

# Math 323 Definitions & important theorems

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The following is a list of learned definitions and theorems in introduction to pure math class.

## 1. Minimum

**Definition 1.** Let  $S$  be a non empty set of numbers. We say  $m$  is a *minimum* of the set  $S$  if:

1.  $m \in S$ .
2. If  $s \in S$ , then  $m \leq s$ .

## 2. Maximum

**Definition 2.** Let  $S$  be a non empty set of numbers. We say  $m$  is a *maximum* of the set  $S$  if:

1.  $m \in S$ .
2. If  $s \in S$ , then  $m \geq s$ .

## 3. Lower bound

**Definition 3.** Let  $S$  be a set of numbers. We say  $l$  is a *lower bound* of the set  $S$  when: if  $s \in S$ , then  $l \leq s$ .

## 4. Upper bound

**Definition 4.** Let  $S$  be a set of numbers. We say  $u$  is a *upper bound* of the set  $S$  when: if  $s \in S$ , then  $l \geq s$ .

## 5. Odd integer

**Definition 5.** An integer  $z$  is *odd* if and only if  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t  $z = 2k + 1$ .

## 6. Even integer

**Definition 6.** An integer  $z$  is *even* if and only if  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t  $z = 2k$ .

## 7. Trichotomy of an order

**Definition 7.** An order is said to have *trichotomy* if for 2 numbers  $a, b$  in that order exactly one of these holds:  $a < b$ ,  $a > b$ , or  $a = b$ .

8. Transitivity of an order

**Definition 8.** An order is said to have *transitivity* if for 3 numbers  $a, b, c$  in that order, if  $a < b$  and  $b < c$ , then  $a < c$ .

9. The Division Algorithm

**Theorem 0.1.** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b > 0$ , then  $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t  $a = bq + r$  with  $0 \leq r < b$ .

10. The rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$

**Definition 9.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{m}{n} \mid m \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

where  $\frac{m}{n}$  is a set of equivalence fractions.

11. Equality on  $\mathbb{Q}$

**Definition 10.** Let  $\frac{m}{n}, \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ .  $\frac{m}{n} = \frac{p}{q}$  if  $mq = np$ .

12. Order on  $\mathbb{Q}$

**Definition 11.** Let  $\frac{m}{n}, \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ .  $\frac{m}{n} < \frac{p}{q}$  if  $mq < np$ .

13. Addition on  $\mathbb{Q}$

**Definition 12.** Let  $\frac{m}{n}, \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . We define  $\frac{m}{n} + \frac{p}{q} = \frac{mq+np}{nq}$

14. Multiplication on  $\mathbb{Q}$

**Definition 13.** Let  $\frac{m}{n}, \frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ . We define  $\frac{m}{n} \cdot \frac{p}{q} = \frac{mp}{nq}$

15. The Average Theorem

**Theorem 0.2.** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$  with  $a < b$ , then  $\exists r \in \mathbb{F}$  s.t  $a < r < b$ . In fact,  $r = \frac{a+b}{2}$  is an example.

16. Absolute value

**Definition 14.** Let  $x \in \mathbb{F}$ . We define the absolute value of  $x$ , denoted by  $|x|$  as

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

17. Important theorems in absolute value

**Theorem 0.3.** Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be an ordered field.

1. If  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , then  $|a| \geq 0$ .
2. If  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , then  $-|a| \leq a \leq |a|$ .
3. Let  $r \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $r \geq 0$ . Consider  $x$  as a variable in  $\mathbb{F}$ . Then  $|x - a| \leq r$  if and only if  $a - r \leq x \leq a + r$ .
4. Let  $r \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $r > 0$ . Consider  $x$  as a variable in  $\mathbb{F}$ . Then  $|x - a| < r$  if and only if  $a - r < x < a + r$ .
5. If  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ , then  $|ab| = |a| \cdot |b|$ .
6. The Triangle Inequalities. Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ , then  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$ .

18. Infimum ( Greatest lower bound )

**Definition 15.** Let  $S$  be a set of real numbers and  $g \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g$  is an infimum of  $S$  when

1. If  $s \in S$ , then  $g \leq s$ . And
2. If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x > g$ , then  $\exists t \in S$  s.t  $t < x$ .

19. Supremum ( Least upper bound )

**Definition 16.** Let  $S$  be a set of real numbers and  $l \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $l$  is a supremum of  $S$  when

1. If  $s \in S$ , then  $l \geq s$ . And
2. If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x < l$ , then  $\exists t \in S$  s.t  $t > x$ .

20. Complete ordered field.

**Definition 17.** An ordered field  $\mathbb{F}$  is complete if for any nonempty subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{F}$  and  $S$  has at least one lower bound, then  $\exists g \in \mathbb{F}$  that is the infimum of  $S$ .

21. The Well-Ordering Principle

**Theorem 0.4.** Let  $U$  be a set with total order.  $U$  is well ordered if  $A \subseteq U \neq \emptyset$ , then  $A$  has a minimum.

22. The theorem of Induction

**Theorem 0.5.** For all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Let  $P(n)$  be a statement that is either true or false but not both. If the following conditions hold

1. If  $n = 1$ , then  $P(n)$  is true.
2. If for  $n = n_0$ ,  $P(n)$  is true, then for  $n = n_0 + 1$ ,  $P(n)$  is also true.

then  $P(n)$  is true.

23. The Alternate completeness axiom

**Theorem 0.6.** *For a completed ordered field  $\mathbb{R}$ : If  $S$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $S$  has at least 1 upper bound, then there is an  $l \in \mathbb{R}$  that is the supremum of the set  $S$ .*

**Corollary 0.6.1.** 1. *If  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there is an  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t  $n < r$ .*

2. *If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x > 0$ , then there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t  $0 < \frac{1}{n} < x$ .*

24. The Archimedean principle

**Theorem 0.7.** *Let  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t  $n > r$ .*

**Corollary 0.7.1.** *The following are equivalent to the Archimedean principle.*

1. *If  $r \in \mathbb{R}$ , then there is an  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t  $n < r$ .*

2. *If  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x > 0$ , then there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t  $0 < \frac{1}{n} < x$ .*

25. The Density theorem

**Theorem 0.8.** *Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  so that  $a < b$ , then there is  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  so that  $a < q < b$ .*

26. Subset

**Definition 18.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be setes. We say  $A$  is a subset of  $B$  when if  $x \in A$ , then  $x \in B$ . We write this as  $A \subseteq B$ .

27. Equality of sets

**Definition 19.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. We say  $A = B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$  and  $B \subseteq A$ .

28. Union of the family of sets.

**Definition 20.** Let  $S_i$  where  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  be a family of sets. Then the union of the family is

$$\bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} S_i = \{x \mid \exists i \in \mathcal{I} \text{ s.t } x \in S_i\}$$

29. Intersection of the family of sets.

**Definition 21.** Let  $S_i$  where  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  be a family of sets. Then the intersection of the family is:

$$\bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} S_i = \{x \mid \forall i \in \mathcal{I}, x \in S_i\}$$

30. Definition of union, intersection, and takeaway of 2 sets. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets.

1. The intersection of  $A$  and  $B$  is

$$A \cap B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\}$$

2. The union of  $A$  and  $B$  is

$$A \cup B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ or } x \in B\}$$

3. The set  $A$  takeaway  $B$  is

$$A \setminus B = \{x \mid x \in A \text{ and } x \notin B\}$$

31. Theorems for family of sets.

**Theorem 0.9.** Let  $A$  be set and  $B_i$  with  $i \in \mathcal{I}$  be a family of sets. Then

$$1. A \cup \left( \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} B_i \right) = \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (A \cup B_i)$$

$$2. A \cup \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} B_i \right) = \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (A \cup B_i)$$

$$3. A \setminus \left( \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} B_i \right) = \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (A \setminus B_i)$$

$$4. A \setminus \left( \bigcup_{i \in \mathcal{I}} B_i \right) = \bigcap_{i \in \mathcal{I}} (A \setminus B_i)$$

32. Ordered pair

**Definition 22.** An ordered pair is a set of the form  $\{a, \{a, b\}\}$ . We write it as  $(a, b)$ .

33. The Cartesian product

**Definition 23.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. The Cartesian product  $A \times B$  is the set.

$$A \times B = \{(a, b) \mid a \in A \text{ and } b \in B\}$$

34. Relation

**Definition 24.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. A relation between  $A$  and  $B$  is a subset  $\mathcal{R} \subseteq A \times B$ . If  $A = B$ , we say it is a relation on  $A$  and  $B$ . We write

$$(a, b) \in \mathcal{R} \text{ as } a\mathcal{R}b$$

35. Reflexive relation

**Definition 25.** Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a relation on set  $A$ . We say the relation is reflexive when, for all  $a \in A$ ,  $a\mathcal{R}a$ .

36. Symmetric relation

**Definition 26.** Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a relation on set  $A$ . We say the relation is symmetric if  $a, b \in A$  and  $a\mathcal{R}b$ , then  $b\mathcal{R}a$ .

36. Transitive

**Definition 27.** Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a relation on set  $A$ . We say the relation is transitive if  $a, b, c \in A$  and  $a\mathcal{R}b$  and  $b\mathcal{R}c$ , then  $a\mathcal{R}c$ .

37. Trichotomy

**Definition 28.** Let  $\mathcal{R}$  be a relation on the set  $A$ . We say that the relation has trichotomy when,  $\forall a, b \in A$ , exactly 1 of the following holds:  $a\mathcal{R}b$ ,  $b\mathcal{R}a$ , or  $a = b$ .

38. Total order

**Definition 29.** Let  $A$  be set. A relation on  $A$  is a total order when it is transitive and has trichotomy.

39. Equivalence relation

**Definition 30.** Let  $A$  be a set. A relation on  $A$  is an equivalence relation when it is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive.

40. Equivalence class

**Definition 31.** Let  $A$  be a set with an equivalence relation  $\equiv$ . For any  $a \in A$ , the equivalence class of  $a$  is a set

$$[a] = \{x \in A \mid x \equiv a\} \subseteq A$$

41. Theorems for equivalence relation.

**Theorem 0.10.** Let  $A$  be a set with an equivalence relation  $\equiv$ . Assume that  $a, b \in A$ .

1.  $a \in [a]$
2. If  $a \in [b]$ , then  $b \in [a]$ .
3. If  $a \in [b]$ , then  $[a] = [b]$ .
4. If  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \emptyset$ , then  $[a] = [b]$ .

42. Modulo equivalence

**Definition 32.** Let  $A$  be a set with an equivalence relation  $\equiv$ . We define a new set called "A modulo equivalence" or " $A \bmod \equiv$ " as

$$A/\equiv = \{[a] \subseteq A \mid a \in A\}$$

43. Function

**Definition 33.** Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. A function from  $A$  to  $B$  is a pair  $(f, B)$  where  $f \subseteq A \times B$  s.t if  $(a, b_1) \in f$  and  $(a, b_2) \in f$ , then  $b_1 = b_2$ .

44. Domain of function

**Definition 34.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function. The domain of  $f$  is

$$\text{Domain}(f) = \{x \in A \mid \exists y \in B \text{ s.t } y = f(x)\}$$

45. Range of a function

**Definition 35.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function. The range of  $f$  is

$$\text{Range}(f) = \{y \in B \mid \exists x \in A \text{ s.t } y = f(x)\}$$

46. Codomain of a function

**Definition 36.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function. The co-domain of  $f$  is

$$\text{CoDomain}(f) = B$$

47. Injective function

**Definition 37.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function. We say  $f$  is an injective function if: if  $a_1, a_2 \in A$  and  $f(a_1) = f(a_2)$ , then  $a_1 = a_2$

48. Surjective function

**Definition 38.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a function. We say  $f$  is surjective if: if  $y \in B$ , then  $\exists x \in A$  s.t  $f(x) = y$ .

49. Bijective function.

**Definition 39.** A function is bijective when it is both injective and surjective.