

# MATH 335 Lecture 2

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**Definition 0.1.** Archimedean principle

For any step size  $r$  you can traverse the real number line from  $a$  to  $b$  with this step and pass  $b$  at some point. This principle is later used to imply the density over the rationals in the space of real numbers.

**Definition 0.2.** Density Property;

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, \exists, r \in \mathbb{Q} : a < r < b$$

Approximating square roots: Let :

$$S = \{r : r^2 < 2\}$$

$S$  does not have a maximum due to the density of the reals.

**Theorem 0.3.** *Largrange's theorem: The only irrational numbers that can be expressed as a period sequence of recurring fractions are quadratic numbers.*

*Can you make a theory about cubic root expansion?  
Homework:*

*Pick :*

$$0 < r \quad r^2 < 2, r \in \mathbb{Q}$$

*Show that:*

$$w = \frac{4}{r^2 + 2}r$$

*is irrational and also show  $r < w$  and also show that  $w^2 < 2$*