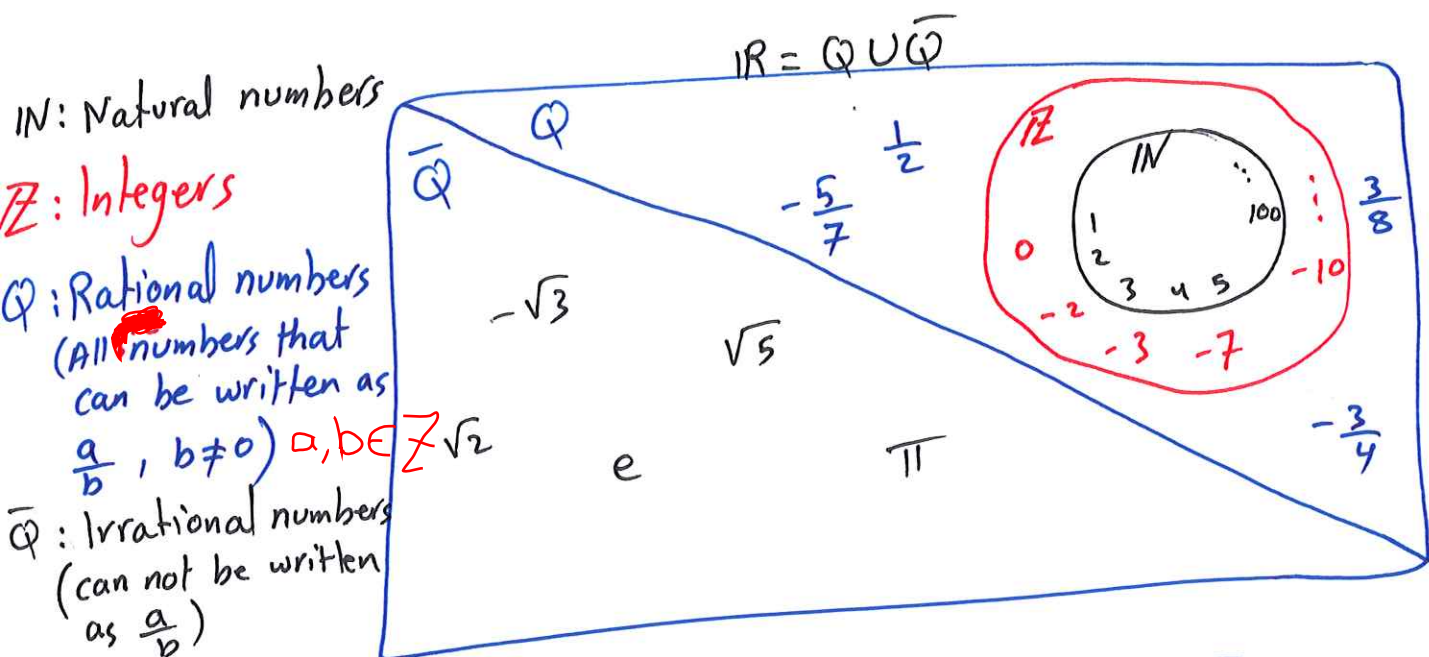


# 0.2 Real Numbers $\mathbb{R}$

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- In this book we will consider  $\mathbb{R}$  to be our universal set  $U$
- $\mathbb{R}$  is also called the real number line



$\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty)$  Real numbers  $\Rightarrow \mathbb{R} = \mathbb{Q} \cup \bar{\mathbb{Q}}$

- $\mathbb{Q}$  can have terminate decimals ( $\frac{1}{2} = 0.5$ ) or repeat decimals ( $\frac{1}{3} = 0.333\ldots$ )



- $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$  have no terminate decimals and have no repeated decimals

## Properties of $\mathbb{R}$

- [1]  $a + b = b + a$  Addition is commutative  
 $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$  multiplication is commutative

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- [2]  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$  Addition is associative  
 $(ab)c = a(bc)$  multiplication is associative

- [3]  $a + 0 = 0 + a = a$  The additive identity is 0

- [4]  $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$  The multiplicative identity is 1

[5]  $a + (-a) = -a + a = 0$  The additive inverse of  $a$  is  $-a$  [10]

[6]  $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{a} \cdot a = 1$  Any nonzero number  $a$  has multiplicative inverse  $\frac{1}{a} = a^{-1}$   
 0 has no multiplicative inverse since division by 0 is undefined

[7]  $a(b+c) = ab+ac$  Distribution Law: Multiplication is distributed over addition

Exp [1]  $2+3 = 3+2 = 5$  and  $(2)(3) = (3)(2) = 6$   
 [2]  $(2+3)+4 = 2+(3+4) = 9$  and  $(2)(3 \cdot 4) = (2 \cdot 3)(4) = 24$   
 [3]  $8+0 = 0+8 = 8 \Rightarrow 0$  is the additive identity  
 [4]  $5 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 5 = 5 \Rightarrow 1$  is the multiplicative identity  
 [5]  $2 + (-2) = (-2) + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow 2$  has additive inverse  $-2$   
 → Note that the negative number is any number less than 0  
 → But the negative of a number can be + or -  $\Rightarrow$   
 $-(-2) = 2 > 0$  and  $-(3) = -3 < 0$  and  $-(0) = 0$   
 [6]  $7 \cdot \frac{1}{7} = \frac{1}{7} \cdot 7 = 1 \Rightarrow 7$  has multiplicative inverse  $\frac{1}{7} = 7^{-1}$   
 [7]  $2(3+4) = (2)(3) + (2)(4) = 6+8=14$  Distribution law

## Inequalities and Intervals

- open intervals (no end points)  $x > a$  means  $(a, \infty)$   
 $x < b$  means  $(-\infty, b)$   
 $a < x < b$  means  $(a, b)$
- (two endpoints) Closed interval  $a \leq x \leq b$  means  $[a, b]$
- Half-open intervals (only one endpoint)  $x \geq a$  means  $[a, \infty)$   
 $x \leq b$  means  $(-\infty, b]$   
 $a \leq x < b$  means  $[a, b)$   
 $a < x \leq b$  means  $(a, b]$

End Points



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Exp Evaluate if possible or state meaningless:

(1)  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{0}$  meaningless since division by zero is undefined (denominator is zero)

(2)  $\frac{0}{\sqrt{5}} = 0$

(3)  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = 1$

(4)  $\frac{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{5}}$  meaningless since the denominator is zero (division by zero is undefined)

(5)  $(-3)^2 + 10 \cdot 2 = 9 + 20 = 29$

(6)  $-3^2 + 10 \cdot 2 = -9 + 20 = 11$

(7)  $\frac{(-5)(-3) - (-2)(3)}{-9+2} = \frac{15 - -6}{-7} = \frac{15+6}{-7} = \frac{21}{-7} = -3$

Exp write inequality corresponding to the following intervals

(1)  $(-1, 5) \Rightarrow -1 < x < 5$

(2)  $(0, 7] \Rightarrow 0 < x \leq 7$

(3)  $[-2, \infty) \Rightarrow -2 \leq x < \infty$

(4)  $(-\infty, 7) \Rightarrow -\infty < x < 7$

(5)  $(-\infty, \infty) \Rightarrow -\infty < x < \infty$

Exp write interval corresponding to the following inequalities:

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(1)  $-10 \leq x \leq 9$

$\Rightarrow$  closed interval  $[-10, 9]$

(2)  $-4 \leq x < 11$


$\Rightarrow$  half-open interval  $[-4, 11)$

(3)  $x > 0$

$\Rightarrow$  open interval  $(0, \infty)$

(4)  $x \leq -2$

$\Rightarrow$  half-open interval  $(-\infty, -2]$

(5) 

$\Rightarrow$  half-open interval  $[0, 5)$

# Absolute Value

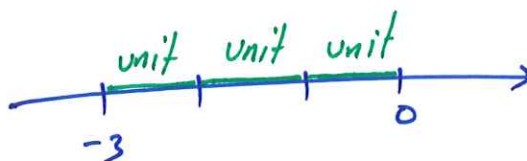
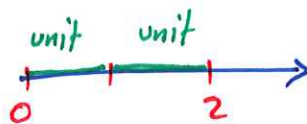
[12]

- Absolute value of the number  $a$  is  $|a|$  and represents the distance from origin
- $|a| \geq 0$  for any number  $a \in \mathbb{R}$

Exp (1)  $|2| = 2$

(2)  $|-3| = 3$

(3)  $|0| = 0$



(4)  $|-7 - |-3|| = |-7 - 3| = |-10| = 10$

Def  $|a| = \begin{cases} a & \text{if } a \geq 0 \\ -a & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$

Exp  $|-3| = -(-3) = 3$  since  $-3 < 0$

$|5| = 5$  since  $5 \geq 0$

## Operation with real numbers:

•  $+2 + 3 = +5$

$-2 - 3 = -5$

$-\frac{1}{3} - \frac{4}{3} = -\frac{5}{3}$

•  $2 - 3 = -1$

$3 - 2 = +1$

$-\frac{2}{3} + 1 = -\frac{2}{3} + \frac{3}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$

•  $-2 - (-3) = -2 + 3 = 1$

$14 - 8 = 6$

•  $(5)(-3) = -15$

$(-2)(6) = -12$

•  $(-16) \div (-2)$

$= \frac{-16}{-2} = 8$

•  $-8 \div 2 = -\frac{8}{2} = -4$

•  $(-3)(-4) = 12$

$(\frac{3}{4})(2) = \frac{6}{4}$

$(\frac{1}{2})(\frac{3}{4}) = \frac{3}{8}$

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- **Priority** to
  - 1) Brackets (parentheses)
  - 2) Powers ( $2^3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 8$ )
  - 3)  $\times, \div$  from left to right
  - 4)  $+, -$  from left to right

(13)

Exp Evaluate

1)  $-6 + 1 = -5$

2)  $-4^2 + 4 = -16 + 4 = -12$

3)  $((-4)^2 - 1) + 3 = (16 - 1) + 3 = 15 + 3 = 18$

4)  $6 \div 2(2+1) = 6 \div 2(3) = 6 \div 2 \cdot 3 = (6 \div 2)(3) = (3)(3) = 9$

5)  $9 - 2(2)(-10) = 9 - (-40) = 9 + 40 = 49$

6)  $\frac{(-3)^2 - 2 \cdot 3 + 6}{4 - 2^2 + 3} = \frac{9 - 6 + 6}{4 - 4 + 3} = \frac{(9-6)+6}{(4-4)+3} = \frac{3+6}{0+3} = \frac{9}{3} = 3$

Exp Insert  $<$  or  $>$  or  $=$  in  $\square$  :

1)  $-3 \square 0$

3)  $\pi \square 3.14$

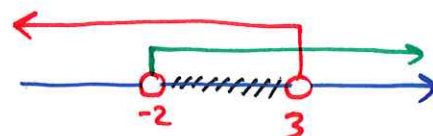
5)  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \square \frac{5}{6}$

2)  $0.6666 \square \frac{2}{3}$

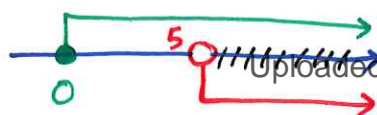
4)  $|-4| + |7| \square |-4+7|$

Exp Find an interval and graph for

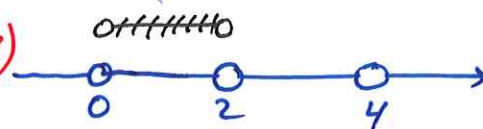
1)  $(-\infty, 3) \cap (-2, \infty) = (-2, 3)$



2)  $x > 5$  and  $x \geq 0 = (5, \infty)$



3)  $(-\infty, 4) \cup (0, 2) = (-\infty, 4)$



4)  $x \geq 7$  or  $x < 0 = (-\infty, 0) \cup [7, \infty)$

$= (-\infty, 0) \cup [7, \infty)$



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