

## 1.2: ordered Field Axioms

★ **Postulate 1: Field Axioms**:  $\forall a, b, c$  there are functions  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined with the properties:

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

2. (Associative property):  $a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c$ ,  $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$

3. (commutative property):  $a+b = b+a$ ,  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

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

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

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

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

8. (Existence of multiplication Inverse):  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ ,  $\exists! a^{-1} \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $aa^{-1}=1$

★ **Postulate 2: order Axiom**:  $\exists$  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)  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\bullet$   $a < b$ ,  $c > 0 \rightarrow ac < bc$

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

RMK:  $-a \leq b$  means  $a < b$  or  $a = b$ .

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

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

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

RMK:

- Natural number:  $\mathbb{N} := \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\}$

- Integer number:  $\mathbb{Z} := \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$

- Rational number:  $\mathbb{Q} := \left\{ \frac{a}{b}, b \neq 0, a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$

$$\frac{m}{n} = \frac{p}{q} \rightarrow mq = np$$

- Irrational number:  $\mathbb{Q}^c := \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$

$$\bullet \mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$$

RMK:  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}$  satisfy the following property:

(i)  $n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $n+m, n-m, m \cdot n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

(ii) If  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $n \in \mathbb{N} \Leftrightarrow n \geq 1$ .

(iii) There is no  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  that satisfy  $0 < n < 1$ .

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

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

Thm 2:

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

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

(iii) (triangle inequality):  $|a+b| \leq |a| + |b|$  and  $||a| - |b|| \leq |a-b|$ .

Note:  $b < c \Rightarrow |a+b| < |a+c|$ .

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

\* open interval:

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

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

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

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

- An interval  $I$  is bounded iff it has the form  $[a, b]$ ,  $(a, b)$ ,  $[a, b)$ ,  $(a, b]$  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 endpoints  $a$  and  $b$  is  $|I| = |b - a|$ .

$$\text{RMK by Thm 1: } |a| \leq M \Leftrightarrow a \in [-M, M]$$

### 1.3: Completeness Axiom

Def: let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be a nonempty set, Then

(i)  $E$  is bounded above iff  $\exists$  an  $M \in \mathbb{R}$  st  $x \leq M, \forall x \in E$  ( $M$  is an upper bound of  $E$ ).

(ii) A number  $\beta$  is called a supremum of  $E$  iff  $\beta$  is an upper bound and  $\beta \leq M$ , for all upper bounds  $M$  of  $E$ .

We say  $E$  has a finite supremum and we write  $\sup E = \beta$ .

Note: every supremum is its upper bound, The opposite is not true.

RMK:

(1)  $\sup E$  (if it exists) is the smallest (least) upper bound.

(2) to prove  $\sup E = \beta$  we prove two things:

(i)  $\beta$  is an upper bound of  $E$  (ie,  $x \leq \beta, \forall x \in E$ ).

(ii) If  $M$  is any an upper bound of  $E$  then  $\beta \leq M$ .

RMK:

1. If a set has one upper bound, it has infinitely many upper bounds.

2. If  $\sup E = \beta$  exists then it is unique.

Thm: Approximation property for supremum.

If  $\sup E = \beta < +\infty$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  then  $\exists$  a point  $x \in E$  st  $\beta - \varepsilon < x \leq \beta$ .

**Thm 2:** If  $E \subset \mathbb{Z}$  has a supremum then  $\sup E \in \mathbb{Z}$

In particular If the sup of a set which contains only integers exists, then that sup must be an integer.

**\* Postulate 3: Completeness Axiom.**

If  $E$  is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above then  $E$  has finite supremum.

**Thm 3: Archimedean property:**

given  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a > 0$ ,  $\exists$  an integer  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $b < na$ .

**Remark:**  $\sup E$  is not always belong to  $E$ .

**Thm 4: Density of Rationals:**

The rational number  $\mathbb{Q}$  are dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ , That is

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  with  $a < b$   $\exists q \in \mathbb{Q} : a < q < b$ .

**DF:** let  $E \subset \mathbb{R}$  be nonempty

(i) The set  $E$  is said to be bounded below iff  $\exists m \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $m \leq x$   
 $\forall x \in E$ , in this case  $m$  is said to be a lower bound of  $E$ .

(ii) A number  $\alpha$  is called an infimum of the set  $E$  iff  $\alpha$  is a lower bound of  $E$  and  $\alpha \geq \gamma$  for all lower bounds  $\gamma$  of  $E$ .

In this case we say that  $E$  has an infimum  $\alpha$  and write  $\inf E = \alpha$ .

(iii)  $E$  is said to be bounded iff it is bounded above and below.

That is  $\exists m, M$  s.t.  $m \leq x \leq M$   $\forall x \in E$ , OR  $\exists M > 0$  s.t.  $|x| \leq M$   $\forall x \in E$ .

**RMK**: When a set  $E$  contains its supremum we write  $\max E = \sup E$ .  
Similarly if  $\inf E \in E$  we write  $\inf E = \min E$ .

**Thm 5: Reflection principle**: let  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  be nonempty

(i)  $E$  has a supremum iff  $-E$  has an infimum, in which case  $\inf(-E) = -\sup(E)$ .

(ii)  $E$  has an infimum iff  $-E$  has a supremum, in which case  $\sup(-E) = -\inf(E)$ .

**Thm 6: Monotone property**: suppose that  $A \subseteq B$  are nonempty sets of  $\mathbb{R}$ :

(i) If  $B$  has a supremum then  $\sup A \leq \sup B$ .

(ii) If  $B$  has an infimum then  $\inf A \geq \inf B$ .

**Thm 7: Approximation property for infimum**:

If a set  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  has a finite infimum  $\alpha$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$  is any positive number then there is a point  $x \in E$  s.t.  $\alpha + \varepsilon > x \geq \alpha$ .

**\* Completeness property for Infimum**:

If  $E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is nonempty and bdd below then  $E$  has a finite infimum.

**\* The extended real numbers**:

$\overline{\mathbb{R}} := \mathbb{R} \cup \{\pm\infty\} = [-\infty, \infty]$ . Thus  $x$  is an extended real number iff  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $x = \infty$  or  $x = -\infty$ .

•  $\emptyset \neq E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is unbdd above if it has no upperbound and unbdd below if it has no lowerbound.

•  $\emptyset \neq E \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  we define  $\sup E = \infty$  if  $E$  is unbdd above and  $\inf E = -\infty$  if  $E$  is unbdd below.

• we define  $\sup \emptyset = -\infty$ ,  $\inf \emptyset = \infty$ .