

Definition: A field is a set F with two operations, called addition (+) and multiplication (\cdot) which satisfy the following:

- 1- if $x, y \in F$ then $x+y \in F$
- 2- if $x, y \in F$ then $x+y = y+x$
- 3- if $x, y, z \in F$ then $(x+y)+z = x+(y+z)$
- 4- \exists an element $0 \in F$ s.t $x+0 = 0+x = x \quad \forall x \in F$
- 5- $\forall x \in F, \exists$ an element $-x \in F$ s.t $x+(-x) = (-x)+x = 0$
- 6- if $x, y \in F$ then $x \cdot y \in F$
- 7- if $x, y \in F$ then $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$
- 8- if $x, y, z \in F$ then $(x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$
- 9- \exists an element $1 \in F$ s.t $x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$
- 10- $\forall x \in F$ then $\exists x^{-1} \in F$ s.t $x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = 1$
- 11- if $x, y, z \in F$ $x \cdot (y+z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$

Examples: Show that $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot), (\mathbb{C}, +, \cdot)$ are fields.

Example: $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is not a field

because $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}, \nexists x^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t

$$x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = 1$$

since $2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ but $2^{-1} = \frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{s.t } 2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2 = 1$$

then $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is not a field.

Definition: $(F, +, \cdot, <)$ is called order field if:

- 1- $(F, +, \cdot)$ is a field
- 2- $(F, <)$ is an order set
- 3- if $a \leq b$ then $a+c \leq b+c \quad \forall a, b, c \in F$
- 4- if $a, b \in F, a > 0, b > 0$ then $a \cdot b > 0$

Example: $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot, <)$ is an order field

Solution:

1- let $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$x = \frac{a}{b}, \quad y = \frac{c}{d} \quad a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z} \quad b, d \neq 0$$

$$x+y = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

2- if $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$x+y = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd} = \frac{bc+ad}{bd} = y+x$$

$$\therefore x+y = y+x$$

3- if $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$x+(y+z) = \frac{a}{b} \left(\frac{c}{d} + \frac{e}{f} \right) = \frac{a}{b} + \frac{fc+de}{df} = \frac{adf+bfc+bde}{bdf}$$

$$(x+y)+z = \left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} \right) + \frac{e}{f} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd} + \frac{e}{f} = \frac{adf+bcf+bde}{bdf}$$

$$\therefore x+(y+z) = (x+y)+z$$

4- $\exists 0 \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $0 + \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{b} + 0 = \frac{a}{b}$

i.e. $0+x = x+0 = x$

5- $\forall x \in \mathbb{Q} \exists -x \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $x+(-x) = 0$

$$\frac{a}{b} + \left(-\frac{a}{b} \right) = 0$$

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6- if $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$x \cdot y = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd} \in \mathbb{Q}$$

7- if $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$x \cdot y = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd} = \frac{ca}{db} = y \cdot x$$

$$\therefore x \cdot y = y \cdot x$$

8- if $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$x \cdot (y \cdot z) = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \left(\frac{c}{d} \cdot \frac{e}{f} \right) = \frac{ace}{bdf}$$

$$(x \cdot y) \cdot z = \left(\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} \right) \cdot \frac{e}{f} = \frac{ace}{bdf}$$

$$\therefore x \cdot (y \cdot z) = (x \cdot y) \cdot z$$

9- $1 \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $1 \cdot \frac{a}{b} = \frac{a}{b}$, $1 = \frac{a}{b}$ $\therefore 1 \cdot x = x \cdot 1 = x$

10- $\forall x \in \mathbb{Q}$, $\exists x^{-1} \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $x \cdot x^{-1} = 1$

$$\text{i.e. } \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{a} = 1$$

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$\therefore (\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ is a field.

2- $(\mathbb{Q}, <)$ is an order set

3- if $x \leq y$ then $x+z \leq y+z$ $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$\frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{3} \leq \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{7}{12} < \frac{5}{6}$$

4- if $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$, $x > 0$, $y > 0$ then $x \cdot y > 0$

$$\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4} \in \mathbb{Q} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{8} > 0$$

$\therefore (\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot, <)$ is an order field.

Definition: Let $(F, +, \cdot, <)$ are order field
then $(F, +, \cdot, <)$ is called complete order field
if every subset $E \subseteq F$ which is bounded
above has least upper bound in F .

Example: The real number is complete order field.

Completeness property of \mathbb{R} :

[Every non empty set of real number which
is a bounded above has least upper bound in \mathbb{R}]

Example: The rational number is not complete
order field.

Sol: Consider the set $S = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^2 < 2\}$

3 is upper bound of S

$\therefore S$ is bounded above

But S does not has least upper bound in \mathbb{Q}

$\therefore (\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot, <)$ is not complete order field.

« The relation between field of real numbers and field of rational numbers »

Proposition : Every order field contains the integer numbers.

proof : Let $(F, +, \cdot, <)$ be an order field and 0 is the additive identity and 1 is the multiplicative identity

Now $1+1 \in F$, we claim that $1+1 \neq 1$
and $1+1 \neq 0$

suppose $1+1 = 1$

$$-1 + (1+1) = -1 + 1$$

$$(-1+1)+1 = -1+1$$

$$0+1 = 0$$

$$1 = 0 \quad \text{C!} \quad (0 < 1 \text{ since } F \text{ is an order field})$$

$$\because 0 < 1 \quad , \quad 0+0 < 1+1$$

$$0 < 1+1$$

$$\text{But } 1+1=2 \quad \text{and } 2 \neq 1$$

Similarly we can prove $3 = 1+1+1 \neq 2$

By induction $n = \underbrace{1+1+\dots+1}_{n\text{-times}} \in F$

since F is a field and $n \in F \Rightarrow -n \in F$

$\therefore F$ contains the integer number.

Corollary : Every order field contains the field of rational numbers.

proof : since $n \in F$ (proposition above)

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and F is a field $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \in F$

Now $\frac{1}{n}, m \in F \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} \cdot m \in F$

$$\frac{m}{n} \in F$$

$\therefore F$ contains the field of rational number

since \mathbb{R} is an order field

then $\mathbb{Q} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$.

Example : Show that the equation $x^2 = 2$ has no roots in the field rational numbers.

Solution : Suppose y is a rational number

$$\exists y^2 = 2$$

let $y = \frac{m}{n}$, $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ positive integer and $n \neq 0$

$$\left(\frac{m}{n}\right)^2 = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{m^2}{n^2} = 2$$

$$\therefore m^2 = 2n^2$$

1- suppose m is even and n is odd

$$m = 2k \Rightarrow m^2 = 4k^2$$

$$\therefore 4k^2 = 2n^2$$

$$2k^2 = n^2$$

n^2 is even

but n is odd $\Rightarrow n^2$ is odd

$\therefore n^2$ is even and odd which is contradiction

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2- Suppose m is odd and n is even

$$n = 2K \quad \Rightarrow \quad n^2 = 4K^2$$

$$m^2 = 2 \cdot 4K^2$$

m^2 is even

but m is odd

$\Rightarrow m^2$ is odd

$\therefore m^2$ is even and odd which is contradiction

3- suppose m and n are odd

$$m^2 = 2n^2$$

$\therefore m^2$ is even

but m is odd

$\Rightarrow m^2$ is odd

$\therefore m^2$ is even and odd which is contradiction

\therefore there is no rational number which satisfies

the equation $x^2 = 2$

Corollary : There exists a unique positive real number such that $x^2 = 2$.

Proof : Let $S = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R} \wedge x \geq 0, x^2 < 2\}$

S is non empty since $0 \in S$

$\Rightarrow S$ is bounded above and $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

\therefore By The completeness of the real numbers.

There exist least upper bounded of S in \mathbb{R} .

Let $y_0 = \sup(S) \Rightarrow y_0 > 0$

we claim $y_0^2 = 2$, suppose $y_0^2 \neq 2$

1- If $y_0^2 < 2$

Let $0 < h < 1$ and $h < \frac{2 - y_0^2}{2y_0 + 1}$

$$(y_0 + h)^2 = y_0^2 + 2y_0h + h^2 < y_0^2 + h(2y_0 + 1) \quad (h^2 < h)$$

By hypothesis $\therefore h < \frac{2 - y_0^2}{2y_0 + 1}$

$$y_0^2 + h(2y_0 + 1) < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (y_0 + h)^2 < 2 \implies y_0 + h \in S$$

$\therefore y_0$ is upper bounded of S and $y_0 < \underbrace{y_0 + h}_{\in S}$ c!

\therefore It is not true that $y_0^2 < 2$

2- $y_0^2 > 2$

let $0 < k < 1$ and $k < \frac{y_0^2 - 2}{2y_0 + 1}$

$$(y_0 - k)^2 = y_0^2 - 2y_0k + k^2 \geq y_0^2 - 2y_0k - k \quad (k^2 > -k)$$

$$\geq y_0^2 - k(2y_0 + 1)$$

By hyp. $k < \frac{y_0^2 - 2}{2y_0 + 1}$

$$\Rightarrow y_0^2 - k(2y_0 + 1) > 2 \implies (y_0 - k)^2 > 2$$

$\therefore y_0 - k$ is upper bounded of S and $y_0 - k < y_0$

since $y_0 = \sup(S)$

$\therefore y_0 - k < y_0$ c!

\therefore It is not true that $y_0^2 > 2$

Thus \exists positive real number x s.t. $x^2 = 2$

Archimedean Property :

If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a > 0$ there is a positive integer n such that $n \cdot a > b$

proof: Let $X = \{k \cdot a : k \in \mathbb{N}\}$, $X \neq \emptyset$, $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

suppose that the property is false

i.e. $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $n \cdot a < b$
 $\Rightarrow k \cdot a < b$

$\therefore b$ is upper bound of X .

since \mathbb{R} is complete and $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}$

then X has L.u.b in \mathbb{R} is y

i.e. $y = \sup(X)$

$\because a > 0 \Rightarrow y - a < y$

$\because y - a$ is not l.u.b of X ~~and~~ ~~and~~

let $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $m \cdot a \in X$ and $y - a < m \cdot a$

$\Rightarrow (m+1) \cdot a > y$

But $(m+1) \cdot a \in X$ c!

$\therefore n \cdot a > b$

Corollary : If $\epsilon \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\epsilon > 0$ then there exist positive integer $n \ni \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$

proof : put $p=1$ and $a=\epsilon$

\exists a positive integer n s.t. $n \cdot \epsilon > 1$

[By Archimedean prop.]

$$n \cdot \epsilon > 1 \quad \div$$

$$\epsilon > \frac{1}{n}$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon$$

The density of the rational numbers

Theorem : If $a \in \mathbb{R}$, $b \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $a < b$ then $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$ s.t. $a < r < b$

proof : 1- suppose $0 < a < b$ and $b-a > 1$

Let $S = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n = n \cdot 1 > a\}$. $S \neq \emptyset$

By Arch. prop.

Let k be the smallest number in S

$$k-1 < a < k \quad \dots \textcircled{1}$$

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since $1 < b-a < b-(k-1)$

$$1 < b-k+1$$

$$1-1 < b-k \Rightarrow 0 < b-k$$

$$\Rightarrow k < b \quad \dots \textcircled{2}$$

from $\textcircled{1}$ and $\textcircled{2}$

$\therefore k$ is a rational number between a and b

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2- suppose $0 < b-a \leq 1$

by Archimedean prop. \exists a positive integer n

$$\Rightarrow n(b-a) > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow nb - na > 1$$

from ① and Arch. prop.

\exists a positive integer k s.t. $na < k < nb$

$$\text{then } a < \frac{k}{n} < b$$

$\therefore \frac{k}{n}$ is a rational number between a and b

3- $a < 0 < b$

0 is a rational number between a and b

4- suppose $a < b < 0$

$$\text{then } 0 < -b < -a$$

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

$$\Rightarrow a < -r < b$$

$\therefore -r$ is a rational number between a and b

Corollary :

If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t. $a < b$ then the set of all rational number between a and b is infinite

proof : since $a < b$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

By above theorem

$$\exists r_1 \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ s.t. } a < r_1 < b \quad \text{also}$$

$$\exists r_2 \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ s.t. } r_1 < r_2 < b$$

$$\text{arbitrary } \exists r_n \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ s.t. } r_{n-1} < r_n < b$$

Then we get a set of rational number which is infinite "11"

Theorem : (The density of irrational number)

If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ s.t $a < b$ then there is s irrational number s.t $a < s < b$.

proof: suppose that the theorem is false

$\therefore \forall s \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a < s < b$, s is rational number

$\therefore a + \sqrt{2} < s + \sqrt{2} < b + \sqrt{2}$

$\therefore s + \sqrt{2}$ is irrational number

Thus there is no rational number between $a + \sqrt{2}$ and $b + \sqrt{2}$

which is contradiction with (density of rational number)

$\therefore a < s < b$ and s is irrational number.

Corollary : If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a < b$, the set of irrational numbers between a and b is infinite

proof: since $a < b$ and $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

\therefore by theorem of density of irrational numbers

$\exists s_1 \in \mathbb{Q}^c$ s.t $a < s_1 < b$ also

$\exists s_2 \in \mathbb{Q}^c$ s.t $a < s_2 < s_1$

arbitrary $\exists s_n$ s.t $a < s_n < s_{n-1}$

Then we get a set of irrational number which is infinite.