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Lecture No. 3
Archimedean field

Completing axioms of \mathbb{R}

A15- Every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded above has a supremum.

OR:

Every nonempty set of real numbers that is bounded below has a infimum.

(A1- A15) imply that \mathbb{R} is complete ordered field.

Definition: Isomorphism of ordered field

Let F and K be two ordered fields, we say that $\phi: F \rightarrow K$ is isomorphism if ϕ is one to one , onto and preserve $(+, \cdot, <)$

i.e. for all x, y in F , $\phi(x + y) = \phi(x) + \phi(y)$

$$\phi(x \cdot y) = \phi(x) \cdot \phi(y)$$

if $x < y$ then $\phi(x) < \phi(y)$

Theorem: (Uniqueness of complete ordered field)-without proof

Every two complete ordered fields are isomorphic.

Extended real number

It is convenient to extend the system of real numbers by adding two elements ∞ and $-\infty$ so \mathbb{R} will be call extended real numbers, and:

If $x \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow -\infty < x < \infty$

$$x + \infty = \infty + x = \infty = -x + \infty$$

$$x - \infty = -\infty + x = -\infty - x = -\infty$$

$$x \cdot \infty = \infty \cdot x = \infty \text{ if } x > 0$$

$$x \cdot \infty = \infty \cdot x = -\infty \text{ if } x < 0$$

Note that the following combinations are undefined:

$$\infty - \infty, -\infty + \infty, 0 \cdot \infty, \infty \cdot 0$$

Exercises

6. if $\phi \neq S \subset \mathbb{R}$, $u = \sup(S)$ then every $p < u, \exists x \in S \ni p < x \leq u$.

i.e., if $u = \sup(S)$, then $\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists x \in S \ni u - \epsilon < x \leq u$

7. If $v = \inf(S)$ then $\forall p, p > v, \exists x \in S \ni v \leq x < p$.

8. If A, B are two bounded subsets of \mathbb{R} , $t \in \mathbb{R}$.

Define $A + B = C = \{x + y, x \in A, y \in B\}$

$$tA = \{t \cdot x \mid x \in A\}$$

Then:

$$\sup(A + B) = \sup(A) + \sup(B)$$

$$\inf(A + B) = \inf(A) + \inf(B)$$

$$\sup(tA) = \begin{cases} t \cdot \sup(A) & \text{if } t > 0 \\ t \cdot \inf(A) & \text{if } t < 0 \end{cases}$$
$$\inf(tA) = \begin{cases} t \cdot \inf(A) & \text{if } t > 0 \\ t \cdot \sup(A) & \text{if } t < 0 \end{cases}$$

Theorem 5

The set \mathbb{N} is not bounded above.

Proof

Suppose that \mathbb{N} is bounded above then \mathbb{N} has a supremum (by complete axiom) say $u = \sup(\mathbb{N})$

By example 6, $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ni u - 1 < n$

$\rightarrow u < n + 1$ for this n .

Since $n + 1 \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow C!$

(for $\sup(\mathbb{N}) = u < n + 1 \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$ is bounded)

Theorem 6

For every real number $x \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n > x$.

Proof

Suppose not, $n \leq x, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

Then x is upper bound of $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow C!$ (theorem 5)

Then there must exist $n \in \mathbb{N} \ni n > x$.

Theorem 7 Archimedean property

If $x \in \mathbb{R}^{++}$, then for any $y \in \mathbb{R}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ni nx < y$

Proof

If there is no $n \in \mathbb{N} \ni nx < y$, we have $nx \geq y, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$

$\rightarrow n \leq \frac{y}{x}, \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \frac{y}{x}$ is an upper bound for $\mathbb{N} \rightarrow C!$ (by Th. 5)

Definition

Let F be any field, F is called Archimedean field if \mathbb{N} is unbounded in F .

i.e., $\forall x \in F, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ni n > x$

Example 1- \mathbb{R} is arch. Field (by Th. 6)

2- \mathbb{Q} is arch. Field

Exercise: prove that $\sup(S) = \frac{1}{2}$ where $S = \{\frac{n-1}{2n}; n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

Theorem 8 (Density of real numbers)

a- Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x < y$, then \exists infinitely rationals between x and y

b- Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x < y$, then \exists infinitely irrationals between x and y .

Proof :

a) Since $x < y$ then $y - x > 0$

by arch. Prop. $\exists n \in \mathbb{N} \ni n(y - x) > 1$

$y - x > \frac{1}{n}$ since nx and $-nx \in \mathbb{R}$

$\xrightarrow{\text{by theorem 6}} \exists m, m' \ni m > nx \text{ and } m' > -nx$

$$\rightarrow -m' < nx < m \rightarrow \frac{m'}{n} < x < \frac{m}{n}$$

since the set $\{-m', -m' + 1, \dots, m\}$ is finite

\rightarrow let m'' the smallest number such that $x \leq \frac{m''}{n}$

$$\left(x \leq \frac{m''}{n} \quad m'' \text{ هي اصغر عدد في المجموعة يحقق المتراجحة} \right)$$

Since $m'' - 1 < m'' \rightarrow \frac{m''-1}{n} < x$ (حسب اختيار m'')

We have

$$x < \frac{m''}{n} = \frac{m'' - 1}{n} + \frac{1}{n} \leq x + \frac{1}{n}$$

$< x + (y - x) = y \rightarrow r = \frac{m''}{n}$ is rational and $x < r < y$

Continue in this way to find $r_i \in \mathbb{Q}$ and $x < r_i < r$,

and $x < \dots < r_2 < r_1 < r < y$

Remark: \mathbb{Q} is ordered field and arch. Prop, but \mathbb{Q} is not complete.

Theorem 9

\mathbb{Q} is not complete field.

Proof

Suppose \mathbb{Q} is complete.

Let $S = \{x: x \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \text{ and } x^2 \leq 2\} \subset [0, \sqrt{2}) \subset \mathbb{R}$

$\rightarrow S \neq \phi$ since $1 \in S$ and S is bounded above by ... $4 < 3 < 2 < \sqrt{2}$

By completeness, $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q} \ni r = \sup(S)$, axiom of \mathbb{Q}

Suppose $T = \{x \in \mathbb{R}^+: x^2 \leq 2\} = [0, \sqrt{2}]$

$\rightarrow S \subset T$ and $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational upper bound of S

$\rightarrow r < \sqrt{2}$

By Th.8, $\exists \bar{r} \in \mathbb{Q} \ni r < \bar{r} < \sqrt{2}$

$\rightarrow (\bar{r})^2 < 2 \rightarrow \bar{r} \in S \rightarrow C!$

Since $r = \sup(S) < r^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$ is not complete.

Theorem (10) (WITHOUT PROOF)

The equation $x^2 = 2$ has a unique positive solution in \mathbb{R}

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