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Main Content

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

Review

1. Define the Axiom of Completeness.

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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

Review

1. Define upper and lower bounds.

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Main Content

Main Idea

A real number s is the least upper bound for a set $A \subset R$ if it meets the following two criteria:

- 1. s is an upper bound for A;
- 2. if b is any upper bound for A, then $s \leq b$.

Explanation

The least upper bound is frequently called the supremum of the set A, denoted $s = \sup A$.

Review

- 1. Define the supremum of a set.
- 2. Define the infimum, or the greatest lower bound, of a set.
- 3. Are least upper bounds unique? Explain.
- 4. Let

$$A = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\} = \{1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \ldots\}.$$

What is $\sup A$ and $\inf A$?

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