

Fall Real Analysis

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1 The Real Number System

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

$\mathbb{Z} = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$

$\mathbb{Q} = p/q$ where \mathbb{Q} is countable and fails to have the least upper bound property

Ex 1.1

$\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ where $\alpha^2 = 2$

Let $\alpha = p/q$ where p and q cannot both be even

Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ for } x^2 < 2\}$ where A is nonempty and 2 is an upper bound for A

A has no least upper bound in \mathbb{R}

A has a least upper bound in \mathbb{Q}

\mathbb{R} is the unique ordered field with the least upper bound property.

Theorem: \mathbb{R} exists and is unique.

Def 1.5

Let S be a set. An order on S is a relation \leq satisfying 2 axioms:

- Trichotomy: For all $x, y \in S$:

- $x < y$

- $x = y$

- $x > y$

Transitivity: If $x < y$ and $y < z$, then $x < z$.

Def 1.5

An ordered set is a set with an order.

Def 1.7

Let S be an ordered set. Let $E \subset S$.

An upper bound of E is a $\beta \in S$ where $x \leq \beta$ for all $x \in E$.

If such a β exists, then E is bounded from above.

Def 1.8

Let S be an ordered set. Let $E \subset S$ be bounded from above.

There exists an α where:

- α is an upper bound for E if $x \leq \alpha$, then x is not an upper bound for E

Then $\alpha = \sup(E)$.

*** Lower Bound in textbook known as an $\inf(E)$ ***

Example 1.9

Let $S = (1, 2) \cup [3, 4) \cup (5, 6)$ with an order $<$ from \mathbb{R} .

For subsets E of S

- $E = (1, 2)$ is bound above and $\sup(E) = 2$
- $E = (5, 6)$ is not bounded above so $\sup(E) = \text{DNE}$
- $E = [3, 4)$ is bounded below $\inf(E) = 3$ and $\sup(E) = \text{DNE}$

Observations

If $\sup E$ exists, it may or may not exist at E .

If α exists, then α is unique. If $\gamma \neq \alpha$, then $\gamma < \alpha$ or $\gamma > \alpha$

Def 1.10

A is an ordered set of S .

A has a least upper bound property if:

- For every nonempty subset $E \subset S$ that is bounded from above, $\sup(E)$ exists in S .

Example 1.1

\mathbb{Q} doesn't have a least upper bound property for example $\sqrt{2}$.

Proof is at textbook.

$$z = y - \frac{y^2 - 2}{y + 2} \text{ then take } z^2 - 2 = 2 \frac{2(y^2 - 2)}{(y + 2)^2}$$

Then compare if $y^2 < 2$ and $y^2 > 2$.

- $y^2 < 2$ is not an upper bound for E , $y^2 > 2$ is an upper bound for E , but not a $\sup(E)$.

Thus E has no least upper bound in \mathbb{Q} .

However, since $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ then $\sqrt{2}$ is in E .

References