

# Chapter 1 : The Real Number system

## 1.2 : Ordered Field Axioms.

### \* Postulate 1 [Field Axioms] :

$\forall a, b, c$ , there are functions  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2 := \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  defined with the properties:

1.  $a+b, a \cdot b \in \mathbb{R}$  (closure properties)

2.  $a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c$  and  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ . (Associative properties)

3.  $a+b = b+a$  and  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ . (Commutative properties)

4.  $a \cdot (b+c) = ab + ac$ . (Distributive Law)

5.  $\exists ! 0 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t  $a+0=a, \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ . (Existence of the Additive Identity)

6.  $\exists ! 1 \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t  $1 \neq 0$  and  $1 \cdot a = a, \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$  (Existence of the Multiplicative Identity).

7.  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists -a \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t  $a+(-a)=0$ . (Existence of Additive Inverses)

8.  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \exists ! a^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t  $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$  (Existence of Multiplicative Inverses)

H.W : Prove, use postulate 1, to derive :

1.  $(-1)^2 = 1$ ,  $0 \cdot a = 0$ .  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Proof  $0 \cdot a = 0$ :

$$\underline{0 \cdot a} + a$$

additive identity

$$= 0a + \underline{1 \cdot a}$$

Multiplicative identity

$$= a \cdot 0 + a \cdot 1$$

commutative property

$$= a(0+1)$$

Distributive law

$$= a \cdot 1$$

additive identity

$$= 1 \cdot a$$

commutative property

$$= a$$

multiplicative identity

$\Rightarrow 0a = 0$ , since the additive identity is unique and since we just proved that  $a + 0a = a$ , then  $0a = 0$

proof  $(-1)^2 = 1$

$$(-1)^2 a$$

$$= (-1)((-1)(a))$$

Associative property

$$= (-1)(-a) \quad , \quad -a = (-1)(a)$$

$$= (-1)(-a) \quad , \quad a = (-1)(-a)$$

$$= a \quad , \quad -(-a) = a$$

$\Rightarrow (-1)^2 = 1$

इस प्रैक्टिस लेसन का अंत

$$2. -a = (-1) \cdot a , \quad -(-a) = a , \quad -(a-b) = b-a . \quad \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} ,$$

\* proof  $-a = (-1) \cdot a$

$$\begin{aligned} & a + (-1)a \\ &= (1)a + (-1)a \end{aligned}$$

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

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

$$= a(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -a = (-1)a$$

\* proof  $-(-a) = a$

$$-(-a) + (-a)$$

$$= (-1)(-a) + (1)(-a) , \quad -a = (-1)a , \text{ Multiplicative identity. } (-)$$

$$= (-a)(-1) + (-a)(1) , \quad \text{commutative property}$$

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

$$= (-a) \cdot 0 , \quad \text{Additive inverse}$$

$$= 0 \cdot (-a) , \quad \text{commutative property}$$

$$= 0 , \quad 0a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -(-a) = a$$

\* Proof.  $-(a-b) = b-a$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & (a-b) + (b-a) \\
 &= (a + (-1)b) + (b + (-1)a), \quad -a = (-1)a \\
 &= a + ((-1)b + b) + (-1)a, \quad \text{Associative property} \\
 &= a + (b + (-1)b) + (-1)a, \quad \text{commutative property} \\
 &= a + (b + (-b)) + (-1)a, \quad -a = (-1)a \\
 &= (a + 0) + (-1)a, \quad \text{Additive inverse} \\
 &= (0 + a) + (-1)a, \quad \text{commutative property} \\
 &= a + (-1)a, \quad \text{Additive identity} \\
 &= a + (-a), \quad -a = (-1)a \\
 &= 0 \quad \text{Additive inverse} \\
 \Rightarrow & -(a-b) = b-a \quad \blacksquare
 \end{aligned}$$

3. If  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $ab = 0$  then  $a=0$  or  $b=0$ .

Suppose  $ab = 0$

If  $a=0$ , we are done.

If  $a \neq 0$ , we will show that  $b=0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}
 b &= b \cdot 1 = b \cdot (a \cdot \frac{1}{a}) = (ba) \frac{1}{a} = (ab) \frac{1}{a} = 0 \cdot \frac{1}{a} \quad \text{By hypothesis}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 0 \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 0 \quad \text{since } 0 \cdot c = 0, c \in \mathbb{R}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 0 \quad \blacksquare$$

## \* postulate 2 : [order Axioms].

$\exists$  a relation  $<$  on  $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$  s.t :

(i)  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , exactly one of the following is true:  $a < b$ ,  $a > b$  or  $a = b$  (Trichotomy)

(ii)  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$  and  $b < c \Rightarrow a < c$ . (Transitive)

(iii)  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a < b$  and  $c \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $a + c < b + c$  (Additive).

(iv)  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R} \rightarrow a < b, c > 0 \Rightarrow ac < bc$

$\rightarrow a < b, c < 0 \Rightarrow ac > bc$ . (multiplicative)

RMK :

•  $a \leq b$  means  $a < b$  or  $a = b$ .

•  $a < b < c$  means  $a < b$  and  $b < c$ .

expi:  $2 < x < 1$ , makes no sense.

•  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  nonnegative if  $a \geq 0$

$a \in \mathbb{R}$  positive if  $a > 0$ .

**RMK:**

① The set of Natural numbers,  $N := \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$ .

② The set of integers,  $\mathbb{Z} := \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots\}$

③ The set of Rationals,  $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{a}{b} \mid b \neq 0, a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ .

④ The set of irrationals,  $\mathbb{Q}^c = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  e.g.  $\exp, \sqrt{2}, \pi$ .

**Notes :**

- Equality in  $\mathbb{Q}$  is defined :  $\frac{m}{n} = \frac{p}{q} \iff mq = np$ .

-  $\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$  <sup>subset</sup>.



**RMK:**  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  satisfy

(i)  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $n+m, n-m$  and  $m \cdot n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . close under addition  
" " " multiplication

(ii) if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $n \in \mathbb{N} \iff n \geq 1$ .

(iii) <sup>there</sup>  $\mathbb{Z}$  is no  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfies  $0 < n < 1$ .

**exp:** check post. I for  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Q}^c$ .

$\mathbb{Q}$  satisfy postulate I.

**Ex:** If  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  prove that,  $a \neq 0 \Rightarrow a^2 > 0$ , In particular  $-1 < a < 1$ .  
prove.

Suppose that  $a \neq 0$ , Then  $a > 0$  or  $a < 0$ .

case 1 :  $a > 0$

$$a \cdot a > 0 \cdot a \quad (\text{multiplicative})$$

$$a^2 > 0 \quad (\text{Field axioms}).$$

case 2 :  $a < 0$

$$a \cdot a \underset{\text{red}}{\leq} 0 \cdot a \rightarrow a^2 \text{ is zero}$$

$$a^2 > 0$$

This proves,  $a^2 > 0$ , for  $a \neq 0$ .

In particular, take  $a = 1 \neq 0$

$$1^2 = 1 \text{ implies } a^2 > 0 \text{ if and only if } 1 > 0 \quad (i)$$

and  $-1$  to both side  $-1 + 1 > -1 + 0$

$$0 > -1 \quad (ii)$$

(i) and (ii) give  $-1 < 0 < 1$  #.

**Ex:** If  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , prove that :

$$(i) 0 < a < 1 \Rightarrow 0 < a^2 < a$$

spse  $0 < a < 1$

$$\text{Then } 0 \cdot a < a \cdot a < 1 \cdot a$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < a^2 < a$$

#

$$(ii) a > 1 \Rightarrow a^2 > a$$

$a > 1$  and  $1 > 0$  } if  $a > 1$

then  $a > 0$

The  $a \cdot a > a \cdot 1$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 > a$$

#

### Q1.2.2 (Exercises)

H.W : prove the following .

$$1. 0 \leq a < b \text{ and } 0 \leq c < d \Rightarrow ac < bd ,$$

suppose  $(0 \leq a < b) \cdot c$  and  $(0 \leq c < d) \cdot b$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq ac < bc \text{ and } 0 \leq cb < db$$

$$\Rightarrow ac < bc \text{ and } bc < db$$

$$\Rightarrow ac < bd \quad (\text{By transitive property (order axiom)})$$

$$2. 0 \leq a < b \rightarrow 0 \leq a^2 < b^2 \text{ and } 0 \leq \sqrt{a} \leq \sqrt{b} .$$

$$0 \leq a < b \rightarrow 0 \leq a^2 < b^2$$

$$0 \leq a < b \rightarrow 0 \leq \sqrt{a} \leq \sqrt{b}$$

By contradiction .

$$\text{let } \sqrt{a} \geq \sqrt{b}$$

$$(\sqrt{a})^2 \geq (\sqrt{b})^2$$

$$\text{But } \underline{\sqrt{a} > b} \quad \times \quad (\text{)})$$

contradicts By  $a < b$  .

3.  $0 < a < b$  then  $\frac{1}{a} > \frac{1}{b} > 0$

part 1 spsc  $a < b$  By contradiction

and let  $\frac{1}{a} \leq \frac{1}{b}$

By Multiplicative property implies

$$\left(\frac{1}{a}\right) \cdot ab \leq \left(\frac{1}{b}\right) \cdot ab$$

$$\frac{ab}{a} \leq \frac{ab}{b} \rightarrow b \leq a \text{ * with } a < b$$

part 2:

If  $\left(\frac{1}{b} \leq 0\right) \cdot b^2 \rightarrow b \leq 0$  \*

4. show each of these statements is false if the hypothesis  $a \geq 0$  or  $a > 0$  is removed.

To show it not hold when  $a \leq 0$

$\rightarrow$  let  $a = -2, b = -1, c = 2, d = 5$  Then

$a < b$  and  $c < d$  but  $ac > bd$

$$\rightarrow a^2 = 4, b^2 = 1 \rightarrow a^2 > b^2$$

$$\rightarrow \frac{1}{a} = -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{b} = -1 \rightarrow \frac{1}{a} > \frac{1}{b}$$

**Def:** The absolute value of  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  is  $|a| = \begin{cases} a, & a \geq 0 \\ -a, & a < 0 \end{cases}$

**RMK:** The absolute value is multiplicative, i.e.

$$|ab| = |a||b|, \forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$$

**Proof:** We consider 4 cases.

case 1 :  $a=0$  or  $b=0$  then  $ab=0$

$$\text{So By def } |ab|=0 = |a||b|.$$

case 2 :  $a>0$  and  $b>0$ , Then  $a.b > (a.b) \rightarrow ab > 0$

$$\text{Hence, By def } |ab|=ab=|a||b|.$$

case 3 :  $(a>0 \text{ and } b<0)$  or  $(b>0 \text{ and } a<0)$

suppose  $a>0$  and  $b<0$  then  $ab < a.b \rightarrow ab < 0$

Hence, By def, H.w.l, Associativity and commutativity:

$$|ab| = -|ab| = (-1)(ab) = a(-1)b = a(-b) = |a||b|.$$

case 4 :  $a<0$  and  $b<0$ . Then  $a.b > a.b \rightarrow ab > 0$

$$\text{Hence, by def } |ab|=ab=(-1)^2(a.b)=(-a)(-b)=|a||b|.$$

**Thm 1:** Let  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $M \geq 0$ . Then  $|a| \leq M \Leftrightarrow -M \leq a \leq M$ .

Proof:

$\Rightarrow$  Suppose  $|a| \leq M$

Then  $-|a| \geq -M$

$\Leftarrow$  Conversely, suppose that  $-M \leq a \leq M$

Then  $a \leq M$  and  $-M \leq a$

Multiply the second inequality by  $-1$   
we get  $-a \leq M$

case 1 :  $a \geq 0$

$|a| = a$ , By Def. of absolute value

Thus,  $-M \leq 0$  hypothesis  $M \geq 0$

$0 \leq a$  assumption  $a \geq 0$

$$a = |a|$$

$|a| \leq M$  By assuming

$$\Rightarrow -M \leq a \leq M$$

case 1 :  $a \geq 0$

$$|a| = a \leq M$$

We are done.

case 2 :  $a < 0$

$$|a| = -a \leq M$$

case 2 : suppose,  $a < 0$

Thus,  $|a| = -a$  By def

This prove  $|a| \leq M$  in either case.

Thus,  $-M \leq -|a|$  By assuming

$$-|a| = -(-a)$$

$$-(-a) = a$$

$$a < 0$$

$$0 \leq M$$

##

This prove  $-M \leq a \leq M$  in either case



H.W: one can prove that:  $|a| < M \Leftrightarrow -M < a < M$

Thm 2 :

(i) (positive definite):  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|a| \geq 0$  with  $|a|=0 \iff a=0$ .

(ii) (symmetric):  $\forall [a], b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|a-b| = |b-a|$ .

<sup>app</sup> (iii) (Triangle inequality):  $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$  and  $||a|-|b|| \leq |a-b|$ .

\* prove (i), (ii) exercise (textbook p. 11).

proof (iii): To prove the first ineq  $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$ :

notice that  $|x| \leq |x|$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Thus, by Thm 1  $\Rightarrow -|a| \leq a \leq |a|$   
and  $-|b| \leq b \leq |b|$ .  $\quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ + \end{array} \right\}$

Then  $-(|a| + |b|) \leq \underbrace{(a+b)}_a \leq |a| + |b| = |a| + |b|$

Thm 1 again  $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$ .

To prove the second ineq  $||a|-|b|| < |a-b|$ .

Apply the first ineq to  $(a-b) + b$

$$|a| - |b| = |(a-b) + b| - |b|$$

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

$$\therefore |a| - |b| \leq |a-b| \quad \text{--- (I)}$$



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

contd.

Reverse the roles of  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\Rightarrow |b|-|a| \leq |b-a| = |a-b| \quad \text{By II}$$

$$\Rightarrow -(|a|-|b|) \leq |a-b| \quad \text{By II}$$

(I) and (II) give  $-|a-b| \leq |a|-|b| \leq |a-b|$

$$\Rightarrow |a|-|b| \leq |a-b| \quad \square$$

Warning:  $b < c \not\Rightarrow |a+b| < |a+c|$

exp:  $-5 < 1$  But  $|-5+1| \not< |-1+1|$

T/F

① If  $b < c$ , then  $|a+b| < |a+c|$  T

② If  $b < c$ , then  $|a+b| < |a+c|$  F

exp: prove that if  $-2 < x < 1$ , then  $|x^2 - x| \leq 6$

pf: since  $-2 < x < 1$  and  $1 < 2$  then  $-2 < x < 2$ .

i.e.,  $|x| < 2$ .

$$\text{Now: } |x^2 - x| \leq |x^2| + |-x|$$

$$= |x|^2 + |x| \quad \text{Triangle equality}$$

$$\leq (2)^2 + 2 = 6.$$

QED  
✓

Theorem 3: let  $x, y, a \in \mathbb{R}$  Then:

$$x-y < \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x-y < 0 \rightarrow (x \leq y)$$

(i)  $x < y + \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \Leftrightarrow x \leq y$ .



(ii)  $x > y - \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \Leftrightarrow x \geq y$ .

(iii)

(iii)  $|a| < \varepsilon, \forall \varepsilon > 0 \Leftrightarrow a = 0$ .

$a = 0$  with 3rd condition

PROVE:

(i)  $\Rightarrow$  suppose  $x < y + \varepsilon$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  but  $x > y$  (contradiction).

Set  $\varepsilon_0 = x - y > 0 \rightarrow (x > y \Rightarrow x - y > 0)$  arises

and observe that  $x = y + \varepsilon_0$ .

Hence, by the Trichotomy property,  $x \neq y + \varepsilon_0$ .

This contradicts the hypothesis for  $\varepsilon = \varepsilon_0$ . Hence  $x \leq y$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Conversely, suppose that  $x \leq y$  and  $o < \varepsilon$ .

Then  $x < y$  or  $x = y$

If  $x = y$  then  $x < y + \varepsilon$

If  $x < y$  and  $o < \varepsilon$ , then  $x + o < y + \varepsilon$

$x < y + \varepsilon \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0$  in either case.

(ii) suppose that  $x > y - \varepsilon$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ .

Then  $-x < -y + \varepsilon$

use (i),  $-x < -y + \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow -x \leq -y \Leftrightarrow x \geq y$ .

(iii)

$$|a| < \varepsilon = o + \varepsilon$$

By (i)  $x < y + \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow x \leq y$

by part (i),  $|a| \leq o \rightarrow |a| < \varepsilon = o + \varepsilon$

and we know,  $|a| \geq o$

$|a| < o + \varepsilon \Leftrightarrow |a| \leq o$

so we have  $|a| \leq o$  and  $|a| \geq o$

Trichotomy property  $\Rightarrow |a| = o$

$|a| = o \Leftrightarrow a = 0$  (we know)

So  $a = 0$

conversely, suppose  $a = 0$ ,  $\varepsilon > 0$ , we need to prove  $|a| < \varepsilon$

$a = 0 \Rightarrow |a| = |0| = 0 < \varepsilon$  [ ] assumption  $\Rightarrow |a| < \varepsilon$  [ ] result proof.

**Def:** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , A closed interval is of the form:

$$[a, b] := \{x : a \leq x \leq b\}.$$

$$[a, \infty) := \{x : x \geq a\}$$

$$(-\infty, b] := \{x : x \leq b\}$$

$$(-\infty, \infty) := \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

\* open interval:

$$(a, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x < b\}$$

$$(a, \infty) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > a\}$$

$$(-\infty, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < b\}$$

$$(-\infty, \infty) := \{x \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

\* •  $[a, b) := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a \leq x < b\}$

•  $(a, b] := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : a < x \leq b\}$ .

\* • An interval  $I$  is bounded iff it has the form  $[a, b]$ ,  $(a, b)$ ,  $[a, b)$  or  $(a, b]$  for  $-\infty < a \leq b < \infty$ .

• If  $a = b$ , then an interval  $I$  is degenerate and nondegenerate if  $a < b$ .

• The length of a bounded interval  $I$  with endpts  $a$  and  $b$  is  $|I| := |b - a|$ .

Rmk: by Thm:  $|a| \leq M \Leftrightarrow a \in [-M, M]$ .