

Chapter one: The set of real numbers

1.1 Algebraic structure of the set $\mathbb{R}$

The set of real numbers is a set that we denote by $\mathbb{R}$ equipped with the operation of addition and multiplication and an overall ordering relationship $\leq$ check the following Axiom.

$$A1) \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}: x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z.$$

$$A2) \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}: x + y = y + x.$$

$$A3) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}: x + 0 = 0 + x = x.$$

$$A4) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}: x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0.$$

$$A5) \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}: x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z.$$

$$A6) \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}: x \cdot y = y \cdot x.$$

$$A7) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}: x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x.$$

$$A8) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^*: x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = 1.$$

$$A9) \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}: x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z.$$

$$A10) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}: x \leq x.$$

$$A11) \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}: (x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq z) \Rightarrow (x \leq z).$$

$$A12) \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}: (x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq x) \Rightarrow (x = y).$$

$$A13) \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}: x \leq y \text{ and } y \leq x.$$

$$A14) \forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}: (x \leq y) \Leftrightarrow (x + z \leq y + z).$$

$$A15) \begin{cases} \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}; \forall z \in \mathbb{R}_+^*: (x \leq y) \Leftrightarrow (x \cdot z \leq y \cdot z) \\ \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}; \forall z \in \mathbb{R}_-^*: (x \leq y) \Leftrightarrow (x \cdot z \geq y \cdot z) \end{cases}$$

Properties

$$1) \forall x, y, x', y' \in \mathbb{R}: (x \leq y \text{ and } x' \leq y') \Rightarrow (x + x' \leq y + y').$$

$$2) \forall x, y, x', y' \in \mathbb{R}_+^*: (x \leq y \text{ and } x' \leq y') \Rightarrow (x \cdot x' \leq y \cdot y').$$

$$4) \forall x, y, x', y' \in \mathbb{R}_+^*: (0 < x < y) \Rightarrow \left(0 < \frac{1}{y} < \frac{1}{x}\right).$$

1.2 Absolute value

Definition 1.1 let it be $x \in \mathbb{R}$

The absolute value of the real number x is the positive real number which we denote by $|x|$ and defined as

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x, & \text{if } x \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

Properties : x, y, r is a real number where $r \geq 0$

$$1) |x| \geq 0; |-x| = |x|; -|x| \leq x \leq |x|$$

$$2) |x| = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = 0$$

$$3) |x \cdot y| = |x| |y|$$

$$4) \left| \frac{x}{y} \right| = \frac{|x|}{|y|} (y \neq 0)$$

$$5) |x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

$$6) |x| \leq r \Leftrightarrow -r \leq x \leq r$$

$$7) |x| \geq r \Leftrightarrow x \leq -r \text{ or } x \geq r$$

1.3. Limited parts from $\mathbb{R}$

Definition 1.2

Let A be a sub set of $\mathbb{R}$ and non-empty .

We say that A is bounded from above if and only if :

$$\exists b \in \mathbb{R}; \forall x \in A : x \leq b$$

We say that A is bounded from below if and only if

$$\exists a \in \mathbb{R}; \forall x \in A : x \geq a$$

A is bounded if and only if it is bounded from above and

Proposition 1.1 The three following conditions are equivalent

1). A is bounded

2) $\exists a \in \mathbb{R}; \exists b \in \mathbb{R} : \forall x \in A : a \leq x \leq b$.

3) $\exists M \in \mathbb{R}_+^*; \forall x \in A : |x| \leq M$

1.3.1 sup and inf. max and min

The smallest upper limit from A is called $\sup A$ •

The biggest lower limit from A is called $\inf A$

If $\sup A \in A$ it is called $\max A$

If $\inf A \in A$ it is called $\min A$

Note

If A is infinite from above (from lowest, respectively) in $\mathbb{R}$ we write $\sup A = +\infty$ ($\inf A = -\infty$, respectively).

proposition 1.2

1) Let A be bounded from above, then

$$M = \sup A \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x \in A : x \leq M \\ \text{and} \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0 ; \exists a \in A : M - \varepsilon < a \end{cases}$$

2) Let A be bounded from below, then

$$m = \inf A \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x \in A : x \geq m \\ \text{and} \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0 ; \exists b \in A : m + \varepsilon > b \end{cases}$$

Proof

1) M is the smallest of the upper bounds if and only if the following proposition is false .

$$\exists M' < M ; \forall x \in A : x \leq M'$$

Is true. So, if the proposition $\forall M' < M ; \exists x \in A : x > M'$.

By putting $\varepsilon = M - M' (\varepsilon > 0)$ so, the last proposition is written in the form:

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 ; \exists x \in A : M - \varepsilon < x.$$

2) In the same way we prove the second case

Examples

1) $A = [1, 2[; \max A = \text{unavailable} ; \sup A = 2 ; \inf A = 1 \min A = 1$

2) $A = \{ \frac{1}{n} ; n \in \mathbb{N}^* \}$

$\sup A = \max A = 1$ فإن $1 \in A \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^* : n \geq 1 \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{n} \leq 1$

Let we proof that $\inf A = 0$

$$0 = \inf A \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x \in A : x \geq 0 \\ \text{and} \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0 ; \exists b \in A : 0 + \varepsilon > b \end{cases}$$

On the other side we have $\forall \varepsilon > 0 ; \exists b \in A : 0 + \varepsilon > b \Leftrightarrow \forall \varepsilon > 0 ; \exists n \in \mathbb{N}^* : \frac{1}{n} < \varepsilon.$

and this last proposition is true and its according to archimed's axiom

$$\forall \varepsilon > 0 ; \exists n \in \mathbb{N}^* : n\varepsilon > 1$$

$\min A = \text{unavailable}$, because $0 \notin A$.

1.3.2 Axiom of supremum and infimum:

Any non-empty subset A of the real's $\mathbb{R}$ which is bounded above has a **supremum** in $\mathbb{R}$.

Any non-empty subset A of the real's $\mathbb{R}$ which is bounded below has a **infimum** in $\mathbb{R}$.

1.4 Archimedean axiom

Theorem 1.1: $\forall x > 0 ; \forall y \in \mathbb{R} ; \exists n \in \mathbb{N}^* : y < nx.$

Proof:

We suppose that:

$$\exists x > 0; \exists y \in \mathbb{R}; \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*: y \geq nx \text{ or } \exists x > 0; \exists y \in \mathbb{R}; \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*: n \leq \frac{y}{x},$$

that's mean the set $\mathbb{N}^*$ is limited from above it accepts an upper limit in $\mathbb{R}$ called M .

$$\text{So } \forall \varepsilon > 0; \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}^* : M - \varepsilon < n_0$$

by putting $\varepsilon = 1$, we get the following : $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}^* : M - 1 < n_0$

$$\text{or } \exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N}^* : M < n_0 + 1$$

$$\text{but } n_0 + 1 \in \mathbb{N}^*$$

this is a contradiction because $\sup A = M$.

1.5 The integer part of a real number

For every real number x there is only one integer which we denote as $E(x)$ or $[x]$ it achieves

$$E(x) \leq x < E(x) + 1$$

$E(x)$ is called the integer part of the real x .

In other words $E(x)$ is The largest integer less than or equal to x .

Examples

$$1) E(0, 1) = 0 \text{ since } 0 \leq 0,1 < 0 + 1.$$

$$2) E(-0, 1) = -1 \text{ since } -1 \leq -0,1 < -1 + 1.$$

$$3) \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*: E\left(\frac{1}{n+1}\right) = 0 \text{ since } \forall n \in \mathbb{N}^*: 0 \leq \frac{1}{n+1} < 0 + 1.$$

1.6 dense groups in $\mathbb{R}$

Theorem 1.2 between every two different real numbers there is at least one rational number.

Proof

Let y and x be two real numbers where $x < y$.

According to Archimedean axiom $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}^*: 1 < n(y - x)$ or $nx + 1 < ny$.

On the other hand we have $E(nx) \leq nx < E(nx) + 1$ or

$$nx < E(nx) + 1 \leq nx + 1 < ny.$$

$$\text{So } nx < E(nx) + 1 < ny \text{ then } x < \frac{E(nx)+1}{n} < y.$$

Well the rational number $\frac{(nx)+1}{n}$ is bounded between the two real numbers x, y .

definition 1.3

we denote the set of irrational numbers with I or Q^c

Theorem 1.3 between every two different real numbers there is at least one irrational number.

To prove this theory we need the following two propositions

Proof

($\Leftarrow$) **Necessary condition:** It is clear that: if the set I is a interval, then the property is true.

($\Rightarrow$) **Sufficient condition:** If the property is true, then the set I is a interval.

We have four possible cases, case 1: I is bounded, case 2: I is bounded from above and not bounded from below, case 3: I is bounded from below and not bounded from above, case 4: I is neither bounded from above nor from below.

Let us prove that in the first case: either $I = [a, b]$ or $I = [a, b[$ or $I =]a, b]$ or $I =]a, b[$ where $a = \inf I$ and $b = \sup I$.

$$\text{We have: } b = \sup I \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x \in I : x \leq b \\ \forall \varepsilon > 0 ; \exists b' \in I : b - \varepsilon < b' \dots \dots (1) \end{cases}.$$

and

$$a = \inf I \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \forall x \in I : x \geq a \\ \forall \delta > 0 ; \exists a' \in I : a + \delta > a' \dots \dots (2) \end{cases}.$$

case 1: If $a \in I$ and $b \in I$, then:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : x \in I \Rightarrow a \leq x \leq b \Rightarrow x \in [a, b] \Rightarrow I \subset [a, b]$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : x \in [a, b] \Rightarrow a \leq x \leq b \Rightarrow x \in I \Rightarrow [a, b] \subset I$$

So

$$I = [a, b].$$

case 2: If $a \in I$ and $b \notin I$, then:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : x \in I \Rightarrow a \leq x < b \Rightarrow x \in [a, b[\Rightarrow I \subset [a, b[$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : x \in [a, b[\Rightarrow a \leq x < b \Rightarrow b - x > 0$$

putting $\varepsilon = b - x$ in (1) we get $x < b'$ and since $a, b' \in I$, then:

$$a \leq x < b' \Rightarrow x \in I \Rightarrow [a, b[\subset I$$

so

$$I = [a, b[.$$

case 3: If $a \notin I$ and $b \in I$, then:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : x \in I \Rightarrow a < x \leq b \Rightarrow x \in]a, b] \Rightarrow I \subset]a, b]$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R} : x \in]a, b] \Rightarrow a < x \leq b \Rightarrow x - a > 0$$

By putting $\delta = x - a$ in (2) we get $x > a'$ and since $a, a' \in I$, then:

$$a' < x \leq b \Rightarrow x \in I \Rightarrow]a, b] \subset I$$

So

$$I =]a, b]$$

case 4: If $a \notin I$ and $b \notin I$, Then:

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}: x \in I \Rightarrow a < x < b \Rightarrow x \in]a, b[\Rightarrow I \subset]a, b[$$

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}: x \in]a, b[\Rightarrow a < x < b \Rightarrow x - a > 0 \text{ and } b - x > 0.$$

By putting $\varepsilon = b - x$ in (1) and $\delta = x - a$ in (2) we get $x < b'$ and $a' < x$, since $a', b' \in I$, then:

$$a' < x \leq b' \Rightarrow x \in I \Rightarrow]a, b[\subset I.$$

So

$$I =]a, b[.$$

In the same way we prove that I is a interval in the other cases.