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Krull valuation

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**Definition.** The mapping  $|\cdot|: K \rightarrow G$ , where  $K$  is a field and  $G$  an ordered group equipped with zero, is a *Krull valuation* of  $K$ , if it has the properties

1.  $|x| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$ ;
2.  $|xy| = |x| \cdot |y|$ ;
3.  $|x + y| \leq \max\{|x|, |y|\}$ .

Thus the Krull valuation is more general than the usual <http://planetmath.org/Valuationval> which is also characterized as <http://planetmath.org/Valuationval> and which has real values. The image  $|K \setminus \{0\}|$  is called the *value group* of the Krull valuation; it is abelian. In general, the *rank of Krull valuation* the <http://planetmath.org/IsolatedSubgrouprank> of the value group.

We may say that a Krull valuation is <http://planetmath.org/Valuationnon-archimedean>.

## Some values

- $|1| = 1$  because the Krull valuation is a group homomorphism from the multiplicative group of  $K$  to the ordered group.
- $|-1| = 1$  because  $1 = |(-1)^2| = |-1|^2$  and 1 is the only element of the ordered group being its own inverse ( $S \cap S^{-1} = \emptyset$ ).
- $|-x| = |(-1)x| = |-1| \cdot |x| = |x|$

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