

Lemma: Let $x \neq 0$ be a real number, then $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ for some Cauchy sequence $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ that is bounded away from zero.

Lemma: If $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a Cauchy sequence bounded away from zero, then $(a_n^{-1})_{n \geq 1}$ is a Cauchy sequence.

For all $x \neq 0$, we can define

$$x^{-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^{-1} \quad \text{where } (a_n) \text{ and } (b_n) \text{ are equivalent.}$$

$$\text{where } x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

$$(\dots a_1, \dots a_n, \dots) = (a_n)$$

$$|a_i| \geq \delta \quad \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \right) = A$$

$$|a_i - a_j| \leq \epsilon \quad \forall i, j \geq N$$

$$(b_n) = (\delta \dots \delta, a_1, \dots a_n, \dots)$$

(a_n) & (b_n) are equivalent.

Positive / Negative real numbers

Let a_n be a positive / negative real number

Let (a_n) be a positive / negative real number

Claim:

If $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$, $y = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$ for some Cauchy sequences (a_n) & (b_n) that are bounded away from zero.

If $x = y$

Then $x^{-1} = y^{-1}$

$$\text{or } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^{-1} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n^{-1}$$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^{-1} \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n^{-1} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n^{-1} \times a_n \times b_n^{-1}) = y^{-1} \\ &= \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n^{-1} \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n \right) \left(\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n^{-1} \right) = x^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence, proved.

Def:

Positive / Negative real numbers

$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ is a positive / negative real number

iff $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ is a positively / negatively bounded away from zero Cauchy sequence.

$x > y$ iff $x - y$ is a positive real number.

Lemma: Let $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be a Cauchy sequence of non-negative rationals. Then,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq 0$$

Proof: Let us call $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$

Assume for contradiction that x is negative.

Then $x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (b_n)$ for some Cauchy sequence $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$ that is negatively bounded away from zero.

$$\Rightarrow b_n \leq -c \text{ for some } c > 0 \forall n$$

We know that $a_n \geq 0$

$$\text{Then } a_n - b_n \geq c > \frac{c}{2}$$

$$\text{or } |a_n - b_n| > \frac{c}{2} \forall n$$

If $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ and $(b_n)_{n \geq 1}$ are equivalent then there exists $N \geq 1$ s.t.

$$|a_n - b_n| \leq \epsilon \quad \forall \quad i, j \geq N \quad \forall \quad \epsilon > 0$$

For $\epsilon = \frac{c}{2}$ we have a contradiction.

- If $a_n \geq b_n$ then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$, (a_n) and (b_n) are Cauchy sequence.

$a_n - b_n \geq 0 \Rightarrow (a_n - b_n)_n$ is a Cauchy sequence of non-negative rationals

From Lemma,

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (a_n - b_n) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \geq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} b_n$$

- Proposition:** Let x be a positive real number. Then there exists a rational $q > 0$ and an integer $N > 0$ s.t.

$$q \leq x \leq N$$

Proof: Since $x > 0$, we have

$x = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n$ for some Cauchy sequence $(a_n)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ that is positively bounded away from zero.

\Rightarrow ① $a_n \geq c$ for some $c > 0$ $\forall n$
↑
rational

② $a_n = |a_n| \leq N$ for some $N > 0$.

$$\text{① \& ② } c \leq a_n \leq N$$

$$C_n = (c_n)_{n \geq 1}$$

$$N_n = (N_n)_{n \geq 1}$$

$$C = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} C_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} N_n = N$$

$$C \leq x \leq N$$

Archimedean property

e.g. Let $x > 0$ and $y > 0$ then $\frac{x}{y} > 0$

$$\frac{x}{y} \leq N < N+1 = M \Rightarrow \frac{x}{y} < M \text{ for some +ve integer.}$$

$$x=1 \text{ then } \frac{1}{y} < M \text{ for some } M \Leftrightarrow \frac{1}{M} < y \text{ for some } M.$$

- Lemma:** Let x, y be two real numbers with $x < y$. Then there exists a rational q s.t. $x < q < y$

$$x < q < y$$

Proof: Since $y - x > 0$

From Archimedean property there exists $n > 0$ s.t. $y - x > \frac{1}{n}$

Now let $A = \{m \in \mathbb{Z} : x < \frac{m}{n}\}$ for fixed n

A is non-empty from Archimedean property.

define $m_0 = \min A$

$\Rightarrow x < \frac{m_0}{n}$ because $m_0 \in A$

Now for $\frac{m_0-1}{n}$; $x \geq \frac{m_0-1}{n}$
 $\notin A$

We have,

$$\frac{m_0-1}{n} \leq x < \frac{m_0}{n}$$

Now if $y > \frac{m_0}{n}$, then this concludes the proof

$$x < \underbrace{\frac{m_0}{n}}_y < y$$

if $y \leq \frac{m_0}{n}$, then

$$\begin{aligned} y - x &\leq \frac{m_0}{n} - \frac{m_0-1}{n} \\ &= \frac{1}{n} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow y - x \leq \frac{1}{n}$ which is a contradiction

Hence, y can only be $> \frac{m_0}{n}$.

For reals, we defined

Addition, subtraction, inverse, multiplication, absolute value

\Rightarrow All the laws of algebra that are true for rationals are also true for reals.

• Upper bound on subset of \mathbb{R}

Let $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$. Then E is said to have an upper bound $M \in \mathbb{R}$ iff $x \leq M$ for all $x \in E$
 $\Downarrow x \leq M'$

Least upper bound on E :-

$M \in \mathbb{R}$ is a least upper bound on E iff

- i) M is an upper bound
- ii) Any other upper bound M' on E satisfies $M' \geq M$

• Claim: A subset E of \mathbb{R} can have at most ~~two~~^{one} least upper bound.

Proof: Assume $M_1, M_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ are two least upper bounds on E .

① Since M_1 is a least upper bound, $M_2 \leq M_1$

② also, $M_1 \geq M_2$

So, $M_1 = M_2$

$-\infty \rightarrow$ least upper bound of set \emptyset

$+\infty \rightarrow$ least upper bound of non-bounded set

- **Theorem:** Any non-empty subset E of \mathbb{R} has exactly one least upper bound if it has an upper bound.

Proof: We need to show that there is at least one least upper bound on E .

Let M be an upper bound on E (Given in premise)

Then for any $n \geq 1$, we can find integer K s.t. $K/n \geq M$
(Archimedean property as for fixed M , $n \frac{M}{n} \leq \text{some integer}$)

$\Rightarrow \frac{K}{n}$ is an upper bound on $E \quad \forall n \geq 1$

Let $x_0 \in E$ (because E is non empty)

then we can find

$L/n < x_0$ (Again from Archimedean property)

$\Rightarrow L/n$ is not an upper bound on E

$$\frac{L}{n} < x_0 < \frac{K}{n} \Rightarrow L < K$$