

## 0.1 Density of the rationals

### 0.1.1 Rationals are dense in rationals

For any pair of rationals, there is another rational between them:

$$a = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$b = \frac{m}{n}$$

Where  $b > a$ .

We define a new rational:

$$c = \frac{a+b}{2}$$

$$c = \frac{pn+qm}{2qn}$$

This is a rational number.

We can write:

$$a = \frac{2pn}{2qn}$$

$$b = \frac{2qm}{2qn}$$

As  $b > a$  we know  $2qm > 2pn$

So:  $a < c < b$