

# Welcome to Math 104!!

Goal: study the following in a mathematically rigorous manner:

- definitions of limit, continuity, differentiation, integration, etc.
- proofs of important results in analysis; e.g. intermediate value theorem, mean value theorem, etc.

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Today: What are real numbers?

- Intuitively, the set of real numbers (denoted by  $\mathbb{R}$ ) has 1-1 correspondence with points on the "real line"  

- This is not a completely rigorous definition of  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
We'll introduce the properties that uniquely characterize  $\mathbb{R}$ .  
(see §6 for the precise definition).

Def: A field is a set  $F$  along with two operations, denoted " $+$ " and " $\cdot$ ", satisfying:

1)  $a, b \in F \Rightarrow a+b, a \cdot b \in F$ .

( $F$  is closed under " $+$ " and " $\cdot$ ")

2) " $+$ " and " $\cdot$ " are associative  $((a+b)+c = a+(b+c),)$   
 $((a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c))$ ,

commutative  $(a+b = b+a,)$ , distributive  $(a \cdot (b+c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c)$

3)  $F$  has identity elements " $0$ " and " $1$ " for " $+$ " and " $\cdot$ "

where  $a + 0_F = a$ ,  $a \cdot 1_F = a$ ; and  $0_F \neq 1_F$

- 4)  $\forall a \in F$ ,  $\exists b \in F$  s.t.  $a + b = 0_F$ . ( $\exists$  additive inverse).
- 5)  $\forall a \in F \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\exists b \in F$  s.t.  $a \cdot b = 1_F$  ( $\exists$  mult. inverse>)

### Notations:

- " $a \in S$ ":  $a$  is an element in  $S$ .
- " $\Rightarrow$ ": implies
- " $\forall$ ": for all
- " $\exists$ ": there exists
- "s.t.": such that
- " $S \subseteq T$ ":  $S$  is a subset of  $T$ .  
 $(\forall a \in S, \text{ we have } a \in T)$

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

All

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$$

All

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \mid p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0 \right\}$$

All

$$\mathbb{R}$$

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NOT

fields

- $\exists$  fields w/ only finitely many elements.

e.g. p-prime,  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z} = \{\overline{0}, \overline{1}, \overline{2}, \dots, \overline{p-1}\}$

$$\overline{a+b} := \overline{a+b} \bmod p$$

$$\overline{ab} := \overline{ab} \bmod p.$$

$$\boxed{\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}} = \left\{ \overline{0}, \overline{1} \right\}$$

$$\begin{matrix} \overline{1} \\ \parallel \\ \overline{1} \end{matrix} \quad \begin{matrix} \overline{0} \\ \parallel \\ \overline{0} \end{matrix}$$

$$\overline{0}$$

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$$\overline{0} \cdot \overline{0} = \overline{0}$$

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If  $\overline{0} \leq \overline{1}$ ,  
then  $\overline{1} + \overline{0} \leq \overline{1} + \overline{1}$

Def: A field  $F$  is called ordered if there exists an ordering, denoted " $\leq$ ", satisfying:

- 1)  $\forall a, b \in F$ , at least one of the following is true:  
" $a \leq b$ " or " $b \leq a$ ".

Moreover, if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$ , then  $a = b$ .

- 2)  $a \leq b, b \leq c \Rightarrow a \leq c$ .
- 3)  $a \leq b \Rightarrow a+c \leq b+c$ .
- 4)  $a \leq b, 0 \leq c \Rightarrow ac \leq bc$

e.g-  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$  ordered field.

$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$  not ordered field.

Rmks: Any ordered field contains a copy of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$-\underline{2}_F < -\underline{1}_F < \underline{0}_F < \underline{\underline{1}}_F < \underline{2}_F < \dots$$

$\parallel$

$$-\overline{1}_F - \overline{1}_F \qquad \qquad \qquad \overline{1}_F + \overline{1}_F$$

In particular, any ~~finite~~<sup>non</sup> finite field can't be ordered.

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§ Least upper bound property. (<sup>secret sauce of  $\mathbb{R}$</sup> )  
 (a.k.a. completeness axiom).

Def Let  $F$  be an ordered field. (e.g.  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$ )  
 Let  $A \subseteq F$  subset of  $F$ .

We say  $z \in F$  is an upper bound of  $A$

If  $a \leq z \quad \forall a \in A$ .

We say a subset  $A \subseteq F$  is bounded above  
 if an upper bound of  $A$  exists.

e.g.  $F = \mathbb{Q}$

$$\sup A = 3$$

$A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  is bounded above:

any number  $\geq 3$  is an upper bound of  $A$ .

$A = \left\{1 - \frac{1}{n} \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$  (H.W.)  $\sup A = 1$

$= \left\{0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \dots, \frac{n-1}{n}, \dots\right\}$  is bounded above.

- (A) 
- any number  $\geq 1$  is an upper bound of A.
  - $A = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} \mid x^2 \leq 2\}$  is bounded above
    - any rational number  $> \sqrt{2}$  is an upper bound of A
    - the least upper bound does not exist in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - $A = \mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$  is not bounded above.

$A \subseteq F$ , F is ordered field.

Def We say  $z \in F$  is the least upper bound of A

If  $z \leq z'$  for any  $\mathbb{Q}$  upper bound  $z'$  of A.

$(\sup A := (\text{least upper bound of } A))$   
(supremum)

Def We say an ordered field F has the least upper bound property. If for any nonempty subset  $A \subseteq F$  that's bounded above, ~~there exists~~ the least upper bound of A exists in F.

Ex:  $\mathbb{Q}$  doesn't satisfy the least upper bound property.

Thm (Completeness Axiom)  $\mathbb{R}$  is the unique ordered field satisfying the least upper bound property.

Rmk: " $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is not bounded above" is not trivial, to prove

(Why?)

$\exists$  ordered field  $F$  s.t.  $\mathbb{N} \subseteq F$  is bounded above.

We need the ~~Completeness~~ <sup>least upper bound property</sup> to prove it:

Pf: Assume the contrary;  ~~$\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$~~  is bounded above.

By LUB property,  $\exists z := \sup \mathbb{N} \in \mathbb{R}$

$$n \leq z \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\underset{\text{In } \mathbb{N}}{\cancel{n+1}} \leq \boxed{z} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \leq z-1 \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

$\Rightarrow z-1$  is an upper bound of  $\mathbb{N}$

This contradicts w/ the assumption that  $z$  is the least upper bound of  $\mathbb{N}$ . ( $z-1 < z$ )



Rmk: The least upper bound  $A \subseteq F$  is unique (if exists).

Pf: Say  $z_1, z_2$  are both least upper bound of  $A$

$$z = z_1 \Leftrightarrow z \leq z_1 \quad (\because z \text{ is a least upper bound})$$

$$z_1 \leq z$$

## Denseness of $\mathbb{Q}$ in $\mathbb{R}$ .

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , say  $a < b$ ,

$\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$  s.t.  $a < r < b$ .

Pf:

We want to find  $a < \frac{m}{n} < b$

$m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$n > 0$

$an < m < bn$

Step 1: Find  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $bn - an > 1$

$n(b-a)$

Step 2: If  $r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $r_2 - r_1 > 1$ ,  
then  $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $r_1 < m < r_2$

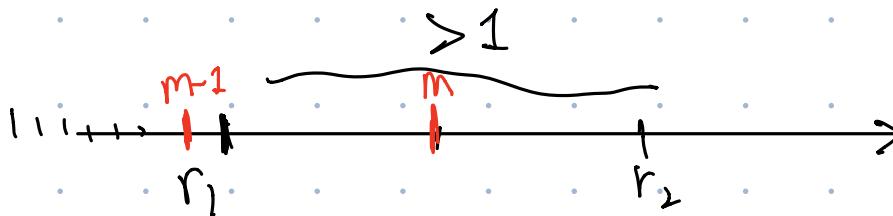
(is not true)  
for arbitrary  
ordered field

↙ We can always find  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  big enough s.t.  $n(b-a) > 1$

( $\because \mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  not bounded above)

$$n > \frac{1}{b-a}$$

↙ The proof relies on least upper bound property of  $\mathbb{R}$ .



$A := \{a \in \mathbb{Z} \mid a \leq r_1\}$  is bounded above

$m-1 := \sup A \in \mathbb{R}$  exists by LUB property of  $\mathbb{R}$

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Claim:  $r_1 < m < r_2$

Pf:  $\boxed{\text{"}r_1 < m\text{"}}$

If  $\underline{r_1 \geq m}$ , then  $m \in A$

Contradicts w/  $m-1$  is an upper bound of  $A$ .

$\boxed{\text{"}m < r_2\text{"}}$

$$\underline{m \leq r_1 + 1} < r_2$$

$$r_2 - r_1 > 1$$