

# 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 statements 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  $\alpha$  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  $\alpha$  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  $z^3 = (-k)^3 = -k^3 = -(-x) = x$ .

## 2 Problem Set 2

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