



## Why

We want to order the real numbers.<sup>1</sup>

## Definition

For  $R, S \in \mathbf{R}$  define the total order  $\succeq$  by  $R \succeq S$  if and only if  $R \subset S$ . As is usual with comparisons, we use the terms *less than* and *less than or equal to*.

## Notation

If  $R$  is less than  $S$  we write  $R < S$ . If  $R$  is less than or equal to  $S$  we write  $R \leq S$ .

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<sup>1</sup>Future editions will expand



