

# Notes

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## real numbers

we define a real number as  $\sum_{i=0}^{\infty} a_i \cdot 10^{-i} = a_0.a_1a_2a_3a_4, 0 \leq a_i \leq 9, a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

### 2.2e

$$x = 2.1357$$

### example

$$0.99999\ldots = \sum_{i=0}^{\infty} 9 \cdot 10^{-i} = 9 \left( \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} 10^{-i} \right) = 9 \left( \frac{\frac{1}{10}}{1 - \frac{1}{10}} \right) = \frac{9}{9} = 1$$

## not in book

### the real line axiomatic definition

the real numbers are the set  $\mathbb{R}$  with two operations  $+$ ,  $\cdot$  multiplication and addition that are closed in  $\mathbb{R}$ . if  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $a + b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $a \cdot b \in \mathbb{R}$

and verify the following axioms:

1. for all  $a, b$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $a+b=b+a$  and  $a*b=b*a$
2. for all  $a, b, c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $(a+b)+c=a+(b+c)$  and  $a(bc)=(ab)c$
3. for all  $a, b, c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $a(b+c)=a*b+a*c$
4. give  $a, b$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $c$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $a+c=b$  (each  $c$  is denoted by  $(b-a)$   
in particular the real number  $a-a$  is independent of  $a$  and is denoted by  $0$  and the real number  $0-a$  is denoted by  $-a$  and called the negative of  $a$ )
5. (a) there is a non-zero element in  $\mathbb{R}$   
(b) given  $x, y$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $x$  not  $0$  then there exists  $z$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $xz=y$ . such  $z$  is denoted by  $y/x$   
in particular,  $x/x$  is independent of  $x$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $x$  not  $0$  and denoted by  $1$ , and  $1/x$  is called the reciprocal of  $x$  ( $x^{-1}$ ).

actually these are properties of fields, not just reals. *field axioms*. this includes rationals.

now for the things that differentiate from rationals

## order axioms

no order in complex numbers, unlike reals and rationals

1. for all  $x, y$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , exactly one of these hold:

$$x < y, x = y, x > y$$

2. if  $x < y$  then for all  $z$  in  $\mathbb{R}$   $x + z < y + z$

3. if  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$  then  $xy > 0$

4. if  $x > y$  and  $y > z$  then  $x > z$

now we have an ordered field defined, both reals and rationals ( $\mathbb{Q}$ ) are ordered fields

## completeness axiom

every non-empty set  $S \subset \mathbb{R}$  (not proper subset) that is bounded above has a least upper bound

## moving on

prove that if  $x < y$  and  $z < 0$  then  $xz < yz$

### lemma

if  $z < 0$  then  $-z > 0$

assume that  $z < 0$ . by 6 we know that  $-z$  and  $0$  we get that exactly one of these happen:

$$-z < 0, -z = 0, -z > 0$$

we know that  $z < 0$  and  $z + (-z) = 0$ . use 7.  $z < 0$  so  $z + (-z) < 0 + (-z)$  and  $0 < -z$

### case 1, $x$ is positive

then by transitivity property (9)  $y$  is also positive and by 8  $x(-z) < y(-z)$ . by 7  $x(-z) + xz < y(-z) + xz$  and  $0 < y(-z) + xz$  and similarly  $yz < xz$

## 2.3.1 definition

a set  $S$  contained by  $\mathbb{R}$  is bounded above if there exists  $M$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $x \leq M$  for all  $x \in S$ .  $M$  is called an upper bound for  $S$ .

A set  $S$  contained by  $\mathbb{R}$  is bounded below if there exists  $m$  in  $\mathbb{R}$  such that  $x$  is greater than or equal to  $m$  for all  $x$  in  $S$ .  $m$  is called a lower bound for  $S$

a set  $S$  contained by  $\mathbb{R}$  is bounded if it is bounded above and below

Let  $S$  be a bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$

$L$  is the supremum or least upper bound of  $S$  if 1)  $L$  is an upper bound of  $S$  and 2) if  $M$  is another upper bound of  $S$  then  $L$  is less than or equal to  $M$

$l$  is the infimum or greatest lower bound of  $S$  if 1)  $l$  is a lower bound of  $S$  and 2) if  $m$  is another lower bound of

## examples

$$\begin{aligned}S &= (1, 5] \\ \sup(S) &= 5 \\ \inf(S) &= 1\end{aligned}$$

6 is an upper bound and 0 or -4324 are lower bounds for  $s$ .

the sup and inf need not necessarily be elements of  $s$

let  $s$  be contained in  $\mathbb{R}$  and bounded. if  $\sup(s)$  is in  $s$  then we call it the maximum of  $s$ . if  $\inf(s)$  is in  $s$  then we call it the minimum of  $s$ .

## examples

find sup, inf, max and min(if they exist)

if  $S = \{2/n, n \in \mathbb{N}, n \geq 1\}$  then  $\sup(S) = 2 = \max S$  and  $\inf(S) = 0$

if  $S = \{\frac{(-1)^n}{n+1}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  then  $\sup(S) = 1$ ,  $\inf(S) = -1$ , no max or min

if  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^2 < 2\}$  then  $\sup(S) = \sqrt{2}$

if we view  $s$  as a subset only of  $\mathbb{Q}$  and forget about  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $s$  has no supremum. any  $q$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $q^2$  greater than 2 is an upper bound for  $s$  but there is not a smallest such  $q$  in  $\mathbb{Q}$