

Exercise 1.1 If r is rational $r \neq 0$ and x is irrational, prove that $r + x$ and rx are irrational.

Suppose that $0 \neq r \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

- **Claim 1:** $r + x$ is irrational.

Assume the contrary that $r + x \in \mathbb{Q}$. Since, \mathbb{Q} is field,

$$x = (r + x) - r \in \mathbb{Q}$$

. This is a contradiction. Thus, $r + x$ is irrational.

- **Claim 2:** rx is irrational.

Assume the contrary that $rx \in \mathbb{Q}$. Since, \mathbb{Q} is field,

$$\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) rx = \left(\frac{1}{x}\right) xr = \left(\frac{1}{x}x\right)r = x \in \mathbb{Q}$$

. This is a contradiction. Thus, rx is irrational.

Exercise 1.2 (1:R2) Prove that there is no rational number whose square is 12.

Proof. First observe that

$$\sqrt{12} = \sqrt{4 \cdot 3} = 2\sqrt{3}$$

Claim 1 : $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} 3|n^2 \implies 3|n$.

Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Suppose that $3|n^2$. We know that 3 is prime. Then by number theory results we can get $3|n$ or $3|n$. We are done.

Claim 2: $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

We use indirect proof. Assume contrary, $\sqrt{3}$ is rational. In other words,

$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{p}{q} \text{ for some } q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0 \text{ and } p, q \text{ have no common factors.}$$

Thus,

$$3q^2 = p^2$$

Then, by above claim we can get that $3|p$. Thus, there exists $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $3k = p$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} 3q^2 &= p^2 \\ 3q^2 &= (3k)^2 \\ 3q^2 &= 9k^2 \\ q^2 &= 3k^2 \end{aligned}$$

So, both p and q have common factor 3. This contradicts our assumption. Therefore, $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational. So we are done proof of claim 2.

Since, $\sqrt{3}$ is not a rational number. Thus $\sqrt{12}$ is irrational number.

Therefore exercise 1.1 we get $\sqrt{12}$ is irrational. Hence, there is no rational number whose square is 12.

1.15 Proposition *The axioms for multiplication imply the following statements.*

- (a) If $x \neq 0$ and $xy = xz$ then $y = z$.
- (b) If $x \neq 0$ and $xy = x$ then $y = 1$.
- (c) If $x \neq 0$ and $xy = 1$ then $y = 1/x$.
- (d) If $x \neq 0$ then $1/(1/x) = x$.

The proof is so similar to that of Proposition 1.14 that we omit it.

Let \mathbb{F} be a field and let $x, y, z \in \mathbb{F}$.

a) Suppose that $x \neq 0$ and $xy = xz$.
 Since $x \neq 0$, there exist $(1/x) \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $x(1/x) = 1$.
 Now, $(xy) = (xz)$ (*)

$$\frac{1}{x}(xy) = \frac{1}{x}(xz) \quad (\text{Property of equal sign})$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{x}x\right)y = \left(\frac{1}{x}x\right)z \quad (\text{By associativity property})$$

$$1y = 1z \quad (\text{By } *)$$

$$y = z \quad (\text{By multiplication identity})$$

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in book M4.

~~The~~ b), c), d) can be easily proved
using the result in part a)

- b) We apply a) with $z=1$, then b)
is trivial
- c) We apply b)a) with $z=1/x$.
 $(x \neq 0 \text{ and } xy = xz) \Rightarrow y = z$ [part(a)]
 If $z = 1/x$
 $((x \neq 0) \text{ and } xy = x(1/x) = 1) \Rightarrow y = 1/x$

4. Let E be a nonempty subset of an ordered set; suppose α is a lower bound of E and β is an upper bound of E . Prove that $\alpha \leq \beta$.

Let $x \in E$. (Since $E \neq \emptyset$, there exist such x .)

Need to show $\alpha \leq \beta$.

Since α is an upper bound and β is a lower bound of E .
Then by definition of upper bound and lower bound,
(Defn 1.7 in book).

$$x \leq \alpha \quad \text{and} \quad \beta \leq x$$

Then, $(x = \alpha \text{ or } x < \alpha)$ and $(\beta = x \text{ or } \beta < x)$

Now, we have to consider 4 cases.

Case-I. If $x < \alpha$ and $\beta < x$.

The by part ii) of Defn 1.5

$$\beta < \alpha$$

Case-II. If $x = \alpha$ and $\beta < x$

Then $\beta < \alpha = x$

Case-III

If $x < \alpha$ and $x = \beta$ then

$$x = \beta < \alpha$$

Case-IV: If $x = \alpha$ and $\beta = x$

Then $x = \alpha = \beta$

Therefore $\beta < \alpha$ or $\alpha = \beta$. Thus, $\beta \leq \alpha$.

5. Let A be a nonempty set of real numbers which is bounded below. Let $-A$ be the set of all numbers $-x$, where $x \in A$. Prove that

$$\inf A = -\sup(-A).$$

Let $\phi \neq A \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ be a bounded below set. Let

$$-A := \{-x \mid x \in A\}.$$

First of all we need to show the existence of $\sup(-A)$. Since $A \neq \phi$, there exist $a \in A$. Since A is bdd below, there exist $l \in \mathbb{R}$ such that,

$$a \geq l \text{ for all } a \in A.$$

$$\text{Then } -a \leq -l \text{ for all } a \in A$$

$$-a \leq -l \text{ for all } -a \in -A.$$

Thus, $-l$ is an upper bound of $-A$. (Since \mathbb{R} have least upper bound property)

Now we are going to prove that $-\inf(A) = \sup(-A)$

claim: $\inf(A) \geq -\sup(-A)$.

Since $\sup(-A)$ is an upper bound for $-A$

$$-a \leq \sup(-A) \quad \forall a \in A.$$

$$a \geq -\sup(-A) \quad \forall a \in A.$$

then $-\sup(-A)$ is an lower bound for (A) .

By defⁿ of infimum, $\inf(A) \geq -\sup(-A)$ ————— (*)

Claim 2: $\inf(A) \leq -\sup(-A)$

Since, $\inf(A)$ is a lower bound of A .

$$\inf(A) \leq a \quad \forall a \in A.$$

$$-a \leq -\inf(A) \quad \forall a \in A.$$

$$-a \leq -\inf(A) \quad \forall -a \in -A.$$

Then $-\inf(A)$ is an upperbound for $-A$.

By defⁿ of supremum $\sup(-A) \leq -\inf(A)$. Thus,

$$\inf(A) \leq -\sup(-A) \quad \text{---} \star \star$$

By claim ① and ② we get $\inf(A) = \sup(-A)$

6. Fix $b > 1$.

(a) If m, n, p, q are integers, $n > 0, q > 0$, and $r = m/n = p/q$, prove that

$$(b^m)^{1/n} = (b^p)^{1/q}.$$

Hence it makes sense to define $b^r = (b^m)^{1/n}$.

(b) Prove that $b^{r+s} = b^r b^s$ if r and s are rational.

(c) If x is real, define $B(x)$ to be the set of all numbers b^t , where t is rational and $t \leq x$. Prove that

$$b^r = \sup B(r)$$

when r is rational. Hence it makes sense to define

$$b^x = \sup B(x)$$

for every real x .

(d) Prove that $b^{x+y} = b^x b^y$ for all real x and y .

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First fix $b > 1$

a) Suppose that $m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $n > 0, q > 0$
and $r = \frac{m}{n} = \frac{p}{q}$

We are going to use thm 1.21 uniqueness
property.

Recall thm 1.21

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+ \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \exists ! y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $y^n = x$.

Now consider,

$$\left((b^m)^{1/n} \right)^{nq} = \left(((b^m)^{1/n})^n \right)^q = (b^m)^q = b^q.$$

~~First note that~~ First note that $\frac{m}{n} = \frac{p}{q}$ implies
 $nq = mq$.

$$\begin{aligned}
 ((b^m)^{1/n})^{nq} &= (((b^{1/n})^n)^q) = (b^m)^q = b^{mq} = b^{np} \\
 &= b^{pn} = (b^p)^n = ((b^p)^{1/q})^q)^n \\
 &= ((b^p)^{1/q})^{nq}
 \end{aligned}$$

Now by theorem 1.21, we get

$$(b^m)^{1/n} = (b^p)^{1/q}$$

Hence it makes sense to define $b^r = (b^m)^{1/n}$

¹² Suppose that $r, s \in \mathbb{Q}$. Then

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$r = \frac{m}{n}$ and $s = \frac{p}{q}$ for some $m, n, p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $n, q \neq 0$.

Now consider

$$(b^{r+s})^{nq} = \left(b^{\frac{m}{n} + \frac{p}{q}}\right)^{nq} = \left(b^{\frac{mq+np}{nq}}\right)^{nq}$$

$$= \left(b^{mq+np}\right)^{1/nq}$$

$$= b^{mq+np}$$

$$= b^{mq} \cdot b^{np}$$

$$= (b^m)^q \cdot (b^p)^n$$

$$= ((b^m)^{1/n})^n)^q \cdot (((b^p)^{1/q})^q)^n$$

$$= (b^m)^{1/n} \cdot (b^p)^{1/q})^{nq}$$

$$= (b^m)^{1/n} \cdot (b^p)^{1/q})^{nq}$$

$$= (b^r \cdot b^s)^{nq}$$

By thm 1.21, we get $b^{r+s} = b^r \cdot b^s$

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7. Fix $b > 1$, $y > 0$, and prove that there is a unique real x such that $b^x = y$, by completing the following outline. (This x is called the *logarithm of y to the base b* .)

- (a) For any positive integer n , $b^n - 1 \geq n(b - 1)$.
- (b) Hence $b - 1 \geq n(b^{1/n} - 1)$.
- (c) If $t > 1$ and $n > (b - 1)/(t - 1)$, then $b^{1/n} < t$.
- (d) If w is such that $b^w < y$, then $b^{w+(1/n)} < y$ for sufficiently large n ; to see this, apply part (c) with $t = y \cdot b^{-w}$.
- (e) If $b^w > y$, then $b^{w-(1/n)} > y$ for sufficiently large n .
- (f) Let A be the set of all w such that $b^w < y$, and show that $x = \sup A$ satisfies $b^x = y$.
- (g) Prove that this x is unique.

Fix $b > 1, y > 0$

a) claim: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, b^n - 1 \geq n(b-1)$

We are going to use mathematical induction.

$$\underline{n=1} \quad b^1 - 1 \geq 1(b-1)$$

If $n=1$, the inequality holds

Assume that the given inequality holds if $n=p \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. i.e:

$$b^p - 1 = p(b-1)$$

$$\underline{\text{Now } n=p+1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} b^{p+1} - 1 &= b^{p+1} - b + (b-1) \\ &= b^p(b-1) + (b-1) \\ &\geq b^p(p(b-1)) + (b-1) \quad (\text{By induction hypothesis}) \\ &= bp(b-1) + (b-1) \\ &= (bp+1)(b-1) \\ &\geq (p+1)(b-1) \quad (\text{since } b > 1) \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by mathematical induction, for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ such that $b^n - 1 \geq n(b-1)$,

b) Now replace b with $b^{\frac{1}{n}}$. Then
~~if~~ first give part a) inequality becomes.

$$(b-1) \geq n(b^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1).$$

Note that $b^{\frac{1}{n}} > 1$

c) Now assume that $t > 1$ and $n > \frac{(b-1)}{(t-1)}$

$$n(t-1) > (b-1)$$

The part b) becomes,

$$n(t-1) > (b-1) \geq n(b^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1)$$

$$n(t-1) > n(b^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1)$$

$$(t-1) > (b^{\frac{1}{n}} - 1), (\because n \in \mathbb{Z}^+)$$

$$t > b^{\frac{1}{n}}$$

d) Now suppose that $b^w < y$. Then

$$1 < y b^{-w}$$

Apply part(c) with $t = y b^{-w} > 1$

and assume that n is large with

$$n > \frac{c(b-1)}{(t-1)},$$

$$\begin{aligned} b^{1/n} &< y b^{-w} \\ b^{w+1/n} &< y \quad (\because b^{w+1/n} > 0) \end{aligned}$$

e) Now Suppose that $b^w > y$. Then $b^w \left(\frac{1}{y}\right) > 1$
 Apply part c) $t = b^w/y$
Assume Furthure, assume that $n > \frac{b-1}{t-1}$

By result of part c), $b^{1/n} < b^w \left(\frac{1}{y}\right)$

$$y b^{1/n} < b^w$$

$$y < b^{w - 1/n}$$

f) Let $A := \{w \mid b^w < y\}$

Let $x = \sup(A)$. Since \mathbb{R} is ordered set, one of them is following is true

$$b^x < y \text{ or, } b^x = y, \quad b^x > y$$

Case-1 If $b^x < y$, in part d, we

Showed that for sufficient large n

~~$b^{x+\frac{1}{n}} < y$~~ . Then $x + \frac{1}{n} \in A$ is an upperbd.

This contradic the fact x is the ~~sup(A)~~ sup(A)

Case-II: If $b^x > y$, in part e, we already showed that for sufficiently large n , $b^{x-1/n} \leq y$

Thus $(x - \frac{1}{n})$ is an lower bound

is an upper bound for A. This contradict x is $\sup(A)$. (least upper bound of A)

Therefore, $b^x = y$, $x = \sup(A)$

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