

## 1 Field Axioms

**Definition 1.** A *field*  $\mathbb{F}$  is a nonempty set  $\mathbb{F}$ , along with two binary operations, addition  $+$  and multiplication  $\cdot$ , satisfying the following axioms.

1. **Additive Closure:** For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $a + b \in \mathbb{F}$ .
2. **Additive Associativity:** For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$ .
3. **Additive Identity:** There exists an element  $0 \in \mathbb{F}$  such that for all  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $a + 0 = a$ .
4. **Additive Inverse:** For every  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , there exists an element  $-a \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $a + (-a) = 0$ .
5. **Additive Commutativity:** For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $a + b = b + a$ .
6. **Multiplicative Closure:** For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $a \cdot b \in \mathbb{F}$ .
7. **Multiplicative Associativity:** For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ .
8. **Multiplicative Identity:** There exists an element  $1 \in \mathbb{F}$  such that for all  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $a \cdot 1 = a$ .
9. **Multiplicative Inverse:** For every non-zero element  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , there exists an element  $a^{-1} \in \mathbb{F}$  such that  $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$ .
10. **Multiplicative Commutativity:** For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ .
11. **Distributive Property:** For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$ ,  $a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$ .

## 2 Ordered Field Axioms

**Definition 2.** A field  $\mathbb{F}$  is an *ordered field*, if there exists a subset  $P \subseteq \mathbb{F}$  such that:

1. **Additive Closure Positives:** For all  $a, b \in P$ ,  $a + b \in P$ .
2. **Multiplicative Closure Positives:** For all  $a, b \in P$ ,  $a \cdot b \in P$ .
3. **Positive or Negative:** For all non-zero  $a \in \mathbb{F}$ , either  $a \in P$  or  $-a \in P$  but never both.

**Definition 3.** If  $\mathbb{F}$  is an ordered field, and  $a, b \in \mathbb{F}$ , then

1. **Greater than:**  $a > b$  if  $a - b \in P$ .
2. **Less than:**  $a < b$  if  $b - a \in P$ .
3. **Greater than or equal:**  $a \geq b$  if  $a > b$  or  $a = b$ .
4. **Less than or equal:**  $a \leq b$  if  $a < b$  or  $a = b$ .