[ \begin{array}{l} \text{If } a < b \text{ then} \\ a + c < b + c \quad \forall c \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right]$$

- $0 < 1$  ;  $1 \neq 0$

Pf: By trichotomy of order

Either  $\underbrace{0 < 1}_{\text{Done}}$  or

$$\underbrace{0 < -1}$$

$$0 \cdot (-1) < (-1) \cdot (-1)$$

$0 < 1$ , a contradiction.

Axiom: If  $a < b, c > 0$   
then  $a \cdot c < b \cdot c$

• If  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$   
then  $a^2 > 0$

• If  $0 < a < b$   
then  $0 < \frac{1}{b} < \frac{1}{a}$

Q. Do the natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$  and the rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  exist in the real number system?

Mapping

$$\sigma: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

$$\sigma(1) = 1$$

$$\sigma(m) = 1 + \sigma(m-1)$$

← maps natural numbers into the real numbers

Extend  $\sigma$

$$\sigma: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$\sigma(0) = 0$$

$$\sigma(-m) = -\sigma(m)$$

← maps integers into  $\mathbb{R}$

$$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$1 \cdot a = a$$

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$$n \cdot a = n \cdot a$$

$$\cancel{n} \cdot a = -n \cdot a = -n \cdot a$$

} ← all operations also ~~transform~~ in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

To the rational #  $r = \frac{m}{n}$  ( $n > 0$ )

we assign the real #

$$\frac{m}{n} = \sigma(m) \cdot \sigma(n)^{-1} = r$$

(\*) Map is from  $\mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , and not  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Claim:  $\sigma(m \cdot p) \cdot \sigma(n \cdot p)^{-1} = \sigma(m) \cdot \sigma(n)$

Pf: Done in class

call this map  $\tau : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

Need to show that the mapping is from a field to a field, so we have a copy of  $\mathbb{Q}$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

~~•  $\tau(\frac{m}{n})$~~

## Archimedean Axiom

If  $0 < a < b$ , then  $\exists$  an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \cdot a > b$

Proposition:

The least upper bound property implies the Archimedean axiom.

Proof:

Suppose not.

This means that  $n \cdot a \leq b \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

-OR- equivalently  $\{n \cdot a : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is bounded above by  $b$ .

The least upper bound property implies  $\{n \cdot a : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  has a l.u.b.  $c$ , a number s.t.

$$n \cdot a \leq c \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

In this case  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.

$$n_0 \cdot a > c - \frac{a}{2}$$

$$n_0 \cdot a + a > c + \frac{a}{2} \quad \left[ \text{add } a \text{ on both sides} \right]$$

$$(n_0 + 1)a > c + \frac{a}{2} > c \geq (n_0 + 2)a$$

$\uparrow$   
 $c$  is an upper bound

$\Rightarrow 0 > a$ , a contradiction

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let  $b = 1$

If  $0 < a < 1$ , then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n \cdot a > 1 \iff a > \frac{1}{n}$

• If  $a < \frac{1}{n} \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $a = 0$ .

Proposition:  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}_x = \{r \in \mathbb{Q} : r < x\}$   
then l.u.b.  $\mathcal{Q}_x = x$

Pf: Suppose not.

Then  $\exists y < x$ , s.t.  $r \leq y \forall y \in \mathcal{Q}_x$

$0 < x - y$ ,  $\exists$  an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $\frac{1}{n} < x - y$

.... (complete as exercise)

Proposition: Given  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  
then <sup>there</sup> exists an  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  such  
that  $0 < x - r < \frac{1}{n}$

Proof: Left to the reader.

Consequence:  $\mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

— OR —  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  ~~$n \in \mathbb{N}$~~

$$\boxed{r \leq x \leq r + \frac{1}{n}}$$

—OR—

Given  $\epsilon > 0$   $\exists$  a rational  $\# r$  such that

$$r \leq x \leq r + \epsilon$$

because  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$ .

• The absolute value function is defined on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(1) |x \cdot y| = |x| \cdot |y|$$

$$(2) |x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

$$(3) |x| \geq 0 ; |x| = 0 \text{ iff } x = 0$$

→ can be used to define a distance on  $\mathbb{R}$

$$d(x, y) = |x - y|$$

$$(1) d(x, x) = 0, d(x, y) > 0 \text{ iff } x \neq y$$

$$(2) d(x, y) = d(y, x)$$

$$(3) d(x, y) \leq d(x, z) + d(z, y)$$

Given  $x \in \mathbb{R}, n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.

$$d(x, r) \leq \frac{1}{n}$$

$\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

~~$(n, x)$~~   $\rightarrow$

•  $(n, x) \rightarrow n \cdot x$

defined recursively,

$1 \cdot x \rightarrow 1 \cdot x = x$

$(n, x) \rightarrow (n-1) \cdot x + x = n \cdot x$

} multiplication

•  $(n, x) \rightarrow x^n$

If  $n > 0$

$(1, x) \rightarrow x^1 = x$

$(n, x) \rightarrow x^{n-1} \cdot x = x^n$

If  $n < 0$

$(n, x) \rightarrow [x^{|n|}]^{-1} = x^{-n}$

If  $n = 0$

~~$x^0$~~   
 $x^0 = 1$

} exponentiation

•  $0 < x, y$

$x > y$  iff  $x^n > y^n$

Defn :

If  $a > 0$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $x$  is an  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of  $a$  if  $x^n = a$ .

Do  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots exist?

Theorem :  $\forall 0 < a, n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists$  a unique  $x > 0$  such that  $x^n = a$ .

Proof :

(Uniqueness)

We will use :

$$x^n - y^n = (x-y)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \dots + y^{n-2}x + y^{n-1})$$

————— END OF LECTURE —————