

every member of B is greater in magnitude than every member of A . Every member, b_m , is called an upper bound of A , since no matter what number n you select in B , the number $m+1$ is such that b_{m+1} is less than b_m . The set of rational numbers is dense. ~~To be specific, the rational number $1/3$ will be defined.~~

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Arbitrarily we now include in class B the rational number $1/3$. Note that there is now a least upper bound in B for A . If we select any rational number r , less than $1/3$, we can always find in A , a number a_n such that a_n is greater than r . The number $1/3$ is the least upper bound in the set of rational numbers.



More technically, ~~the set of~~ all rational numbers ~~can be separated into two~~ two subsets or classes, A and B , in such a manner that every chosen rational number belongs to A or to B , but not to both. Neither set is empty and a_n in A and b_m in B implies a_n is less than b_m . There exists a cut number c such that a_n in A implies a_n is less than or equal to c and b_m in B implies c is less than or equal to b_m . The rational number $1/3$ additionally been included as member of class A . Then $1/3$ would have been the greatest lower bound in A for B .

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$A \neq \emptyset, B \neq \emptyset$

$a_n < b_m$

$a_n \leq c$

$b_m \geq c$

→ lower bound

Technically, the separation of all rational numbers into two classes such that every number in one class is less than every number in other class, is called section or

→ Section cut D.G.P.

The rational number $1/3$ has thus been defined unambiguously as a section or cut in the rational numbers. In a similar manner any other rational number can be exactly defined. For example, zero is the cut between all positive rational numbers and zero, and the negative rational numbers.

This definition depends upon the two converging sequences, A and B , having the same limit, i.e., they define the same number. Two rational sequences, B and C , also converge to the same limit and define the same number. The two decimal sequences, A and B , ~~have~~ ^{also converge to} the same limit and define the same number, $D.3 = 1/3$. The difference between the corresponding members of B and A , $b_1 - a_1, b_2 - a_2, \dots$ forms a sequence which must also converge to a limit, zero. Two

→ limit

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