

# **Numbers, Sequences and Series**

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# Welcome

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## References

We will study the set of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ , and then sequences and series in  $\mathbb{R}$ . I will follow mainly the textbook by Bartle and Sherbert [2]. Other references that inspired these notes are the books by Abbott [1] and Rudin [3].

**!** You are not expected to purchase any of the above books. These lecture notes will cover 100% of the topics you are expected to know in order to excel in the final exam.

# 1 Numbers

## 1.1 Introduction

The aim of this chapter is to rigorously introduce the set of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$ . But what do we mean by real number anyways? To start our discussion, introduce the set of natural numbers (or non-negative integers)

$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \dots\}$$

On this set we have a notion of **sum** of two numbers, denoted as usual by

$$n + m$$

for  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Here the symbol  $\in$  denotes that  $m$  and  $n$  belong to  $\mathbb{N}$ . For example  $3 + 7$  results in 10.

### Question

Can the sum be inverted?sadl

## 2 Sequences

# 3 Series

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