

## 1. The real numbers

DEFINITION 1.1. A group  $(G, \cdot, e)$  is given by a set  $G$ , a map  $\cdot : G \times G \rightarrow G$  and  $e \in G$  such that

$$(1) \cdot(f, \cdot(g, h)) = \cdot(\cdot(f, g), h)$$

$$(2) \cdot(f, e) = \cdot(e, f) = f$$

$$(3) \text{ There exists } k \text{ such that } \cdot(f, k) = e = \cdot(k, f)$$

for all  $f, g, h \in G$ . Notation  $gh = \cdot(g, h)$ .  $G$  is called commutative if in addition

$$gh = hg$$

for all  $g, h \in G$ .

DEFINITION 1.2. A field is given by  $(F, +, 0, \cdot, 1)$  such that  $(F, +, 0)$  is a commutative group,  $(F \setminus \{0\}, \cdot, 1)$  is a commutative group and

$$x(y + z) = xy + xz$$

for all  $x, y, z \in F$ .

**Project:** Show that a field has at least two elements.

DEFINITION 1.3.  $(X, \leq)$  is pre-ordered if  $\leq \subset X \times X$  satisfies

$$(1) (x, y) \in \leq \Leftrightarrow (y, x) \in \leq$$

$$(2) (x, x) \in \leq.$$

$$(3) (x, y) \in \leq, (y, z) \in \leq \text{ implies } (x, z) \in \leq.$$

for all  $x, y, z \in X$ . Notation  $x \leq y$  instead of  $(x, y) \in \leq$ . If moreover

$$(x, y) \in X \times X \Rightarrow x \leq y \wedge y \leq x,$$

then  $X$  is called totally ordered.

DEFINITION 1.4. An ordered field is a field with a total order  $\leq$  such that  $x \leq y$  implies

$$x + z \leq y + z$$

and if moreover  $z \geq 0$

$$xz \leq yz$$

for all  $x, y, z \in F$ .

**Project:**  $\mathbb{Q}$  is an ordered field.

LEMMA 1.5. Every ordered field contains a copy of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

DEFINITION 1.6.  $|x| = \begin{cases} x & x \geq 0 \\ -x & x < 0 \end{cases}$  and  $d(x, y) = |x - y|$ .

DEFINITION 1.7. Let  $F$  be an ordered field. If  $d : X \times X \rightarrow F$  satisfies the axioms of a metric space, we call it an  $F$ -metric space. In the definition of convergence and completeness, we replace  $\varepsilon > 0$  by  $\frac{1}{k} > 0$ .

LEMMA 1.8.  $(\mathbb{Q}, d)$  is a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -metric space.

THEOREM 1.9. There exists an ordered field  $Y$  and a map  $d : Y \times Y \rightarrow Y$  such that such that  $(Y, d)$  is a complete  $Y$ -metric space and  $\mathbb{Q}$  is dense, i.e. for every  $x \in Y$  and  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , there exists  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  with

$$d(x, q) < \frac{1}{k}.$$

REMARK 1.10. Such an object is unique up to isomorphism

PROPOSITION 1.11. (Properties)

- (1)  $\lim \frac{1}{k} = 0$ ,
- (2)  $a < b$  iff there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $a + \frac{1}{k} \leq b$
- (3) if  $a < b$ , then there exists  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that

$$a < q < b.$$

- (4)  $a > 0$  and  $\varepsilon > 0$ , then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $a < k\varepsilon$ .

DEFINITION 1.12. A set  $A \subset \mathbb{R}$  is bounded above if there exists  $b \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

$$a \leq b$$

for all  $a \in A$ .

THEOREM 1.13. Let  $A$  be bounded from above. Then there exists  $s \in \mathbb{R}$  such that

- (1)  $s$  is an upper bound.
- (2) If  $b$  is an upper bound for  $A$ , then  $s \leq b$ .

$s = \sup A$  is called the supremum (=the least upper bound).

**Project:** Characterization for supremum.

COROLLARY 1.14. Closed intervals are closed and complete.