

REAL PLANE

Why

We are constantly thinking of the \mathbb{R}^2 as points of a plane.¹

Discussion

We commonly associate elements of \mathbb{R}^2 with points on a plane. (see Geometry).

Principle 1 (Line Sets). Given a plane, there exists a set of its (infinite) lines.

Principle 2 (Real Plane Correspondence). Let L be the set of lines of a plane. Then $\cup L$ is the set of points of the plane. There exists a one-to-one correspondence mapping elements of $\cup L$ onto elements of \mathbb{R}^2 .

For this reason we sometimes call the elements of \mathbb{R}^2 points.

Visualization

¹Future editions will modify this sheet.

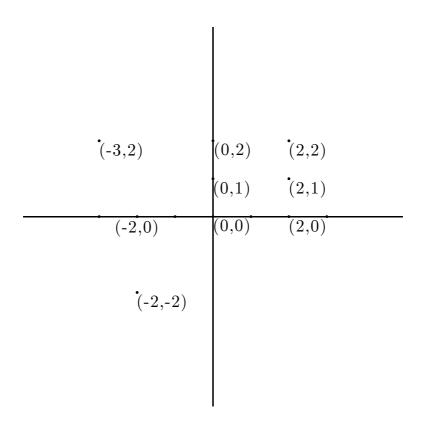


Figure 1: The real plane

