

Definition: \mathbb{Z} and \mathbb{Q}

define integers by $\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \cup -\mathbb{N}$

A real number x is said to be rational if $x = \frac{p}{q}$, $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$

Thm. \mathbb{Q} is an ordered subfield of \mathbb{R}

order duality of the rationals in the real

Thm. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $x < y$. Then $\exists z \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $x < z < y$

proof. By the Archimedean property, obtain $b \in \mathbb{N}$
such that $b(y-x) > 1$

Set $a = \lfloor bx \rfloor + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, where $\forall p \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lfloor p \rfloor$ is the greatest integer s.t. $\lfloor p \rfloor \leq p$.

In particular, $\lfloor p \rfloor$ satisfies the property that
 $\lfloor p \rfloor \leq p < \lfloor p \rfloor + 1$

By \square , $a \geq \lfloor bx \rfloor$

Also, $bx < \lfloor bx \rfloor + 1 = a$ By $a = \lfloor bx \rfloor + 1$

$b \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow b > 0 \Rightarrow x < \frac{a}{b} \leq x + \frac{1}{b} < y$
by choice, $b(y-x) > 1$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\lfloor bx \rfloor + 1}{b} \leq x + \frac{1}{b}$$

$$b(y-x) > 1 \Rightarrow by - bx > 1 \Rightarrow bx < by - 1 \Rightarrow x < y - \frac{1}{b} \\ \Rightarrow y > x + \frac{1}{b}$$

choose $z = \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q} \square$