

# Introduction to Real Analysis

## Real Numbers

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# Field Axioms

$\mathbb{R}$  with two binary operations on  $\mathbb{R}$  addition "+" and multiplication "." from  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  with the following properties

- 1  $a + b = b + a \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$   
(commutative property of addition)
- 2  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$   
(associative property for addition)
- 3  $\exists 0 \in \mathbb{R} : a + 0 = 0 + a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$   
(zero element)
- 4  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \quad \exists -a \in \mathbb{R} : a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0$   
(additive inverse)

# Field Axioms

- ①  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$   
(commutative property of multiplication)
- ②  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$   
(associative property for multiplication)
- ③  $\exists 1 \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R} : a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$   
(unit element)
- ④  $\forall a \neq 0 \in \mathbb{R} \quad \exists a^{-1} \in \mathbb{R} : a \cdot a^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot a = 1$   
(multiplicative inverse)
- ⑤  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \quad \forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$   
(distributive property of multiplication over addition)

# Order Axioms

Assume there is a subset  $P \subset \mathbb{R}$  with the following properties

- 1  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$  either  
 $a \in P$  or  $a = 0$  or  $-a \in P$
- 2 If  $a, b \in P$  then  $a + b \in P$  and  $a.b \in P$

# Triangle Inequality

## Theorem

If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  then

1-

$$|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$$

2-

$$||a| - |b|| \leq |a - b|$$

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# Bounded Sets

## Definition

If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$

- 1 If there is  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$a \leq u \quad \forall a \in A$$

the  $u$  is an upper bound of  $A$ , and  $A$  is bounded Above.

- 2 If there is  $l \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$l \leq a \quad \forall a \in A$$

the  $l$  is a lower bound of  $A$ , and  $A$  is bounded below.

- 3  $A$  is bounded if it is bounded above and below.

# Examples

Find an upper bound and a lower bound for the sets

- 1  $\{1, 2, 5\}$
- 2  $[2, 5)$
- 3  $\mathbb{Q}$
- 4  $\{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$



# Supremum and Infimum

## Definition

If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ , then an element  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$  is a least upper bound (supremum) if

- 1  $\beta$  is an upper bound of  $A$

$$a \leq \beta \quad \forall a \in A$$

- 2 If there is an upper bound  $u \in \mathbb{R}$  of  $A$  then

$$\beta \leq u$$

We use the notation

$$\beta = \sup A$$

# Supremum and Infimum

## Definition

If  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ , then an element  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  is a greatest lower bound (infimum) if

- 1  $\alpha$  is a lower bound of  $A$
- 2 If there is a lower bound  $l \in \mathbb{R}$  of  $A$  then

$$\alpha \geq l$$

We use the notation

$$\alpha = \inf A$$

# Examples

Find  $\sup A, \inf A$

①  $A = \{-1, -2, 5, 9\}$

②  $A = [-1, 3)$

# Maximum and Minimum

- If  $\sup A \in A$  then  $\sup A = \max A$
- If  $\inf A \in A$  then  $\inf A = \min A$

# Examples

Find  $\sup A$ ,  $\inf A$ ,  $\max A$ ,  $\min A$

①  $A = \{1, 2, 5\}$

②  $A = [2, 5)$

③  $A = \mathbb{Q}$

④  $A = \{\frac{1}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

⑤  $A = \{1 - \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$

# Examples

If  $A$  is any of the intervals  $(a, b)$ ,  $(a, b]$ ,  $[a, b)$ ,  $[a, b]$  then

$$\sup A = b$$

$$\inf A = a$$

# Completeness Axiom

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- 1 If  $\emptyset \neq A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is bounded above then it has a least upper bound in  $\mathbb{R}$
- 2 If  $\emptyset \neq A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is bounded below then it has a greatest lower bound in  $\mathbb{R}$

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If we define  $-A = \{-a : a \in A\}$  then  $A$  is bounded below iff  $-A$  is bounded above and we have

$$\inf A = -\sup(-A)$$



$\sqrt{2}$ 

## Theorem

There is no rational number  $x$  such that  $x^2 = 2$

## Theorem

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

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# Archimedean Property

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For every  $x > 0$  there is  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x > \frac{1}{n}$

## Corollary

for every  $x \geq 0$  there is an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n - 1 \leq x < n$

## Example

① It

$$x \in \mathbb{R}, \quad x \leq \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

then

② if

$$x \in [0, \infty), \quad x \leq \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

then

③ if

$$x \in \mathbb{R}^+, \quad x \leq \frac{1}{n} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$$

then

Density of  $\mathbb{Q}$ 

## Theorem

Each open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$  has a rational number.

If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x < y$  there exist  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $x < r < y$

Density of  $\mathbb{Q}^c$ 

## Theorem

Each open interval in  $\mathbb{R}$  has an irrational number.

If  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x < y$  there exist  $t \in \mathbb{Q}^c$  such that  $x < t < y$

## Exercises

- Determine  $\sup A$ ,  $\inf A$ ,  $\max A$ ,  $\min A$  where they exist;
  - $A = \left\{1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$
  - $A = \left\{\frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{m} : n, m \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$
  - $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x^2 - 4 < 0\}$
- If  $b$  is an upper bound of  $A$ , prove that  $b = \sup A$  if and only if for every  $\varepsilon > 0$  there is an element  $a \in A$  such that  $a > b - \varepsilon$
- If the sets  $A$  and  $B$  are bounded above and  $A \subseteq B$ , prove that  $\sup A \leq \sup B$
- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be bounded subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and define

$$A + B = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}$$

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