

Definition (Complete Property):

The ordered field $(F, +, \dots, \leq)$ is said to be complete if every nonempty subset A of F which is bounded above has least upper bound.

Examples:

1. The real numbers system $(\mathbb{R}, +, \dots, \leq)$ is complete order field.
2. The order field of rational numbers $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \dots, \leq)$ is not complete. Since

Let $S = \{x \in \mathbb{Q}^+ \text{ such that } x^2 < 2\} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ and $1 \in S \neq \emptyset$

S is bounded above but has no least upper bound in \mathbb{Q} because $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$

i.e. \exists a nonempty subset in \mathbb{Q} which is bounded from above but has no least upper bound.

Theorem:

The equation $x^2 = 2$ has no root in \mathbb{Q} ($\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$).

Proof:

Assume that $x^2 = 2$ has a root in \mathbb{Q} , so there is $x = \frac{a}{b} \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $x^2 = \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = 2$

$$\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2} = 2 \Rightarrow a^2 = 2b^2$$

$$\because b \neq 0 \Rightarrow a \neq 0$$

Suppose a, b are positive numbers such that $g.c.d(a, b) = 1$

1. If a, b are odd numbers $\Rightarrow a^2$ is odd $\Rightarrow 2b^2$ is odd C! ($2b^2$ is even)
 2. If a is odd number and b is even number
 $\Rightarrow b = 2d \Rightarrow a^2 = 8d^2 \Rightarrow a^2$ is even C! (a is odd)
 3. If a is even number and b is odd number
 $\Rightarrow a = 2c \Rightarrow 4c^2 = 2b^2 \Rightarrow 2c^2 = b^2 \Rightarrow b^2$ is even C! (b is odd)
 4. If a, b are even numbers impossible since $g.c.d(a, b) = 1$
- \therefore there is no rational number satisfy $x^2 = 2$. i.e. $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$.

Theorem: (Archimedean Property):

For all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x > 0$, then $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $nx > y$.

Proof:

Assume that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists x, y \in \mathbb{R} (x > 0)$ s.t. $nx \leq y$

Let $S = \{nx : n \in \mathbb{N}\} \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ and $x \in S \neq \emptyset$

y is an upper bound of S

Since \mathbb{R} is complete $\Rightarrow S$ has least upper bound say α

$\alpha = \ell. u. b. (S)$

$$\because x > 0 \Rightarrow -x < 0 \Rightarrow \alpha - x < \alpha$$

i.e. $\alpha - x$ can not be upper bound of S

$$\therefore \exists mx \in S \text{ s.t. } \alpha - x < mx \Rightarrow \alpha < x(m + 1)$$

But $x(m + 1) \in S$ and this is contradiction that $\alpha = \ell. u. b.(S)$

$$\therefore \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } x > 0, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ s.t. } nx > y.$$

Corollary:

$$\forall \epsilon > 0, \exists n \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } 0 < \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon.$$

Proof:

Given $\epsilon > 0$, by using A.P. (Archimedean Property), $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x > 0, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. $nx > y$

$$\text{Let } x = \epsilon > 0 \text{ and } y = 1 \Rightarrow n\epsilon > 1 \Rightarrow 0 < \frac{1}{n} < \epsilon.$$

Theorem: (Density of Rational Numbers in \mathbb{R}):

If $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x < y$, then $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $x < r < y$.

Proof:

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x < y$

If $x < 0 < y \Rightarrow 0 \in \mathbb{Q}$ result holds.

If $x > 0$ ($y > 0$) we have $y - x > 0$ ($x < y$)

By A.P. $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $0 < \frac{1}{n} < y - x$.

$$\Rightarrow 1 < n(y - x) = ny - nx$$

$$1 < ny - nx \Rightarrow 1 + nx < ny \dots (1)$$

$$nx > 0 \Rightarrow \exists m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } m - 1 \leq nx < m \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2) we get $nx < m \leq nx + 1 < ny$

$$\Rightarrow nx < m < ny$$

$$\therefore x < \frac{m}{n} < y \quad (n \neq 0 \text{ since } n \in \mathbb{N}).$$

Theorem: (Density of Irrational Numbers in \mathbb{R}):

If $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x < y$, then $\exists s \in \mathbb{Q}'$ (irrational number) such that $x < s < y$.

Proof:

Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ and $x < y$, $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}' \subseteq \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\sqrt{2}x < \sqrt{2}y \in \mathbb{R}$$

By (D. \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R}), $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that

$$\sqrt{2}x < r < \sqrt{2}y$$

$$x < \frac{r}{\sqrt{2}} < y \quad \left(\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}} \in \mathbb{Q}'\right).$$

H.W.

Prove that if $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$, then $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}'$ such that $x < r < y$.