

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

Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ where $\alpha^2 = 2$. Then α 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 1.5

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 1.6

An ordered set is a set with an order.

Definition 1.7

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 β exists, then E is bounded from above.

Definition 1.8

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

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

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

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

Example 1.9

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

1.3 Least Upper Bound Property

Definition 1.10

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 1.1

\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

2.1 Greatest Upper Bound Property

Theorem

If an ordered set has the least upper bound property, then it has the greatest upper bound property.

Let S be an ordered set with the least upper bound property. Let non-empty $B \subset S$ and bounded below. Let L be the set of all lower bounds of B . Then $\alpha = \sup(L)$ exists and $\alpha \in B$.

Proof

L is non-empty since B is bounded from below and $\gamma \in L$.

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

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

For any $x < \alpha$, then x is not an upper bound for L so $x \in L$.

For any $x > \alpha$, then x is an upper bound for L so x not in L and thus, $x \in B$.

2.2 Fields

Addition Axioms

- $x, y \in F$, then $x+y \in F$
- Addition is commutative
- Addition is associative
- $x+0 = x$

Multiplicative axioms

- xy
- $xy = yx$
- $(xy)z = x(yz)$
- $1/x$

Distributive Law

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

*** Remember to insert all the propositions

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 $xy > 0$

*** If $x > 0$, then x is positive ***

Definition 2.3.1

\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R} are ordered fields. \mathbb{C} is not a 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 $0 < 1/y < 1/x$

Proof for A

If $x > 0$, then $x + (-x) > 0 + (-x)$ so $0 < (-x)$

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

There exists a ordered field \mathbb{R} with the least upper bound property.

Also, $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$.

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

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} , then $\alpha = \sup(A)$ exists in \mathbb{R} .

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

So $\alpha - x$ is an upper bound of A . So there is a $mx \in A$ such that $mx > \alpha - x$

But then $\alpha < (m+1)x$ so $(m+1)x \in A$ which contradicts α 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

$$n(y-x) > 1$$

$$ny > nx+1 > nx$$

$$1 > nx$$

By the well-ordering principle, there is a smallest m of positive integers such that $m > nx$

Then, $m > nx \geq m-1$ and $nx+1 \geq m > nx$

By $ny > nx+1 \geq m > nx$.

SO $y > m/n > x$.

References