

# Fall Real Analysis

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# 1 The Real Number System

## 1.1 Number Systems

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

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

Rational :  $\mathbb{Q} = \frac{p}{q}$  where  $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$

\*\*\*  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable, but fails to have the least upper bound property \*\*\*

### Example 1.1.1

Let  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  where  $\alpha^2 = 2$ . Then  $\alpha$  cannot be rational.

#### Proof

Let  $\alpha = \frac{p}{q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  cannot both be even.

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

$A$  has no least upper bound in  $\mathbb{Q}$ , but  $A$  has a least upper bound in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

## 1.2 Real Number System

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

$\mathbb{R}$  exists and unique.

### Definition 1.2.1

Let  $S$  be a set. An order on  $S$  is a relation  $<$  satisfying two axioms:

- **Trichotomy**: For all  $x, y \in S$ , only one holds true:

$$- x < y$$

$$- x = y$$

$$- x > y$$

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

### Definition 1.2.2

An ordered set is a set with an order.

### Definition 1.2.3

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

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

If such a  $\beta$  exists, then  $E$  is bounded from above.

**Definition 1.2.4**

Let  $S$  be an ordered set. Let  $E \subset S$  be bounded from above. Then, there exists a least upper bound  $\alpha$  if:

- $\alpha$  is an upper bound for  $E$
- If  $\gamma < \alpha$ , then  $\gamma$  is not an upper bound for  $E$ .

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

\*\*\* Greatest Lower Bound:  $\inf(E)$  \*\*\*

**Example 1.2.5**

Let  $S = (1, 2) \cup [3, 4) \cup (5, 6)$  with the order  $<$  from  $\mathbb{R}$ . For subsets  $E$  of  $S$ :

- $E = (1, 2)$  is bounded 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 on the Least Upper Bound**

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

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

## 1.3 Least Upper Bound Property

**Theorem 1.3.1**

An ordered set of  $S$  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 1.3.2**

$\mathbb{Q}$  doesn't have a least upper bound property. For example,  $z = \sqrt{2}$ .

**Proof**

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

Let set  $A = \{y > 0 \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ where } y^2 < 2\}$  and set  $B = \{y > 0 \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ where } y^2 > 2\}$

- If  $y^2 - 2 < 0$ , then  $y$  is not an upper bound for  $E$ .
- If  $y^2 - 2 > 0$ ,  $y$  is an upper bound for  $E$ , but not the  $\sup(E)$ .

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

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

## 2 Day 2: Fields

### 2.1 Greatest Upper Bound Property

#### Theorem 2.1.1: Least Upper Bound implies Greatest Upper Bound

Let  $S$  be an ordered set with the least upper bound property.

Let non-empty  $B \subset S$  be bounded below.

Let  $L$  be the set of all lower bounds of  $B$ .

Then  $\alpha = \sup(L)$  exists in  $S$  and  $\alpha \in B$ .

#### Proof

$L$  is non-empty since  $B$  is bounded from below.

Thus, by the least upper bound property of  $S$ ,  $\alpha = \sup(L)$  exists in  $S$ .

We claim that  $\alpha = \inf(B)$ .

If  $\gamma < \alpha$ , then  $\gamma$  is not an upper bound for  $L$  so  $\gamma \notin B$ .

Thus, for every  $x \in B$ ,  $\alpha \leq x$ .

If  $\gamma \geq \alpha$ , then  $\gamma$  is an upper bound of  $L$  so  $\gamma \in B$ . Thus,  $\inf(B) = \alpha$ .

### 2.2 Fields

#### Addition Axioms

- If  $x, y \in F$ , then  $x+y \in F$
- $x+y = y+x$  for all  $x, y \in F$
- $(x+y)+z = x+(y+z)$  for all  $x, y, z \in F$
- There exists  $0 \in F$  such that  $0+x = x$  for all  $x \in F$
- For every  $x \in F$ , there is  $-x \in F$  where  $x+(-x) = 0$

#### Multiplicative axioms

- If  $x, y \in F$ , then  $xy \in F$
- $yx = xy$  for all  $x, y \in F$
- $(xy)z = x(yz)$  for all  $x, y, z \in F$
- There exists  $1 \neq 0 \in F$  such that  $1x = x$  for all  $x \in F$
- If  $x \neq 0 \in F$ , there is  $\frac{1}{x} \in F$  where  $x(\frac{1}{x}) = 1$

#### Distributive Law

$x(y+z) = xy + xz$  hold for all  $x, y, z \in F$ .

#### Definition 2.2.1

- If  $x+y = x+z$ , then  $y = z$
- If  $x+y = x$ , then  $y = 0$
- If  $x+y = 0$ , then  $y = -x$
- $-(-x) = x$

- If  $x \neq 0$  and  $xy = xz$ , then  $y = z$
- If  $x \neq 0$  and  $xy = x$ , then  $y = 1$
- If  $x \neq 0$  and  $xy = 1$ , then  $y = \frac{1}{x}$
- If  $x \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{1/x} = x$
- $0x = 0$
- If  $x, y \neq 0$ , then  $xy \neq 0$
- $(-x)y = -(xy) = x(-y)$
- $(-x)(-y) = xy$

## 2.3 Ordered Fields

An ordered field  $F$  is a field  $F$  which is also an ordered set for all  $x, y, z \in F$ .

- If  $y < z$ , then  $y+x < z+x$
- If  $x, y > 0$ , then  $xy > 0$

**Definition 2.3.1:**  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are ordered fields

$\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $\mathbb{R}$  are ordered fields, but  $\mathbb{C}$  is not an ordered field.

**Definition 2.3.2**

Let  $F$  be an ordered field. For all  $x, y, z \in F$ .

- If  $x > 0$ ,  $-x < 0$  and vice versa
- If  $x > 0$  and  $y < z$ , then  $xy < xz$
- If  $x < 0$  and  $y < z$ , then  $xy > xz$
- If  $x \neq 0$ ,  $x^2 > 0$
- If  $0 < x < y$ , then  $0 < 1/y < 1/x$

**Theorem 2.3.3:**  $\mathbb{R}$  is a ordered field with  $<$

There exists a unique ordered field  $\mathbb{R}$  with the least upper bound property.  
Also,  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 2.3.4**

For all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ :

- **Archimedean Property:** If  $x > 0$ , there is  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $nx > y$ .

Proof

Fix  $x > 0$ . Suppose there is a  $y$  such that the property fails.

Let  $A = \{ nx : n = 1, 2, 3, \dots \}$ .

Then,  $A$  is nonempty and bounded from above by  $y$ .

Then by the least upper bound property by  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\alpha = \sup(A)$  exists in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Since  $x > 0$ , then  $-x < 0$  so  $\alpha - x < \alpha - 0 = \alpha$ .

So  $\alpha - x$  is not an upper bound of  $A$ .

So there is a  $mx \in A$  such that  $mx > \alpha - x$

But then  $\alpha < (m+1)x$  where  $(m+1)x \in A$  which contradicts  $\alpha$  is an upper bound for  $A$ .

- **$\mathbb{Q}$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ :** If  $x < y$ , there is a  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $x < p < y$ .

Proof

Since  $x < y$ , then  $y - x > 0$ . Then by the Archimedean Property, there exists a  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n(y-x) > 1$ . Thus,  $ny > nx+1 > nx$

By the well-ordering principle, there is a smallest  $m \in \mathbb{Z}_+$  such that  $m > nx$ .

Then,  $m > nx \geq m-1$  so  $nx+1 \geq m > nx$ .

Since  $ny > nx+1 \geq m > ny$ , then  $y > m/n > x$ .

## References