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1.1 Algebraic axioms for real numbers

Two binary operations, $+$ addition and \cdot multiplication on \mathbb{R} are defined and have the following properties for all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$:

1. $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$. Associative law for addition.
2. $\exists 0$ such that $x + 0 = 0 + x = x$. Existence of additive identity.
3. There exist an element $-x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$. Existence of additive inverse.
4. $x + y = y + x$. Commutative law for addition.
5. $x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$. Associative law for multiplication.
6. $\exists 1 \neq 0$ such that $x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$. Existence of multiplicative identity.
7. If $x \neq 0$, then there exist an element $x^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = 1$. Existence of multiplicative inverse.
8. $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$. Commutative law for multiplication.
9. $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$. Distributive law.

In the language of algebra, axioms above state that \mathbb{R} with addition and multiplication is a **field**.

1.2 The order axioms for real number

A binary relation \leq on \mathbb{R} is defined and satisfies the following properties for all $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$.

1. $x \leq x$. Reflexivity.
2. If $x \leq y$, $y \leq x$ then $x = y$. Antisymmetry.
3. If $x \leq y$, $y \leq z$ then $x \leq z$. Transitivity.
4. Either $x \leq y$ or $y \leq x$. Totality.
5. If $x \leq y$, then $x + z \leq y + z$
6. If $0 \leq x$ and $0 \leq y$, then $0 \leq x \cdot y$.

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2.1 Real Number

$\mathbb{Q} = \{\frac{n}{m} | n, m \in \mathbb{Z}, m \neq 0\}$. We have $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$, then

$$p + q = \frac{n}{m} + \frac{k}{l} = \frac{kn + ml}{mk}; pq = \frac{nl}{mk}; p \geq q \Leftrightarrow p - q \geq 0$$

For $+, \times, \geq$ satisfy A1-A15.

Remark 1. \mathbb{Q} is incomplete in the following sense. There is no $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $r^2 = 2$. Remember Pythagoras theorem, $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. Pict : \because if $c \in \mathbb{Q}$, then $c = \frac{n}{m}$ ($n, m \in \mathbb{Z}, m \neq 0$). We may assume that either m or n is odd.

$$c^2 = 2 \rightarrow \left(\frac{n}{m}\right)^2 = 2 \rightarrow n^2 = 2m^2$$

case 1 : n is odd \Rightarrow odd = even (impossible)

case 2 : n is even $\Rightarrow m$ is odd (from assumption) $\Rightarrow n^2$ can be divided by 4 but $2m^2$ can not be divided by 4 (contradiction)

Question : How to fill the gap of \mathbb{Q} ? Answer : Idea of Weirstrass (supreme axioms)

Definition 1. $A \subset \mathbb{R}$.

- A is bounded from above $\Leftrightarrow \exists b \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \leq b$ ($\forall a \in A$). such b is called upper bound of A .
- A is bounded from below $\Rightarrow \exists b' \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $a \geq b'$ ($\forall a \in A$). Such b' is called lower bound of A
- $\alpha = \sup A$
 \Leftrightarrow the minimum of the set of upper bound
 \Leftrightarrow 1. α is an upper bound of A ; 2. if b is an upper bound of A , then $\alpha \leq b$.
- $\beta = \inf A \Leftrightarrow$ the maximum of the set of lower bounds of A .

Remark 2. $\sup A (\inf A)$ is uniquely determined if it exist. For example, $\sup \mathbb{Q} (\inf \mathbb{Q})$ does not exist. $\because \mathbb{Q}$ is not bounded from above (below)

Remark 3. Completeness axioms. Every nonempty subset of \mathbb{R} which is bounded from above (below) has a supremum (infimum) in \mathbb{R}

2.2 Real sequence

Definition 2. For $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $|x| = \begin{cases} x & , x \geq 0 \\ -x & , x \leq 0 \end{cases}$

Remark 4. • $|x| \geq 0$, $|x| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$

- $|xy| = |x||y|$
- $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$ (triangle inequality)

An infinite sequence of $\mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow a : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ usually we write $a_n = a(n)$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ or $\{a_n\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ or a_1, a_2, \dots

Question : Limiting behavior of a_n as n increases ?

Answer : $a_n \rightarrow l$, $n \rightarrow \infty \Leftrightarrow$ as n become larger and larger, the value a_n become arbitrarily close to l .

Definition 3. $\epsilon - N$ definition of the limit. $\{a_n\}$ converges to $l \in \mathbb{R} \Leftrightarrow \forall \epsilon > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|a_n - l| < \epsilon, \forall n \geq N$. We write $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = l$.

Definition 4. • $a_n \rightarrow +\infty \Leftrightarrow \forall M > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a_n > M$ ($\forall n \geq N$)

- $a_n \rightarrow -\infty \Leftrightarrow \forall M > 0, \exists N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a_n < -M$ ($\forall n \geq N$)

Remark 5. A convergent sequence has a unique limit.

$$\because \epsilon = \frac{1}{2}|l - l'| > 0$$

$$\exists N \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } |a_n - l| < \epsilon, (\forall n \geq N)$$

$$\exists N' \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } |a_n - l'| < \epsilon, (\forall n \geq N')$$

Set $\tilde{N} = \max\{N, N'\} \in \mathbb{N}$. For $n \geq \tilde{N} \Rightarrow |a_n - l| < \epsilon, |a_n - l'| < \epsilon$ is impossible.