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Main Idea

R is an ordered field and contains Q as a subfield.

Explanation

R is a field, meaning that addition and multiplication of real numbers are commutative, associative, and the distributive property holds. R also has an order, meaning the following two properties hold:

1. If $x \in R$ and $y \in R$, then one and only one of the statements

$$x < y,$$
 $x = y,$ $y < x$

is true.

2. If $x, y, z \in R$, if x < y and y < z, then x < z.

Finally, R is a set containing Q. The operations of addition and multiplication on Q extend to all of R in such a way that every element of R has an additive inverse and every nonzero element of R has a multiplicative inverse.

Review

1. Define the set of real numbers.

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Main Content

Main Idea

Every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded above has a least upper bound.

Explanation

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Main Content

Main Idea

A set $A \subset R$ is bounded above if there exists a number $b \in R$ such that $a \leq b$ for all $a \in A$. The number b is called an upper bound for A. Likewise, the set A is bounded below if there exists a lower bound $l \in R$ such that $l \leq a$ for every $a \in A$.

Explanation

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