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# Set Theory

**Proposition 1.1.** Every infinite subset of a countably infinite set is countable.

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Proof:
\langle 1 \rangle 1. Let: i: A \hookrightarrow \mathbb{N} be an infinite subset of \mathbb{N}.
\langle 1 \rangle 2. Define j : \mathbb{N} \to A by: j(k) is the element such that i(j(k)) is least such
        that i(j(k)) \notin \{i(j(0)), \dots, i(j(k-1))\}.
\langle 1 \rangle 3. j is a bijection.
Proposition 1.2. A countable union of countable sets is countable.
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Proof:

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\langle 1 \rangle 1. Let: (A_n) be a sequence of countable sets.
\langle 1 \rangle 2. For n \in \mathbb{N}, PICK an enumeration (e_{nm})_m of A_n.
\langle 1 \rangle 3. Let: (p_k) be the following enumeration of \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}:
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 $(0,0),(1,0),(0,1),(2,0),(1,1),(0,2),\ldots$  $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $(e_{\pi_1(p_k)\pi_2(p_k)})_k$  is an enumeration of  $\bigcup_n A_n$ .

#### Theorem 1.3. $2^{\mathbb{N}}$ is uncountable.

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Assume: for a contradiction  $f : \mathbb{N} \approx 2^{\mathbb{N}}$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $S = \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : n \notin f(n) \}$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . For all n, we have  $n \in S \Leftrightarrow n \notin f(n)$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . For all n we have  $S \neq f(n)$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. Q.E.D.

PROOF: This contradicts  $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ .

## Relations

**Definition 2.1** (Antisymmetric). A relation R on a set A is antisymmetric iff, whenever xRy and yRx, then x = y.

**Definition 2.2** (Transitive). A relation R on a type A is *transitive* iff, whenever xRy and yRz, then xRz.

# Order Theory

**Definition 3.1** (Linear Order). A *linear order* on a set A is a binary relation  $\leq$  on A that is transitive, antisymmetric and:

$$\forall x, y \in A.x \le y \lor y \le x$$
.

A linearly ordered set is a pair  $(A, \leq)$  where A is a set and  $\leq$  is a binary relation on A.

We write x < y for  $x \le y$  and  $x \ne y$ .

**Definition 3.2** (Upper Bound). Let S be a linearly ordered set,  $u \in S$  and  $E \subseteq S$ . Then u is an *upper bound* in E iff  $\forall x \in E.x \leq u$ . We say E is *bounded above* iff it has an upper bound.

The *up-set* of E, denoted  $E \uparrow$ , is the set of upper bounds of E.

**Definition 3.3** (Lower Bound). Let S be a linearly ordered set,  $l \in S$  and  $E \subseteq S$ . Then u is an *lower bound* in E iff  $\forall x \in E.l \leq x$ . We say E is *bounded below* iff it has a lower bound.

The down-set of E, denoted  $E \downarrow$ , is the set of lower bounds of E.

**Definition 3.4** (Supremum). Let S be a linearly ordered set,  $u \in S$  and  $E \subseteq S$ . Then u is the *least upper bound* or *supremum* of E iff u is an upper bound for E and, for any upper bound u' for E, we have  $u \le u'$ .

**Definition 3.5** (Infimum). Let S be a linearly ordered set,  $l \in S$  and  $E \subseteq S$ . Then l is the *greatest lower bound* or *infimum* of E iff l is a lower bound for E and, for any lower bound l' for E, we have  $l' \leq l$ .

**Definition 3.6** (Least Upper Bound Property). A linearly ordered set S has the *least upper bound property* iff every nonempty subset of S that is bounded above has a least upper bound.

**Proposition 3.7.** Let S be a linearly ordered set and  $E \subseteq S$ .

1. If  $E \downarrow has$  a supremum l, then l is the infimum of E.

2. If  $E \uparrow has$  an infimum u, then U is the supremum of E.

PROOF

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . If  $E \downarrow$  has a supremum l, then l is the infimum of E.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . l is a lower bound for E.
    - $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $x \in E$
    - $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ . x is an upper bound for  $E \downarrow$ .

PROOF: For all  $y \in E \downarrow$  we have  $y \leq x$ .

- $\langle 3 \rangle 3. \ l \leq x$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . For any lower bound l' for E, we have  $l' \leq l$ .

PROOF: Since l is an upper bound for  $E \downarrow$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle$ 2. If  $E \uparrow$  has an infimum u, then u is the supremum of E. PROOF: Dual.

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**Corollary 3.7.1.** A linearly ordered set has the least upper bound property if and only if every nonempty set bounded below has an infimum.

**Definition 3.8** (Closed Downwards). Let S be a linearly ordered set and  $E \subseteq S$ . Then E is closed downwards iff, whenever  $x \in E$  and y < x, then  $y \in E$ .

**Definition 3.9** (Closed Upwards). Let S be a linearly ordered set and  $E \subseteq S$ . Then E is *closed upwards* iff, whenever  $x \in E$  and x < y, then  $y \in E$ .

**Definition 3.10** (Greatest). Let S be a linearly ordered set and  $u \in S$ . Then u is greatest in S iff  $\forall x \in S.x \leq u$ .

**Definition 3.11** (Least). Let S be a linearly ordered set and  $l \in S$ . Then l is least in S iff  $\forall x \in S.l \leq x$ .

**Proposition 3.12.** Let  $\leq$  be a linear order on a set S and  $E \subseteq S$ . Then  $\leq \cap E^2$  is a linear order on E.

Proof: Easy.  $\sqcup$ 

Given a linearly ordered set  $(S, \leq)$  and  $E \subseteq S$ , we write just E for the linearly ordered set  $(E, \leq \cap E^2)$ .

**Definition 3.13** (Lexicographic Order). Let A and B be linearly ordered sets. The *lexicographic order* or *dictionary order* on  $A \times B$  is the order defined by

$$(a,b) \le (a',b') \Leftrightarrow a = a' \lor (a < a' \land b \le b')$$
.

Proposition 3.14. The lexicographic order is a linear order.

# Field Theory

**Definition 4.1** (Field). A *field* F consists of a set F, two operations  $+, \cdot : F^2 \to F$  and an element  $0 \in F$  such that:

- $\bullet$  + is commutative.
- $\bullet$  + is associative.
- $\bullet \ \forall x \in F.x + 0 = x$
- $\forall x \in F. \exists y \in F. x + y = 0$
- $\bullet$  · is commutative.
- $\bullet$  · is associative.
- There exists  $1 \in F$  such that  $1 \neq 0$  and  $\forall x \in F.x1 = x$  and  $\forall x \in F.x \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists y \in F.xy = 1$
- Distributive Law  $\forall x, y, z \in F.x(y+z) = xy + xz$

**Proposition 4.2.** In any field F, the element 0 is the unique element such that  $\forall x \in F.x + 0 = x$ .

PROOF: If 0 and 0' both have this property then 0 = 0 + 0' = 0'.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 4.3.** In any field F, given  $x \in F$ , there is a unique  $y \in F$  such that x + y = 0.

PROOF: If 
$$x + y = x + y' = 0$$
 then 
$$y = y + 0$$
$$= y + x + y'$$
$$= 0 + y'$$
$$= y'$$

**Definition 4.4.** Let F be a field. Let  $x \in F$ . We denote by -x the unique element of F such that x + (-x) = 0.

Given  $x, y \in F$ , we write x - y for x + (-y).

**Proposition 4.5.** In any field F, if x + y = x + z then y = z.

PROOF: If x+y=x+z we have -x+x+y=-x+x+z  $\therefore 0+y=0+z$   $\therefore y=z$ 

**Proposition 4.6.** In any field F, we have -(-x) = x.

PROOF: Since x + (-x) = 0.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 4.7.** In any field F, the element 1 such that  $\forall x \in F.x1 = x$  is unique.

PROOF: If 1 and 1' both have this property then  $1 = 1 \cdot 1' = 1'$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 4.8.** In any field F, given  $x \in F$  with  $x \neq 0$ , the element y such that xy = 1 is unique.

PROOF: If y and y' both have this property then we have

$$y = y1$$

$$= yxy'$$

$$= 1y'$$

$$= y'$$

**Definition 4.9.** In any field F, if  $x \neq 0$ , we write  $x^{-1}$  for the unique element such that  $xx^{-1} = 1$ .

We write x/y for  $xy^{-1}$ .

**Proposition 4.10.** In any field F, if xy = xz and  $x \neq 0$  then y = z.

Proof:

$$y = 1y$$

$$= x^{-1}xy$$

$$= x^{-1}xz$$

$$= 1z$$

$$= z$$

**Proposition 4.11.** In any field F, if  $x \neq 0$  then  $x^{-1} \neq 0$  and  $(x^{-1})^{-1} = x$ .

PROOF: Since  $xx^{-1} = 1$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 4.12.** In any field F, we have x0 = 0.

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Proof:

$$x0 + 0 = x0$$

$$= x(0 + 0)$$

$$= x0 + x0$$

$$\therefore 0 = x0$$

**Proposition 4.13.** In any field F, if xy = 0 then x = 0 or y = 0.

PROOF: If xy = 0 and  $x \neq 0$  then we have  $y = x^{-1}xy = x^{-1}0 = 0$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 4.14.** In any field F, we have (-x)y = -(xy).

Proof:

$$xy + (-x)y = (x + (-x))y$$

$$= 0y$$

$$= 0 (Proposition 4.12) \square$$

Corollary 4.14.1. In any field F, we have (-x)(-y) = xy.

Proof:

$$(-x)(-y) = -(x(-y))$$

$$= -(-(xy))$$

$$= xy (Proposition 4.6) \Box$$

**Proposition 4.15.** Let K be a field. Let  $a, b \in K$ . If  $a^2 = b^2$  then a = b or a = -b.

Proof:

$$a^2 - b^2 = 0$$
$$\therefore (a - b)(a + b) = 0$$

Hence either a - b = 0 or a + b = 0, and the conclusion follows.  $\square$ 

#### 4.1 Ordered Fields

**Definition 4.16** (Ordered Field). An ordered field F consists of a field F and a linear order  $\leq$  on F such that:

- For all  $x, y, z \in F$ , if y < z then x + y < x + z
- For all  $x, y \in F$ , if x > 0 and y > 0 then xy > 0.

We call x positive iff x > 0 and negative iff x < 0.

**Example 4.17.**  $\mathbb{Q}$  is an ordered field.

**Proposition 4.18.** In any ordered field, if x is positive then -x is negative.

PROOF: If 
$$x > 0$$
 then  $0 = x + (-x) > 0 = (-x) = -x$ .

**Proposition 4.19.** In any ordered field, if y < z and x is positive then xy < xz.

PROOF: If y < z then we have

$$0 < z - y$$

$$0 < x(z - y)$$

$$= xz - xy$$

$$xy < xz$$

**Proposition 4.20.** In any ordered field, if y < z and x is negative then xy > xz.

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . -x is positive.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . (-x)y < (-x)z
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3. -(xy) < -(xz)$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . xz < xy

**Proposition 4.21.** In any ordered field, if  $x \neq 0$  then  $x^2 > 0$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . If x > 0 then  $x^2 > 0$ .

PROOF: Proposition 4.19.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If x < 0 then  $x^2 > 0$ .

Proof: Proposition 4.20.

Corollary 4.21.1. In any ordered field, we have 1 > 0.

**Proposition 4.22.** In any ordered field, if x is positive then  $x^{-1}$  is positive.

PROOF: If  $x^{-1} < 0$  then we would have  $1 = xx^{-1} < x0 = 0$  contradicting Corollary 4.21.1.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 4.23.** In any ordered field, if 0 < x < y then  $y^{-1} < x^{-1}$ .

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Assume: 0 < x < y
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ .  $x^{-1}$  and  $y^{-1}$  are positive.

Proof: Proposition 4.22.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ xy^{-1} < yy^{-1} = 1$  $\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ y^{-1} = x^{-1}xy^{-1} < x^{-1}1 = x^{-1}$

**Lemma 4.24.** Let K be an ordered field. Let  $b \in K$  with b > 1. Let n be a positive integer. Then

$$b^n - 1 \ge n(b - 1)$$

Proof:

$$b^{n} - 1 = (b-1)(b^{n-1} + b^{n-2} + \dots + 1)$$

$$\geq (b-1)(1+1+\dots+1)$$

$$= n(b-1)$$

# Real Analysis

#### 5.1 Construction of the Real Numbers

**Definition 5.1** (Cut). A *cut* is a subset  $\alpha$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that:

- $\emptyset \neq \alpha \neq \mathbb{Q}$
- $\alpha$  is closed downwards.
- $\alpha$  has no greatest element.

In this section, we write R for the set of all cuts.

**Proposition 5.2.** R is linearly ordered by  $\subseteq$ .

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PROOF: The only difficult part is to prove that, for any cuts \alpha and \beta, either \alpha \subseteq \beta or \beta \subseteq \alpha. 
(1)1. Assume: \alpha \nsubseteq \beta Prove: \beta \subseteq \alpha
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 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . PICK  $q \in \alpha$  such that  $q \notin \beta$   $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . Let:  $r \in \beta$ 

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ q \not< r$ 

 $\langle 1 \rangle 5. \ r < q$ 

 $\langle 1 \rangle 6. \ r \in \alpha$ 

**Proposition 5.3.** R has the least upper bound property.

#### Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $E \subseteq R$  be nonempty and bounded above.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $s = \bigcup E$ 

Prove: s is a cut.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ \emptyset \neq s$ 

PROOF: Since E is nonempty and every element of E is nonempty.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ s \neq \mathbb{Q}$ 

- $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . PICK an upper bound u for E.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Pick  $q \notin u$ Prove:  $q \notin s$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ \forall \alpha \in E.\alpha \subseteq u$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4. \ s \subseteq u$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 5. \ q \notin s$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 5$ . s is closed downwards.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $q \in s$  and r < q.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Pick  $\alpha \in E$  such that  $q \in \alpha$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ r \in \alpha$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4. \ r \in s$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 6$ . s has no greatest element.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $q \in s$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . PICK  $\alpha \in E$  such that  $q \in \alpha$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Pick  $r \in \alpha$  such that q < r.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 4. \ r \in s$

**Definition 5.4** (Addition). Given cuts  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we define

$$\alpha + \beta = \{q + r : q \in \alpha, r \in \beta\} .$$

**Proposition 5.5.** Given cuts  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we have  $\alpha + \beta$  is a cut.

#### Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ .  $\alpha + \beta$  is nonempty.

PROOF: Since  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are nonempty.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 2. \ \alpha + \beta \neq \mathbb{Q}$ 
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Pick  $q \in \mathbb{Q} \alpha$  and  $r \in \mathbb{Q} \beta$ . Prove:  $q + r \notin \alpha + \beta$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Assume: for a contradiction  $q + r \in \alpha + \beta$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Pick  $x \in \alpha$  and  $y \in \beta$  such that q + r = x + y
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . x < q
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 5$ . y < r
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 6$ . x + y < q + r
  - $\langle 2 \rangle$ 7. Q.E.D.

PROOF: This is a contradiction.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ .  $\alpha + \beta$  is closed downwards.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $q \in \alpha$ ,  $r \in \beta$  and x < q + r
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . x q < r
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ x q \in \beta$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4. \ x \in \alpha + \beta$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $\alpha + \beta$  has no greatest element.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $q \in \alpha$  and  $r \in \beta$ .

PROVE: q + r is not greatest in  $\alpha + \beta$ .

- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Pick  $q' \in \alpha$  with q < q' and  $r' \in \beta$  with r < r'.
- $\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ q + r < q' + r' \in \alpha + \beta$

**Proposition 5.6.** Addition is commutative and associative on R.

PROOF: Immediate from definitions and the fact that addition is commutative and associative on  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  $\square$ 

**Definition 5.7.** For any  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , let  $q^* = \{r \in \mathbb{Q} : r < q\}$ .

**Proposition 5.8.** For any  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , we have  $q^*$  is a cut.

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Proof:
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\langle 1 \rangle 1. \ q^* \neq \emptyset
   PROOF: Since q - 1 \in q^*.
\langle 1 \rangle 2. \ q^* \neq \mathbb{Q}
   PROOF: Since q \notin q^*.
\langle 1 \rangle 3. q^* is closed downwards.
   PROOF: Immediate from definition.
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 $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .  $q^*$  has no greatest element.

PROOF: For all  $r \in q^*$  we have  $r < (q+r)/2 \in q^*$ .

**Proposition 5.9.** For any cut  $\alpha$  we have  $\alpha + 0^* = \alpha$ .

#### Proof:

$$\begin{array}{l} \langle 1 \rangle 1. \ \alpha + 0^* \subseteq \alpha \\ \langle 2 \rangle 1. \ \text{Let:} \ q \in \alpha \ \text{and} \ r \in 0^* \\ \text{Prove:} \ q + r \in \alpha \\ \langle 2 \rangle 2. \ r < 0 \\ \langle 2 \rangle 3. \ q + r < q \\ \langle 2 \rangle 4. \ q + r \in \alpha \\ \langle 1 \rangle 2. \ \alpha \subseteq \alpha + 0^* \\ \langle 2 \rangle 1. \ \text{Let:} \ q \in \alpha \\ \langle 2 \rangle 2. \ \text{Pick} \ r \in \alpha \ \text{such that} \ q < r \\ \langle 2 \rangle 3. \ q = r + (q - r) \in \alpha + 0^* \end{array}$$

**Proposition 5.10.** For any cut  $\alpha$ , there exists a cut  $\beta$  such that  $\alpha + \beta = 0$ .

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\langle 1 \rangle 1. Let: \beta = \{ p \in \mathbb{Q} : \exists r > 0. - p - r \notin \alpha \}
\langle 1 \rangle 2. \beta is a cut.
    \langle 2 \rangle 1. \ \beta \neq \emptyset
         \langle 3 \rangle 1. Pick q \notin \alpha
         \langle 3 \rangle 2. -q - 1 \in \beta
     \langle 2 \rangle 2. \ \beta \neq \mathbb{Q}
         \langle 3 \rangle 1. Pick q \in \alpha
                      Prove: -q \notin \beta
         \langle 3 \rangle 2. Assume: for a contradiction -q \in \beta
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\langle 3 \rangle 3. Pick r > 0 such that q - r \notin \alpha
         \langle 3 \rangle 4. \ q - r < q
         \langle 3 \rangle 5. Q.E.D.
            PROOF: This contradicts the fact that \alpha is closed downwards.
    \langle 2 \rangle 3. \beta is closed downwards.
         \langle 3 \rangle 1. Let: p \in \beta and q < p.
         \langle 3 \rangle 2. Pick r > 0 such that -p - r \notin \alpha
         \langle 3 \rangle 3. -p-r < -q-r
         \langle 3 \rangle 4. -q - r \notin \alpha
         \langle 3 \rangle 5. \ q \in \beta
    \langle 2 \rangle 4. \beta has no greatest element.
         \langle 3 \rangle 1. Let: p \in \beta
         \langle 3 \rangle 2. Pick r > 0 such that -p - r \notin \alpha
         \langle 3 \rangle 3. \ -(p+r/2) - r/2 \notin \alpha
         \langle 3 \rangle 4. \ p + r/2 \in \beta
\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ \alpha + \beta \subseteq 0^*
    \langle 2 \rangle 1. Let: p \in \alpha and q \in \beta.
    \langle 2 \rangle 2. Pick r > 0 such that -q - r \notin \alpha.
    \langle 2 \rangle 3. p < -q - r
    \langle 2 \rangle 4. p+q < -r
    \langle 2 \rangle 5. p+q < 0
    \langle 2 \rangle 6. \ p+q \in 0^*
\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ 0^* \subseteq \alpha + \beta
    \langle 2 \rangle 1. Let: v \in 0^*
    \langle 2 \rangle 2. Let: w = -v/2
    \langle 2 \rangle 3. \ w > 0
    \langle 2 \rangle 4. PICK an integer n such that nw \in \alpha and (n+1)w \notin \alpha.
    \langle 2 \rangle5. Let: p = -(n+2)w
    \langle 2 \rangle 6. \ p \in \beta
    \langle 2 \rangle 7. \ v = nw + p
    \langle 2 \rangle 8. \ v \in \alpha + \beta
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**Proposition 5.11.** Given  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R$ , if  $\beta < \gamma$ , then  $\alpha + \beta < \alpha + \gamma$ .

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PROOF:  \begin{array}{l} \langle 1 \rangle 1. \ \alpha + \beta \subseteq \alpha + \gamma \\ \text{PROOF: Immediate from definitions.} \\ \langle 1 \rangle 2. \ \alpha + \beta \neq \alpha + \gamma \\ \text{PROOF: If } \alpha + \beta = \alpha + \gamma \text{ then } \beta = \gamma \text{ by cancellation.} \\ \end{array}
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**Definition 5.12.** Given cuts  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , define  $\alpha\beta$  by:

$$\alpha\beta = \begin{cases} \{p \in \mathbb{Q} : \exists r \in \alpha. \exists s \in \beta (p \le rs \land r > 0 \land s > 0\} & \text{if } \alpha > 0^* \text{ and } \beta > 0^* \\ (-\alpha)(-\beta) & \text{if } \alpha < 0^* \text{ and } \beta < 0^* \\ -((-\alpha)\beta) & \text{if } \alpha < 0^* \text{ and } \beta < 0^* \\ -(\alpha(-\beta)) & \text{if } \alpha > 0^* \text{ and } \beta < 0^* \\ 0^* & \text{if } \alpha > 0^* \text{ and } \beta < 0^* \end{cases}$$

**Proposition 5.13.** For any cuts  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we have  $\alpha\beta$  is a cut.

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Proof:
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\langle 1 \rangle 1. If \alpha > 0^* and \beta > 0^* then \alpha \beta is a cut.
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- $\langle 2 \rangle 1. \ \alpha \beta \neq \emptyset$ 
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ . Pick  $q \in \alpha$  and  $r \in \beta$  such that  $q, r \notin 0^*$
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ . Assume: w.l.o.g. 0 < q and 0 < r.

PROOF: Since  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  have no greatest element.

- $\langle 3 \rangle 3. \ qr \in \alpha \beta$
- $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ .  $\alpha \beta \neq \mathbb{Q}$ 
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ . PICK  $r \notin \alpha$  and  $s \notin \beta$ PROVE:  $rs \notin \alpha \beta$
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ . Assume: for a contradiction  $rs \in \alpha \beta$ .
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 3$ . Pick  $r' \in \alpha$  and  $s' \in \beta$  such that  $rs \leq r's'$  and r' > 0 and s' > 0.
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 4$ . r' < r and s' < s
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 5$ . r's' < rs
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 6$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: This is a contradiction.

- $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ .  $\alpha \beta$  is closed downwards.
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $p \in \alpha \beta$  and p' < p
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ . Pick  $r \in \alpha$  and  $s \in \beta$  such that  $p \leq rs$ , r > 0 and s > 0
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 3. \ p' \leq rs$
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 4. \ p' \in \alpha \beta$

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- $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ .  $\alpha \beta$  has no greatest element.
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $p \in \alpha \beta$
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ . Pick  $r \in \alpha$  and  $s \in \beta$  such that  $p \leq rs$ , r > 0 and s > 0.
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 3$ . Pick  $r' \in \alpha$  and  $s' \in \beta$  with r < r' and s < s'.
  - $\langle 3 \rangle 4. \ p < r's' \in \alpha \beta$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . For any cuts  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , we have  $\alpha \beta$  is a cut.

PROOF: Since if  $\alpha$  is a cut then  $-\alpha$  is a cut.

**Proposition 5.14.** For any cuts  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  we have  $\alpha\beta = \beta\alpha$ .

PROOF: Easy from the definitions.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 5.15.** For any cuts  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  we have

$$\alpha(\beta\gamma) = (\alpha\beta)\gamma$$
.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Case:  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are all positive.

PROOF: In this case  $\alpha(\beta\gamma) = (\alpha\beta)\gamma = \{p \in \mathbb{Q} : \exists r \in \alpha. \exists s \in \beta. \exists t \in \gamma. (p \leq rst \land r > 0 \land s > 0 \land t > 0)\}.$ 

 $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Case: One of  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  or  $\gamma$  is  $0^*$ .

PROOF: Then  $\alpha(\beta\gamma) = (\alpha\beta)\gamma = 0^*$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3.$  Case:  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are positive,  $\gamma$  is negative. Proof:

$$\alpha(\beta\gamma) = \alpha(-(\beta(-\gamma)))$$

$$= -(\alpha(\beta(-\gamma)))$$

$$= -((\alpha\beta)(-\gamma))$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)\gamma$$
(\langle 1\rangle 1)

 $\langle 1 \rangle 4.$  Case:  $\alpha$  is positive,  $\beta$  is negative,  $\gamma$  is positive. Proof:

$$\alpha(\beta\gamma) = \alpha(-((-\beta)\gamma))$$

$$= -(\alpha((-\beta)\gamma))$$

$$= -((\alpha(-\beta))\gamma)$$

$$= (-(\alpha(-\beta)))\gamma$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)\gamma$$

$$(\langle 1\rangle 1)$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle 5.$  Case:  $\alpha$  is positive,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are negative. Proof:

$$\alpha(\beta\gamma) = \alpha((-\beta)(-\gamma))$$

$$= (\alpha(-\beta))(-\gamma)$$

$$= (-(\alpha\beta))(-\gamma)$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)\gamma$$

$$(\langle 1 \rangle 1)$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle$ 6. Case:  $\alpha$  is negative,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are positive. Proof: Similar to  $\langle 1 \rangle$ 3.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 7.$  Case:  $\alpha$  is negative,  $\beta$  is positive,  $\gamma$  is negative. Proof:

$$\alpha(\beta\gamma) = \alpha(-(\beta(-\gamma)))$$

$$= (-\alpha)(\beta(-\gamma))$$

$$= ((-\alpha)\beta)(-\gamma)$$

$$= (-(\alpha\beta))(-\gamma)$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)\gamma$$

$$(\langle 1 \rangle 1)$$

 $\langle 1 \rangle 8$ . Case:  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are negative,  $\gamma$  is positive. Proof: Similar to  $\langle 1 \rangle 5$ .

 $\langle 1 \rangle 9$ . Case:  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are all negative.

$$\alpha(\beta\gamma) = \alpha(-(-\beta)(-\gamma))$$

$$= -((-\alpha)((-\beta)(-\gamma)))$$

$$= -(((-\alpha)(-\beta))(-\gamma))$$

$$= -((\alpha\beta)(-\gamma))$$

$$= (\alpha\beta)\gamma$$

$$(\langle 1 \rangle 1)$$

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**Proposition 5.16.** For any cut  $\alpha$  we have  $\alpha 1^* = \alpha$ .

Proof:

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\begin{array}{ll} \langle 1 \rangle 1. \  \, \text{Case:} \  \, \alpha \  \, \text{is positive.} \\ \langle 2 \rangle 1. \  \, \alpha 1^* \subseteq \alpha \\ \langle 2 \rangle 2. \  \, \alpha \subseteq \alpha 1^* \\ \langle 1 \rangle 2. \  \, \text{Case:} \  \, \alpha = 0^* \\ \underline{\langle 1 \rangle} 3. \  \, \text{Case:} \  \, \alpha \  \, \text{is negative.} \end{array}
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**Theorem 5.17.** There exists an ordered field with the least upper bound property.

**Proposition 5.18.** There is no rational p such that  $p^2 = 2$ .

PROOF:

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PROOF: \langle 1 \rangle 1. Assume: for a contradiction p^2 = 2. \langle 1 \rangle 2. PICK integers m, n not both even such that p = m/n. \langle 1 \rangle 3. m^2 = 2n^2 \langle 1 \rangle 4. m is even. \langle 1 \rangle 5. PICK an integer k such that m = 2k. \langle 1 \rangle 6. 4k^2 = 2n^2 \langle 1 \rangle 7. 2k^2 = n^2 \langle 1 \rangle 8. n is even. \langle 1 \rangle 9. Q.E.D. PROOF: \langle 1 \rangle 2, \langle 1 \rangle 4 and \langle 1 \rangle 8 form a contradiction.
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**Theorem 5.19.** Any two complete ordered fields are isomorphic.

**Definition 5.20.** Let  $\mathbb{R}$  be the complete ordered field. We call its elements *real numbers*.

### 5.2 Properties of the Real Numbers

**Theorem 5.21.**  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

**Theorem 5.22** (Archimedean Property). Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  with x > 0. There exists a positive integer n such that nx > y.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $A = \{ nx : n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \}$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Assume: for a contradiction there is no positive integer n such that nx > y.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . y is an upper bound for A.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . Let:  $\alpha = \sup A$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 5$ .  $\alpha x$  is not an upper bound for A.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 6$ . Pick a positive integer m such that  $\alpha x < mx$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 7$ .  $\alpha < (m+1)x \in A$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 8$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: This contradicts  $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .

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#### **Theorem 5.23.** $\mathbb{Q}$ is dense in $\mathbb{R}$ .

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  with x < y
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . PICK a positive integer n such that

$$n(y-x) > 1 .$$

PROOF: Archimedean property.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . PICK a positive integer  $m_1$  such that  $m_1 > nx$ 

Proof: Archimedean property.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . PICK a positive integer  $m_2$  such that  $m_2 > -nx$  PROOF: Archimedean property.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 5$ .  $-m_2 < nx < m_1$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 6$ . Let: m be the integer such that

$$m-1 \le nx < m$$
.

- $\langle 1 \rangle 7$ .  $nx < m \le 1 + nx < ny$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 8. \ x < m/n < y$

**Theorem 5.24.** For every real number x > 0 and positive integer n, there exists a unique positive real number y such that  $y^n = x$ .

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . There exists a real y > 0 such that  $y^n = x$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $E = \{ t \in \mathbb{R}^+ : t^n < x \}$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $y = \sup E$ 
    - $\langle 3 \rangle 1. \ E \neq \emptyset$ 
      - $\langle 4 \rangle 1$ . Let: t = x/(x+1)
      - $\langle 4 \rangle 2. \ 0 < t < 1$
      - $\langle 4 \rangle 3. \ t^n < t < x$
      - $\langle 4 \rangle 4. \ t \in E$
    - $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ . x+1 is an upper bound for E.
      - $\langle 4 \rangle 1$ . Let: t > x + 1
      - $\langle 4 \rangle 2$ .  $t^n > t > x$
      - $\langle 4 \rangle 3. \ t \notin E$

$$\langle 2 \rangle 3. \ y^n = x$$

 $\langle 3 \rangle 1. \ y^n \not< x$ 

 $\langle 4 \rangle 1$ . Assume: for a contradiction  $y^n < x$ .

 $\langle 4 \rangle 2$ . Pick h such that 0 < h < 1 and

$$h < \frac{x - y^n}{n(y+1)^{n-1}}$$
.

$$\langle 4 \rangle 3. \ (y+h)^n - y^n < x - y^n$$

Proof:

$$(y+h)^n - y^n = ((y+h) - y) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (y+h)^{n-1-i} y^i$$

$$= h \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (y+h)^{n-1-i} y^i$$

$$\leq hn(y+h)^{n-1}$$

$$\leq hn(y+1)^{n-1}$$

$$< x - y^n$$

$$\langle 4 \rangle 4$$
.  $(y+h)^n < x$ 

$$\langle 4 \rangle 5. \ y + h \in E$$

 $\langle 4 \rangle 6$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: This contradicts the fact that y is an upper bound for E.

$$\langle 3 \rangle 2. \ y^n \not> x$$

 $\langle 4 \rangle 1$ . Assume: for a contradiction  $y^n > x$ 

 $\langle 4 \rangle 2$ . Let:

$$k = \frac{y^n - x}{ny^{n-1}}$$

 $\langle 4 \rangle 3$ . 0 < k < y

 $\langle 4 \rangle 4$ . y - k is an upper bound for E.

$$\langle 5 \rangle 1$$
. Let:  $t \geq y - k$ 

$$\langle 5 \rangle 2$$
.  $y^n - t^n \le y^n - x$ 

Proof:

$$\begin{split} y^n - t^n &\leq y^n - (y - k)^n \\ &= (y - (y - k)) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} y^{n-i} (y - k)^i \\ &= k \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} y^{n-i} (y - k)^i \\ &\leq k n y^{n-1} \\ &= y^n - x \end{split}$$

$$\langle 5 \rangle 3. \ t^n \ge x$$

$$\langle 5 \rangle 4. \ t \notin E$$

 $\langle 4 \rangle 5$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: This contradicts the fact that y is the least upper bound of E.  $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If y and y' are positive reals with  $y^n = y'^n$  then y = y'.

Proof: Since the function that sends y to  $y^n$  is strictly monotone.  $\square$ 

**Definition 5.25** (*n*th Root). Given any real number x > 0 and positive integer n, the nth root of x, denoted  $x^{1/n}$ , is the unique positive real such that

$$(x^{1/n})^n = x .$$

We write  $\sqrt{x}$  for  $x^{1/2}$ .

**Proposition 5.26.** Let a and b be positive real numbers and n a positive integer. Then

$$(ab)^{1/n} = a^{1/n}b^{1/n}$$
.

PROOF: Since  $(a^{1/n}b^{1/n})^n = ab$ .  $\square$ 

**Lemma 5.27.** Let b be a real number with b > 1. Let n be a positive integer. Then

$$b-1 \ge n(b^{1/n}-1)$$
.

Proof: From Lemma 4.24.  $\Box$ 

**Lemma 5.28.** Let b and t be real numbers with b > 1 and t > 1. For any positive integer n, if  $n > \frac{b-1}{t-1}$  then  $b^{1/n} < t$ .

Proof:

$$b-1 \ge n(b^{1/n}-1)$$

$$\therefore \frac{b-1}{n} \ge b^{1/n}-1$$

$$\therefore t-1 > b^{1/n}-1$$

$$\therefore t > b^{1/n}$$

**Lemma 5.29.** Let b be a real number with b > 0. Let m, n, p, q be integers with n > 0 and q > 0. Assume m/n = p/q. Then

$$(b^m)^{1/n} = (b^p)^{1/q}$$
.

Proof:

$$\langle 1 \rangle 1. \ (b^m)^{1/n} = (b^{1/n})^m$$

Proof:

$$((b^{1/n})^m)^n = ((b^{1/n})^n)^m$$
  
=  $b^m$ 

$$\langle 1 \rangle 2. \ ((b^m)^{1/n})^q = b^p$$

Proof:

$$((b^m)^{1/n})^q = (b^{1/n})^{mq}$$
$$= (b^{1/n})^{np}$$
$$= b^p$$

**Definition 5.30.** For a a positive real and q a rational number, we may therefore define  $a^q$  by

$$a^{m/n} = (a^m)^{1/n}$$

for m and n integers with n > 0.

**Proposition 5.31.** Let a be a positive real and r, s rational numbers. Then

$$a^{r+s} = a^r a^s$$
.

Proof:

$$a^{m/n+p/q} = a^{(mq+np)/nq}$$

$$= (a^{mq+np})^{1/nq}$$

$$= (a^{mq})^{1/nq} (a^{np})^{1/nq}$$

$$= a^{m/n} a^{p/q}$$

**Proposition 5.32.** Let b > 1 be a real number and q a rational number. Then

$$b^q = \sup\{b^t : t \in \mathbb{Q}, t \le q\}$$

PROOF: It is the greatest element of this set.  $\square$ 

**Definition 5.33.** Let b > 1 be a real number and x a real number. Then

$$b^x = \sup\{b^t : t \in \mathbb{Q}, t \le x\} .$$

**Lemma 5.34.** Let b, w and y be real numbers with b > 1. Assume  $b^w < y$ . Then there exists a positive integer n such that  $b^{w+1/n} < y$ .

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $t = yb^{-w}$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . PICK a positive integer n such that  $n > \frac{b-1}{t-1}$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ b^{1/n} < t$

PROOF: Lemma 5.28.

PROOF: Lemma 
$$\langle 1 \rangle 4$$
.  $b^{w+1/n} < y$ 

**Lemma 5.35.** Let b, w and y be real numbers with b > 1. Assume  $b^w > y$ . Then there exists a positive integer n such that  $b^{w-1/n} < y$ .

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $t = b^w/y$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . PICK a positive integer n such that  $n > \frac{b-1}{t-1}$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ b^{1/n} < t$

Proof: Lemma 5.28.

$$\langle 1 \rangle 4. \ y < b^{w-1/n}$$

**Proposition 5.36.** For b and x real numbers with b > 1 we have

$$b^x = \sup\{b^t : t \in \mathbb{Q}, t < x\} .$$

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ .  $b^x$  is an upper bound for  $\{b^t : t \in \mathbb{Q}, t < x\}$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let: u be any upper bound for  $\{b^t : t \in \mathbb{Q}, t < x\}$ . Prove:  $b^x \leq u$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 3.$  Let: q be a rational number with  $q \leq x.$  Prove:  $b^q \leq u$
- $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . Assume: for a contradiction  $b^q > u$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle$ 5. PICK a positive integer n such that  $b^{q-1/n} > u$ .

PROOF: Lemma 5.35.

 $\langle 1 \rangle 6. \ b^{q-1/n} \le u$ PROOF:  $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ 

PROOF:  $\langle 1 \rangle 2$   $\langle 1 \rangle 7$ . Q.E.D.

PROOF: This contradicts  $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ .

**Lemma 5.37.** Let A be a set of positive real numbers with supremum a > 0 and B a set of positive real numbers with supremum b > 0. Then ab is the supremum of  $\{xy : x \in A, y \in B\}$ .

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . For all  $x \in A$  and  $y \in B$  we have  $xy \leq ab$ .
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . If u is any upper bound for  $\{xy : x \in A, y \in B\}$  then  $ab \leq u$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Let: u be an upper bound for  $\{xy : x \in A, y \in B\}$ .
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . For all  $x \in A$  we have u/x is an upper bound for B.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . For all  $x \in A$  we have  $b \leq u/x$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 4$ . For all  $x \in A$  we have  $x \leq u/b$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 5$ .  $a \leq u/b$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 6. \ ab \leq u$

**Proposition 5.38.** *Let*  $b, x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  *with* b > 1. *Then* 

$$b^{x+y} = b^x b^y .$$

#### Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . For any rational number q < x + y, there exist rational numbers r < x and s < y such that q = r + s.
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 1. \ q x < y$
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Pick a rational t such that q x < t < y
  - $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . q = t + (q t) and t < y, q t < x
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ .  $b^x b^y = b^{x+y}$

$$\begin{split} b^x b^y &= \sup\{b^q b^r : q, r \in \mathbb{Q}, q < x, r < y\} \\ &= \sup\{b^{q+r} : q, r \in \mathbb{Q}, q < x, r < y\} \\ &= \sup\{b^q : q \in \mathbb{Q}, q < x + y\} \\ &= b^{x+y} \end{split}$$

#### 5.2.1 Logarithms

**Proposition 5.39.** Let b and y be real numbers with b > 1 and y > 0. There exists a unique real x such that  $b^x = y$ .

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Proof:
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\langle 1 \rangle 1. Let: x = \sup\{w : b^w < y\}
        PROVE: b^x = y
   \langle 2 \rangle 1. \ \{ w : b^w < y \} \neq \emptyset
      Proof: It contains 0.
   \langle 2 \rangle 2. \{w : b^w < y\} is bounded above.
      \langle 3 \rangle 1. Let: n be the least integer such that
         Proof: Archimedean property.
      \langle 3 \rangle 2. Let: w be a real number with b^w < y
              Prove: w < n
      \langle 3 \rangle 3. \ b^w < n(b-1)+1
      \langle 3 \rangle 4. \ b^w < b^n
      \langle 3 \rangle 5. \ w < n
\langle 1 \rangle 2. \ b^x \leq y
   \langle 2 \rangle 1. Assume: for a contradiction b^x > y
   \langle 2 \rangle 2. PICK a positive integer n such that b^{x-1/n} > y
      Proof: Lemma 5.35.
   \langle 2 \rangle 3. Pick w such that x - 1/n < w and b^w < y
      PROOF: Since x - 1/n is not an upper bound for \{w : b^w < y\}.
   \langle 2 \rangle 4. \ b^{x-1/n} < y
   \langle 2 \rangle 5. Q.E.D.
     PROOF: This contradicts \langle 2 \rangle 2.
\langle 1 \rangle 3. \ b^x \geq y
   \langle 2 \rangle 1. Assume: for a contradiction b^x < y.
   \langle 2 \rangle 2. Pick a positive integer n such that b^{x+1/n} < y.
   \langle 2 \rangle 3. \ x + 1/n \le x
   \langle 2 \rangle 4. Q.E.D.
      PROOF: This is a contradiction.
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**Definition 5.40** (Logarithm). Let b and y be real numbers with b > 1 and y > 0. The *logarithm* of y to *base* b, denoted  $\log_b y$ , is the unique real number

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such that

$$b^{\log_b y} = y \ .$$

#### 5.2.2 Intervals

**Definition 5.41** (Intervals). Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The open interval (a, b) is  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$ .

The closed interval [a,b] is  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \le x \le b\}$ .

The half-open intervals [a, b) and (a, b] are defined by

$$[a,b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \le x < b\}$$
$$(a,b] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x \le b\}$$

**Definition 5.42** (k-cell). Let k be a positive integer. A k-cell is a subset of  $\mathbb{R}^k$  of the form

$$\{\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k : \forall i = 1, \dots, k.a_i < x_i < b_i\}$$

for some real numbers  $a_1, \ldots, a_k, b_1, \ldots, b_k$  with  $a_i \leq b_i$  for each i.

### 5.3 The Extended Real Number System

**Definition 5.43** (Extended Real Number System). The *extended real number* system is the set  $\mathbb{R} \cup \{+\infty, -\infty\}$ .

We extend the ordering  $\leq$  to the extended reals by defining

$$-\infty < x < +\infty$$

for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

We extend +,  $\cdot$  and / to partial operations on the extended real by defining:

$$x + (+\infty) = +\infty \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$x + (-\infty) = -\infty \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(+\infty) + x = +\infty \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(+\infty) + (+\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(+\infty) + (-\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(-\infty) + x = -\infty \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(-\infty) + (+\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$x \cdot (+\infty) = +\infty \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$x \cdot (-\infty) = -\infty \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(+\infty) \cdot x = +\infty \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(+\infty) \cdot (+\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(+\infty) \cdot (-\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(-\infty) \cdot x = -\infty \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(-\infty) \cdot (+\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(-\infty) \cdot (+\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(-\infty) \cdot (-\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$x/(+\infty) = 0 \qquad (x \in \mathbb{R})$$

$$(+\infty)/x \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(+\infty)/(+\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(+\infty)/(+\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(+\infty)/(+\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(-\infty)/x \text{ is undefined}$$

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$$(-\infty)/(+\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

$$(-\infty)/(+\infty) \text{ is undefined}$$

 $(-\infty)/(-\infty)$  is undefined

# Complex Analysis

**Definition 6.1** (Complex Numbers). A *complex number* is a pair of real numbers. We write  $\mathbb{C}$  for the set of complex numbers.

Define + and  $\cdot$  on  $\mathbb{C}$  by:

$$(a,b) + (c,d) = (a+c,b+d)$$
  
 $(a,b)(c,d) = (ac-bd,ad+bc)$ 

**Theorem 6.2.** The complex numbers form a field.

**Theorem 6.3.** The function that maps a to (a,0) is an embedding of  $\mathbb{R}$  in  $\mathbb{C}$ .

Definition 6.4.

$$i = (0, 1)$$

Lemma 6.5.

$$(a,b) = a + ib$$

PROOF: Since (a, 0) + (0, 1)(b, 0) = (a, b).

Lemma 6.6.

$$i^2 = -1$$

PROOF: Immediate from definitions.  $\square$ 

**Corollary 6.6.1.** There is no linear order on  $\mathbb C$  that makes  $\mathbb C$  into an ordered field.

**Definition 6.7** (Complex Conjugate). For any complex number z, the complex conjugate  $\overline{z}$  is defined by

$$\overline{a+ib} = a-ib \qquad (a,b \in \mathbb{R}) .$$

**Definition 6.8** (Real Part). For any complex number z, the *real part* of z, denoted Re(z), is defined by

$$\operatorname{Re}(a+ib) = a \qquad (a, b \in \mathbb{R}) .$$

**Definition 6.9** (Imaginary Part). For any complex number z, the *imaginar* part of z, denoted Im(z), is defined by

$$\operatorname{Im}(a+ib) = b \qquad (a, b \in \mathbb{R}) .$$

**Theorem 6.10.** For all  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$  we have

$$\overline{z+w} = \overline{z} + \overline{w} .$$

Proof:

$$\overline{(a+ib)+(c+id)} = \overline{(a+c)+i(b+d)}$$

$$= (a+c)-i(b+d)$$

$$= (a-ib)+(c-id)$$

$$= \overline{a+ib}+\overline{c+id}$$

**Theorem 6.11.** For all  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$  we have

$$\overline{zw} = \overline{z} \cdot \overline{w} \ .$$

Proof:

$$\overline{(a+ib)(c+id)} = \overline{(ac-bd) + i(ad+bc)}$$

$$= (ac-bd) - i(ad+bc)$$

$$= (a-ib)(c-id)$$

$$= \overline{a+ib} \cdot \overline{c+id}$$

**Theorem 6.12.** For all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  we have

$$\operatorname{Re}(z) = \frac{1}{2}(z + \overline{z})$$
.

Proof:

$$(a+ib) + \overline{a+ib} = (a+ib) + (a-ib)$$

$$= 2a$$

$$= 2\operatorname{Re}(a+ib)$$

**Theorem 6.13.** For all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  we have

$$\operatorname{Im}(z) = \frac{1}{2i}(z - \overline{z}) .$$

Proof:

$$(a+ib) - \overline{a+ib} = (a+ib) - (a-ib)$$

$$= 2ib$$

$$= 2i\operatorname{Im}(a+ib)$$

**Theorem 6.14.** For all  $z \in \mathbb{C}$  we have  $z\overline{z}$  is a non-negative real.

$$(a+ib)(\overline{a+ib}) = (a+ib)(a-ib)$$
$$= a^2 + b^2$$

**Theorem 6.15.** For any  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , if  $z\overline{z} = 0$  then z = 0.

PROOF: Let z = a + ib. Then  $z\overline{z} = a^2 + b^2 = 0$  iff a = b = 0.  $\square$ 

**Definition 6.16** (Absolute Value). For  $z \in \mathbb{C}$ , the absolute value of z is

$$|z|=(z\overline{z})^{1/2}$$
.

**Proposition 6.17.** For x a non-negative real we have |x| = x.

PROOF: Since  $|x| = \sqrt{x^2} = x$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 6.18.** For x a negative real we have |x| = -x.

Proof: Since  $|x| = \sqrt{x^2} = -x$ .  $\square$ 

**Theorem 6.19.** For any complex number z we have  $|z| \ge 0$ .

PROOF: Immediate from definition.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 6.20.** For any complex number z, if |z| = 0 then z = 0.

PROOF: From Theorem 6.15.  $\square$ 

**Theorem 6.21.** For any complex number z we have

$$|\overline{z}| = |z|$$
.

PROOF: Immediate from definitions.  $\Box$ 

**Theorem 6.22.** For any complex numbers z and w we have

$$|zw| = |z||w|$$
.

Proof:

$$|zw| = \sqrt{zw\overline{z}w}$$

$$= \sqrt{z\overline{z}}\sqrt{w\overline{w}}$$
 (Proposition 5.26)
$$= |z||w|$$

**Theorem 6.23.** For any complex number z we have

$$|\operatorname{Re} z| \le |z|$$

PROOF: Let z = a + ib. Then

$$|\operatorname{Re} z| = \sqrt{a^2} \le \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$$
.

**Theorem 6.24.** For any complex numbers z and w we have

$$|z+w| \le |z| + |w| .$$

$$|z+w|^2 = (z+w)(\overline{z}+\overline{w})$$

$$= z\overline{z} + z\overline{w} + \overline{z}w + w\overline{w}$$

$$= |z|^2 + 2\operatorname{Re}(z\overline{w}) + |w|^2 \qquad \text{(Theorem 6.12)}$$

$$\leq |z|^2 + 2|z\overline{w}| + |w|^2 \qquad \text{(Theorem 6.23)}$$

$$= |z|^2 + 2|z||w| + |w|^2 \qquad \text{(Theorem 6.22)}$$

$$= (|z| + |w|)^2 \qquad \Box$$

**Theorem 6.25** (Schwarz Inequality). Let  $a_1, \ldots, a_n, b_1, \ldots, b_n$  be complex numbers. Then

$$\left| \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_j \overline{b_j} \right|^2 \le \sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_j|^2 \sum_{j=1}^{n} |b_j|^2.$$

Proof:

 $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $A = \sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_j|^2$   $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $B = \sum_{j=1}^{n} |b_j|^2$   $\langle 1 \rangle 3$ . Let:  $C = \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_j \overline{b_j}$   $\langle 1 \rangle 4$ . Assume: w.l.o.g. B > 0

PROOF: If B=0 then  $b_1=\cdots=b_n=0$  and both sides of the inequality are

$$\langle 1 \rangle$$
5.  $\sum_{j=1}^{n} |Ba_j - Cb_j|^2 = B(AB - |C|^2)$ 

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n} |Ba_{j} - Cb_{j}|^{2} = \sum_{j=1}^{n} (Ba_{j} - Cb_{j})(B\overline{a_{j}} - \overline{Cb_{j}})$$

$$= B^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |a_{j}|^{2} - B\overline{C} \sum_{j=1}^{n} a_{j}\overline{b_{j}} - BC \sum_{j=1}^{n} \overline{a_{j}}b_{j} + |C|^{2} \sum_{j=1}^{n} |b_{j}|^{2}$$

$$= B^{2}A - 2B|C|^{2} + B|C|^{2}$$

$$= B(AB - |C|^{2})$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle 6. \ B(AB - |C|^{2}) \ge 0$$

$$\langle 1 \rangle 7. \ AB \ge |C|^{2}$$

Proposition 6.26. For any non-zero complex number w, there are exactly two complex numbers z such that  $z^2 = w$ .

Proof:

- $\langle 1 \rangle 1$ . There are at most two complex numbers z such that  $z^2 = w$ . Proof: Proposition 4.15.
- $\langle 1 \rangle 2$ . There are at least two complex numbers z such that  $z^2 = w$ .

 $\langle 2 \rangle 1$ . Let: w = u + iv

 $\langle 2 \rangle 2$ . Let:  $a = \sqrt{\frac{|w| + u}{2}}$ 

 $\langle 2 \rangle 3$ . Let:  $b = \sqrt{\frac{|w|-u}{2}}$ 

$$\langle 2 \rangle 4$$
. Case:  $v \geq 0$   
 $\langle 3 \rangle 1$ . Let:  $z = a + ib$   
 $\langle 3 \rangle 2$ .  $z^2 = w$   
Proof:

$$z^{2} = (a+ib)^{2}$$

$$= a^{2} - b^{2} + 2iab$$

$$= u + i\sqrt{|w|^{2} - u^{2}}$$

$$= u + iv$$

$$= w$$

$$\langle 3 \rangle 3. \ (-z)^2 = w$$
  
 $\langle 2 \rangle 5. \ \text{Case:} \ v \leq 0$   
 $\langle 3 \rangle 1. \ \text{Let:} \ z = a - ib$   
 $\langle 3 \rangle 2. \ z^2 = w$   
Proof:

$$z^{2} = (a - ib)^{2}$$

$$= a^{2} - b^{2} - 2iab$$

$$= u - i\sqrt{|w|^{2} - u^{2}}$$

$$= u - i|v|$$

$$= w$$

$$\langle 3 \rangle 3. \ (-z)^2 = w$$

# Part I Linear Algebra

**Vector Spaces** 

# Real Inner Product Spaces

**Definition 8.1** (Inner Product). Given  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ , define the inner product  $\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}$  by

$$(x_1, \ldots, x_k) \cdot (y_1, \ldots, y_k) = x_1 y_1 + \cdots + x_k y_k$$
.

**Definition 8.2** (Norm). Define the *norm* of a vector  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  by

$$\|\vec{x}\| = \sqrt{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{x}}$$
.

Proposition 8.3.

$$\|\vec{x}\| \ge 0$$

PROOF: Immediate from the definition.  $\Box$ 

**Proposition 8.4.** *If*  $||\vec{x}|| = 0$  *then*  $\vec{x} = \vec{0}$ .

PROOF: If  $\|\vec{x}\| = 0$  then  $x_1^2 + \cdots + x_n^2 = 0$  so  $x_1 = \cdots = x_n = 0$ .  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.5.** For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ ,

$$\|\alpha \vec{x}\| = |\alpha| \|\vec{x}\| .$$

Proof: Easy.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.6.** For  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k$ , we have

$$||\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y}|| \le ||\vec{x}|| ||\vec{y}||$$
.

PROOF: By the Schwarz inequality.  $\square$ 

**Proposition 8.7.** For  $\vec{x}, \vec{y} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  we have

$$\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\| \le \|\vec{x}\| + \|\vec{y}\|$$
.

Proof:

$$\|\vec{x} + \vec{y}\|^2 = (\vec{x} + \vec{y}) \cdot (\vec{x} + \vec{y})$$

$$= \vec{x} \cdot \vec{x} + 2\vec{x} \cdot \vec{y} + \vec{y} \cdot \vec{y}$$

$$\leq \|\vec{x}\|^2 + 2\|\vec{x}\| \|\vec{y}\| + \|\vec{y}\|^2 \qquad (Proposition 8.6)$$

$$= (\|\vec{x}\| + \|\vec{y}\|)^2 \qquad \Box$$

Corollary 8.7.1. For  $\vec{x}, \vec{y}, \vec{z} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  we have

$$\|\vec{x} - \vec{z}\| \le \|\vec{x} - \vec{y}\| + \|\vec{y} - \vec{z}\|$$
.

#### 8.1 Balls

**Definition 8.8** (Open Ball). Let  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and r > 0. The open ball with centre  $\vec{x}$  and radius r is

$$\{ y \in \mathbb{R}^k : ||y - x|| < r \}$$
.

**Definition 8.9** (Closed Ball). Let  $\vec{x} \in \mathbb{R}^k$  and r > 0. The *closed ball* with *centre*  $\vec{x}$  and *radius* r is

$$\{y \in \mathbb{R}^k : \|y - x\| \le r\} .$$

# Complex Inner Product Spaces

**Definition 9.1** (Inner Product). Let V be a complex vector space. An *inner product* on V is a function  $\langle \ , \ \rangle : V^2 \to \mathbb{C}$  such that, for all  $x,y,z \in V$  and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ :

- $\langle y, x \rangle = \overline{\langle x, y \rangle}$
- $\langle x + y, z \rangle = \langle x, z \rangle + \langle y, z \rangle$
- $\bullet \ \langle \alpha x, y \rangle = \overline{\alpha} \langle x, y \rangle$
- $\langle x, x \rangle \ge 0$
- If  $\langle x, x \rangle = 0$  then x = 0.

An inner product space consists of a complex vector space V and an inner product on V.

**Definition 9.2** (Norm). Let V be an inner product space and  $x \in V$ . The norm of x is

$$||x|| = \sqrt{\langle x, x \rangle}$$
.

Proposition 9.3. An inner product space is a metric space under

$$d(x,y) = ||x - y||.$$

**Definition 9.4** (Bounded). Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be inner product spaces and  $T:V_1 \to V_2$  a linear transformation. Then T is bounded iff  $\{\|T(x)\|: \|x\|=1\}$  is bounded above.

**Proposition 9.5.** Every linear transformation between finite dimensional inner product spaces is bounded.

**Definition 9.6** (Outer Product). Let V be an inner product space and  $|\psi\rangle$ ,  $|\phi\rangle \in V$ . The *outer product* of  $|\psi\rangle$  and  $|\phi\rangle$  is

$$|\psi\rangle\langle\phi|:V\to V$$
.

#### **Hilbert Spaces** 9.1

Definition 9.7 (Hilbert Space). A Hilbert space is a complete inner product space.

**Theorem 9.8** (Completeness Relation). Let  $\mathcal{H}$  be a Hilbert space. Let  $\{|e_n\rangle\}_{n\in\mathbb{N}}$ be a countable orthonormal basis for H. Then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |e_n\rangle \langle e_n| = I .$$

Proof:

 $\begin{array}{l} \text{(1)} & \text{(1)} & \text{(1)} & \text{(1)} & \text{(1)} & \text{(1)} & \text{(2)} & \text{(2)$ 

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \langle e_n | \phi \rangle | e_n \rangle = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sum_{m=0}^{\infty} \alpha_m \langle e_n | e_m \rangle | e_n \rangle$$
$$= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \alpha_n | e_n \rangle$$
$$= | \psi \rangle$$

**Definition 9.9** (Separable). A Hilbert space is *separable* iff it has a countable dense orthonormal basis.

## Lie Algebras

**Definition 10.1** (Lie Algebra). Let K be a field. A Lie algebra  $\mathcal{L}$  over K consists of a vector space  $\mathcal{L}$  over K and an operation

$$[\ ,\ ]:\mathcal{L}^2 \to \mathcal{L}\ ,$$

the *Lie bracket* or *commutator*, such that, for all  $x, y, z \in \mathcal{L}$  and  $\alpha \in K$ :

$$[x+y,z] = [x,z] + [y,z]$$
 
$$[x,y+z] = [x,y] + [x,z]$$
 
$$[\alpha x,y] = \alpha [x,y]$$
 
$$[x,x] = 0$$
 
$$[x,[y,z]] + [y,[z,x]] + [z,[x,y]] = 0$$
 (Jacobi identity)

**Lemma 10.2.** If K has characteristic 0 then the condition [x, x] = 0 can be replaced with [x, y] = -[y, x].

**Proposition 10.3.** The commutator is determind by its values on any basis for  $\mathcal{L}$ .

**Example 10.4.**  $\mathbb{R}^3$  with the cross product is a real Lie algebra.

**Example 10.5.** For any  $n \geq 0$ , we have GL(n, K) is a Lie algebra over K under

$$[A, B] = AB - BA .$$

**Definition 10.6** (Linear Lie Algebra). A *linear Lie algebra* over K is a Lie algebra over K that is a subalgebra of GL(n, K) for some n.

**Example 10.7** (Special Linear Algebra). The special Linear algebra  $SL(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : \text{tr} = 0\}$  is a real linear Lie algebra.

**Example 10.8** (Orthogonal Lie Algebra). The *orthogonal Lie algebra*  $SO(n, \mathbb{R}) = \{A \in GL(n, \mathbb{R}) : A \text{ is skew-symmetric} \}$  is a real linear Lie algebra.

**Example 10.9.** Let u(n) be the set of all skew-Hermitian  $n \times n$ -matrices as a real Lie algebra.

Let  $su(n) = u(n) \cap SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ .

**Proposition 10.10.** SU(2) is spanned by the Pauli matrices

$$\sigma_x = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \sigma_y = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}, \qquad \sigma_z = \frac{1}{2} \begin{pmatrix} i & 0 \\ 0 & -i \end{pmatrix}$$

which satisfy

$$[\sigma_x, \sigma_y] = \sigma_z$$
$$[\sigma_y, \sigma_z] = \sigma_x$$
$$[\sigma_z, \sigma_x] = \sigma_y$$

#### 10.1 Lie Algebar Homomorphisms

**Definition 10.11** (Homomorphism). Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be Lie algebras over the same field. A *Lie algebra homomorphism*  $\phi: L_1 \to L_2$  is a linear transformation such that

$$\phi([x,y]) = [\phi(x), \phi(y)]$$

for all  $x, y \in L_1$ .

Lemma 10.12. Every bijective Lie algebra homomorphism is an isomorphism.

**Definition 10.13** (Representation). Let L be a real (complex) Lie algebra. A representation of L is a Lie algebra homomorphism  $L \to GL(n, \mathbb{R})$  ( $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ ) for some n.

**Example 10.14.** The linear transformation  $\mathbb{R}^3 \to su(2)$  defined by

$$i \mapsto \sigma_x, j \mapsto \sigma_y, k \mapsto \sigma_z$$

is a representation of  $\mathbb{R}^3$ .

# Part II Topology

## Metric Spaces

**Definition 11.1** (Metric). A *metric* on a set X is a function  $d: X^2 \to \mathbb{R}$  such that, for all  $x, y, z \in X$ :

- $d(x,y) \geq 0$
- d(x,y) = 0 iff x = y
- $\bullet \ d(x,y) = d(y,x)$
- Triangle Inequality  $d(x,z) \le d(x,y) + d(y,z)$

A  $metric\ space\ X$  consists of a set X and a metric on X.

**Example 11.2.**  $\mathbb{R}^k$  is a metric space under  $d(\vec{x}, \vec{y}) = ||\vec{x} - \vec{y}||$ . The triangle inequality is Corollary 8.7.1.

**Proposition 11.3.** Let (X,d) be a metric space and Y a subset of X. Then  $d \upharpoonright Y^2$  is a metric on Y.

Proof: Easy.

# Part III More Algebra

## Lie Groups

**Definition 12.1** (Lie Group). A *Lie group* G is a group G that is also an analytic differentiable manifold such that the group operation and inverse operation are analytic.

A  $homomorphism\ of\ Lie\ groups$  is a group homomorphism that is an analytic function.

Lemma 12.2. Every bijective Lie group homomorphism is an isomorphism.

**Definition 12.3** (Unitary Group). The *unitary group* U(n) is the Lie group of all  $n \times n$  unitary matrices.

**Definition 12.4** (Special Unitary Group). The *special unitary group* SU(n) is the Lie group of all  $n \times n$  unitary matrices with determinant 1.

**Definition 12.5** (Lie Subgroup). Let G be a Lie group. A *Lie subgroup* of G is a subgroup that is also an analytic submanifold of G.

**Example 12.6.** U(n) and SU(n) are Lie subgroups of  $GL(n, \mathbb{C})$ .