
LECTURE 1 (MAY 13)

Fields, Induction, Binomial Theorem:
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1 Natural Numbers and Real Numbers

Natural numbers are a set of positive integers:

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

Real numbers are a set of all rational and irrational numbers:

$$\mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Q} \cup \mathbb{I}$$

1.1 Addition and Multiplication as a function on \mathbb{R}

1. Addition: $+: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$
2. Multiplication: $\cdot: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

2 Fields

Axiom 2.1 (Field Axiom). A field is a set of numbers \mathbb{F} with two operations: addition and multiplication. A field must satisfy the following properties:

1. Closure property under addition and multiplication: $a + b \in \mathbb{F}$ and $a \cdot b \in \mathbb{F}$
2. Associative: $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$ and $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$
3. Commutative: $a + b = b + a$ and $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$
4. Distributive: $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$
5. Unique Additive Identity: There exists a unique element $0 \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $\forall x \in \mathbb{F}, 0 + x = x$.
6. Unique Multiplicative Identity: There exists a unique element $1 \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $\forall x \in \mathbb{F}, 1 \cdot x = x$.
7. Additive Inverse: For every $x \in \mathbb{F}$, there exists a unique element $-x \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $x + (-x) = 0$.
8. Multiplicative Inverse: For every $x \in \mathbb{F}, x \neq 0$, there exists a unique element $x^{-1} \in \mathbb{F}$ such that $x \cdot x^{-1} = 1$.

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We can see that \mathbb{R} is a field since it satisfies all three properties.

2.1 Additive Identity

There exists a unique element $0 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, 0 + x = x$.

2.2 Multiplicative Identity

There exists a unique element $1 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, 1 \cdot x = x$.

2.3 Additive Inverse

For every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists a unique element $-x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x + (-x) = 0$.

2.4 Multiplicative Inverse

For every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, there exists a unique element $x^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $x \cdot x^{-1} = 1$.

Using these additional properties, we can prove that $(-1)^2 = 1$.

3 Proof: $(-1)^2 = 1$

Proof 3.1. Let 1_L be the multiplicative identity and -1 be the additive inverse of the multiplicative identity. We want to show that $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : (-1) \cdot (-1)x = x$. Then by the uniqueness of the multiplicative identity, $(-1)^2$ must be the multiplicative identity. We will show:

$$\begin{aligned}(-1)^2 x &= x \\(-1) + (1) &= 0 \\((-1) + 1) \cdot x &= 0 \cdot x \\(-1) \cdot x + 1 \cdot x &= 0 \\(-1) \cdot x + x &= 0 \\(-1)^2 \cdot x - x &= 0 \\(-1)^2 \cdot x - x + x &= 0 + x \\(-1)^2 \cdot x &= x\end{aligned}$$

Thus we have shown that $(-1)^2$ is the multiplicative identity and thus by the uniqueness of the multiplicative identity, $(-1)^2$ must be 1.

4 Ordered Real Numbers

Definition 4.1.

$$<: \mathbb{R}^2 \longrightarrow \{True, False\} \text{ (or using binary) } \{0, 1\}$$

The set of real numbers \mathbb{R} is ordered by a relation $<: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \{0, 1\}$ with the following properties:

1. Trichotomy: $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} : (x < y) \vee (x = y) \vee (y < x)$
2. Transitivity: $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} : (x < y) \wedge (y < z) \rightarrow (x < z)$
3. Additivity: $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} : (x < y) \rightarrow (x + z < y + z)$
4. Multiplicative: $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R} : (x < y) \wedge (0 < z) \rightarrow (x \cdot z < y \cdot z)$ and $(x < y) \wedge (z < 0) \rightarrow (y \cdot z < x \cdot z)$

5 Prove the Binomial Expansion Formula

The binomial expansion formula states that

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{n-i} b^i$$

Axiom 5.1. Given any non-empty subset $E \subseteq \mathbb{N}$, there is a least element $\alpha \in E$ such that $\alpha \leq x \forall x \in E$.

Theorem 5.2 (Theorem of Induction). Consider a statement dependent on \mathbb{N} :

$$S : \mathbb{N} \longrightarrow \{0, 1\}$$

If:

1. $S(1) = 1$
2. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : S(n) \rightarrow S(n + 1)$
3. then $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : S(n)$

Proof 5.3. Consider $E = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : S(n) = 0\}$. Suppose $E \neq \emptyset$. Then by the axiom of \mathbb{N} , there is a least element $\alpha \in E$. $\alpha \neq 1$ because $S(1) = 1$. Consider $\alpha - 1$. $S(\alpha - 1)$ must be true because α is the least element of E . Because $S(\alpha - 1) \rightarrow S(\alpha)$ and $S(\alpha) = 0$. Thus our supposition is wrong. Therefore $E = \emptyset$ and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N} : S(n)$. Q.E.D

Lemma 5.4 (Binomial Theorem).

$$\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1}$$

Now we can prove the binomial expansion formula using induction.

5.1 Proof of the Binomial Theorem by Induction

Proof 5.5. We will prove the binomial theorem using mathematical induction.

Base Case: For $n = 0$, the binomial theorem states that $(a + b)^0 = 1$. This is true since any number raised to the power of 0 is equal to 1.

Inductive Hypothesis: Assume that the binomial theorem holds for some positive integer k , i.e., $(a + b)^k = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} a^{k-i} b^i$.

Inductive Step: We need to show that the binomial theorem holds for $k + 1$, i.e., $(a + b)^{k+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{i} a^{k+1-i} b^i$.

Expanding $(a + b)^{k+1}$ using the distributive property, we get:

$$(a + b)^{k+1} = (a + b)(a + b)^k$$

Using the inductive hypothesis, we can rewrite this as:

$$(a + b)^{k+1} = (a + b) \left(\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} a^{k-i} b^i \right)$$

Expanding the product, we have:

$$(a + b)^{k+1} = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} a^{k+1-i} b^i + \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} a^{k-i} b^{i+1}$$

Now, let's focus on the terms in the second sum. We can rewrite them as:

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} a^{k-i} b^{i+1} = \sum_{i=1}^{k+1} \binom{k}{i-1} a^{k+1-i} b^i$$

Combining the two sums, we get:

$$(a + b)^{k+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \left(\binom{k}{i} + \binom{k}{i-1} \right) a^{k+1-i} b^i$$

Using the lemma $\binom{n+1}{k} = \binom{n}{k} + \binom{n}{k-1}$, we can simplify the expression further:

$$(a + b)^{k+1} = \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{k+1}{i} a^{k+1-i} b^i$$

This completes the inductive step.

By the principle of mathematical induction, the binomial theorem holds for all positive integers n .

Therefore, the binomial expansion formula

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{i=0}^n \binom{n}{i} a^{n-i} b^i$$

is proven.

6 Last Property of \mathbb{R}

Given any bounded non-empty subset $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$, there exists a supremum (the least upper bound). (continued next lecture)