

MAT258S25 Proof 1

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Definition 1. Any element in the set \mathbb{Q} can be expressed as $\frac{p}{q}$, where $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$, $q \neq 0$

$$P_{\mathbb{Q}} = \forall (p \in \mathbb{Z}, q \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}) \left[\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q} \right]$$

Assumption 1. The set \mathbb{Z} is closed under addition.

$$P^+ = \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z} [(x + y) \in \mathbb{Z}]$$

Assumption 2. The set \mathbb{Z} is closed under multiplication.

$$P^\times = \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z} [xy \in \mathbb{Z}]$$

1. For any given $r, s \in \mathbb{Q}$, prove that $(r + s) \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{let } r &= \frac{p_r}{q_r}, s = \frac{p_s}{q_s} \\ [r, s \in \mathbb{Q}] &\implies \{p_r, q_r, p_s, q_s\} \subset \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 &\notin \{q_r, q_s\} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r + s &= \frac{p_r}{q_r} + \frac{p_s}{q_s} \\ &= \frac{p_r q_s}{q_r q_s} + \frac{p_s q_r}{q_s q_r} \\ &= \frac{p_r q_s + p_s q_r}{q_r q_s} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} P^\times &\implies \{p_r q_s, p_s q_r, q_r q_s\} \subset \mathbb{Z} \\ P^\times \wedge P^+ &\implies (p_r q_s + p_s q_r) \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 0 \notin \{q_r, q_s\} &\implies q_r q_s \neq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} P_{\mathbb{Q}} \\ p_r q_s + p_s q_r \in \mathbb{Z} \\ q_r q_s \in (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}) \\ \hline \therefore \frac{p_r q_s + p_s q_r}{q_r q_s} \in \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow r + s \in \mathbb{Q} \end{array}$$

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2. let $r \in \mathbb{Q}$, let $s \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$, prove that $r + s \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

Proof. Assume the the proposition P_2 to be false, $\forall r \in \mathbb{Q}, s \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q} [r + s \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}]$

$$\text{let } r = \frac{p}{q}$$

$$\text{let } r + s = \frac{t}{v}$$

$$P_{\mathbb{Q}} \implies p \in \mathbb{Z}, q \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$P_2 \wedge P_{\mathbb{Q}} \implies t \in \mathbb{Z}, v \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$r + s = \frac{t}{v}$$

$$\frac{p}{q} + s = \frac{t}{v}$$

$$\frac{vp}{q} + vs = t$$

$$vp + vsq = tq$$

$$s = \frac{tq - vp}{vq}$$

$$= \frac{tq + (-1)(vp)}{vq}$$

$$[q, v \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}] \wedge P^{\times} \implies vq \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}$$

$$[p, q \in \mathbb{Z}] \wedge P^{\times} \implies \{tq, vp\} \subset \mathbb{Z}$$

$$P^+ \wedge P^+ \implies tq + (-1)vp \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\overline{\therefore x}$$

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