

Real Analysis

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Abstract

I really don't feel like doing analysis the way I did group theory and linear algebra, where I type out my notes on a latex file. Instead, I'll do my **Analysis I** from [MIT OCW](#) and post the problems and the solutions here.

1 Problem Set 1

Problem 1.1

Let \mathbb{F} be an ordered field with $1 \neq 0$. Show that $1 > 0$.

Solution. First let us prove that $(-1) \cdot (-1) = 1$. We know that for all $x \in \mathbb{F}$, there is an inverse element $-x$ such that,

$$x + (-x) = 0$$

Thus, $1 + (-1) = 0$ which means that

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= (-1) \cdot 0 = (-1) \cdot (1 + (-1)) = (-1) \cdot 1 + (-1) \cdot (-1) = (-1) + (-1) \cdot (-1) \\ &\implies 1 = (-1) \cdot (-1) \end{aligned}$$

Since \mathbb{F} is an ordered field, one of the statement below must be true because of the **first axiom of order**.

$$1 < 0, \quad 1 = 0, \quad 0 < 1 \tag{1}$$

We assumed that $1 \neq 0$ so the middle statement can't be true and if $1 < 0$ then $0 < (-1)$. But from **axiom of order and multiplication** $0 < (-1) \cdot (-1) = 1$. Thus a contradiction.

Problem 1.2

Define the addition of two rational numbers by

$$\frac{n}{m} + \frac{p}{q} := \frac{nq + mp}{mq}.$$

Show that it is well-defined.

Solution. Suppose $\frac{n}{m} = \frac{n_1}{m_1}$ and $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{p_1}{q_1}$ then using the definition of when two rational numbers are equal, we get $nm_1 = n_1m$ and $pq_1 = p_1q$. Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} m_1q_1(nq + pm) &= m_1q_1nq + m_1q_1pm \\ &= n_1mq_1q + p_1qm_1m \\ &= mq(n_1q_1 + m_1p_1) \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\frac{n}{m} + \frac{p}{q} = \frac{n_1}{m_1} + \frac{p_1}{q_1}$.

Problem 1.3

Find the $\sup E$ and $\inf E$ for the following set E .

1. $E = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid n < \sqrt{12}\}$
2. $E = \{r \in \mathbb{Q} \mid r < \sqrt{12}\}$
3. $E = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x^2 - x - 1 < 0\}$
4. $E = \left\{ \frac{n^2+n}{n+1} \mid n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$

Solution.

1. $\sup E = 3$ but $\inf E$ doesn't exist.
2. $\sup E = \sqrt{12}$ but $\inf E$ doesn't exist.
3. $\sup E = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ and $\inf E = \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$.
4. $\inf E = 1$ but $\sup E$ doesn't exist.

Problem 1.4

Let \mathbb{M} be the set of polynomials with integer coefficients i.e,

$$\mathbb{M} := \{f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n \mid a_i \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Define the relation $0 \prec f$ if $0 < f(x)$ for x large enough. More precisely, we say

$$0 \prec f \quad \text{if there exists } M > 0 \text{ such that } f(x) > 0 \text{ for all } x > M.$$

Then define

$$f \prec g \quad \text{if } 0 \prec (g - f).$$

Show that (\mathbb{M}, \prec) is an ordered set.

Solution.

We'll use the fact that for large enough x , $f(x) > 0$ for $a_n > 0$. Let $f, g \in \mathbb{M}$ such that $f \neq g$ and

$$f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n \quad \text{and} \quad g(x) = b_0 + b_1x + \cdots + b_nx^n$$

Define $h(x) = g(x) - f(x) = (b_0 - a_0) + (b_1 - a_1)x + \cdots + (b_n - a_n)x^n$ and let $c_i = b_i - a_i$. Suppose c_k is the highest degree non zero coefficient, then if

1. $c_k > 0$ then $f \prec g$
2. $c_k < 0$ then $g \prec f$

Suppose $f \prec g$ and $g \prec h$. Then, $f(x) < g(x)$ and $g(x) < h(x)$ for large x and hence $f(x) < h(x)$ for large x . Thus, $0 \prec (h - f)$ which means $f \prec h$.

Problem 1.5

Prove that (\mathbb{M}, \prec) **doesn't** satisfy the archimedean property.

Solution.

To show that it doesn't satisfy the archimedean property, we need to show that $\exists f, g \in \mathbb{M}$ such that

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, g \not\prec nf$$

If we choose $g(x) = x^2$ and $f(x) = x$ and assume $g \prec nf$ then, $0 \prec x(n - x)$ which means that $0 < x(n - x)$ which we know is false for large x . Thus, $g \not\prec nf$.

Problem 1.6

Show that for any non-empty set $E \subset \mathbb{R}$ which is bounded from below, E has the greatest lower bound.

Solution.

To show that E has greatest lower bound define

$$-E = \{-x \mid x \in E\}$$

If α is any lower bound of E then $x \geq \alpha \Rightarrow -x \leq -\alpha$. That means that $-E$ is bounded above by $-\alpha$. Since $-E$ is bounded above by $-\alpha$, it must have the least upper bound property. Let

$$\sup -E = \beta$$

Thus, $\beta \geq -x \Rightarrow x \geq -\beta$ and $\beta \leq -\alpha$ for any lower bound α of E . Thus, $\alpha \leq -\beta$. Hence, $-\beta = \inf E$.

Problem 1.7

Show that for any real number $x \in \mathbb{R}$ there exists a real number $y \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $y^3 = x$.

Solution.

If $x = 0$ then $y = 0^3 = 0$. Let us define

$$A = \{a \mid a > 0 \text{ and } a^3 \leq x\}$$

for $x > 0$. Since A is non-empty and bounded, let $y = \sup A$. We will show that $y^3 = x$.

Suppose $x > y^3$. Let $h = \min\{\frac{1}{2}, \frac{x-y^3}{3y^2+3y+1}\}$ then,

$$\begin{aligned} (y+h)^3 &= y^3 + h^3 + 3yh^2 + 3y^2h \\ &< y^3 + h(1 + 3y + 3y^2) \\ &\leq y^3 + \frac{x-y^3}{3y^2+3y+1} \cdot (1 + 3y + 3y^2) \\ &\leq x \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $y+h \in A$ but since y is the least upper bound of A we have, $y+h \leq y \Rightarrow h \leq 0$. This is a contradiction.

Suppose $x < y^3$. Let $h = \frac{y^3-x}{3y^2}$ then

$$\begin{aligned} (y-h)^3 &= y^3 - h^3 - 3y^2h + 3yh^2 \\ &= y^3 - h^3 - 3y^2 \cdot \frac{(y^3-x)}{3y^2} + 3yh^2 \\ &= x - h^3 + 3yh^2 \end{aligned}$$

Since $3yh^2 - h^3 > 0$ we have $(y-h)^3 > x$. Let $q \in A$ then

$$q^3 \leq x < (y-h)^3$$

Thus, $(y - h)^3 - q^3 > 0 \Rightarrow (y - h - q)((y - h)^2 + (y - h)q + q^3) > 0$. Since, $(y - h)^2 + (y - h)q + q^3 > 0$ we have $y - h > q$. Thus $(y - h)$ is an upper bound for A . Thus $y \leq y - h \Rightarrow h \leq 0$. Contradiction!!

The proof also works for $x < 0$ as $-x > 0$. Thus,

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{R} \text{ s.t. } k^3 = -x$$

Let $z := -k$ then $z^3 = (-k)^3 = -k^3 = -(-x) = x$.