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Theorem Archimedean Property: Let $x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0$. Then $\forall y \in \mathbb{R} \exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $nx > y$.

Theorem Density of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R} . $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x < y, \exists p \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $x < p < y$.

Theorem $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0$, and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists! y > 0$ such that $y^n = x$.

Homework 2. If we define the order $(a, b) \leq (c, d)$ if $a \leq c$ and $b \leq d$ then the positive values lie in the first quadrant of the complex plane. If you add 2 vectors, you use the parallelogram law to find the resultant which will also lie in the first quadrant if the 2 vectors are positive. But when you multiply 2 vectors, you add their directional angles, which may put the resultant vector in a quadrant that is no longer positive. Thus, the product of two vectors may not be positive.

3. $n = p_1^{n_1} \cdot p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_m^{n_m}$ where at least one exponent is odd.

Assume $\sqrt{n} = a/b$, then $b^2 n = a^2$. Thus

$$b_1^{2n_1} \cdot b_2^{2n_2} \cdots b_m^{2n_m} \cdot p_1^{n_1} \cdot p_2^{n_2} \cdots p_m^{n_m} = a_1^{2n_1} \cdot a_2^{2n_2} \cdots a_m^{2n_m}.$$

This gives us an odd power of a prime on the left and an even power of the same prime on the right.

4. $2^{p/q} = 3 \Rightarrow 2^q = 3^p$ which gives us 2 distinct prime factorizations of the same number, contrary to Fund. Theorem of Arithmetic.

Review Know how to construct the real numbers.

Know the definition of a cut.

$$\mathbb{R} = \{\text{cuts in } \mathbb{Q}\}$$

cut = $\alpha \subset \mathbb{Q}$ such that (1) $\alpha \neq \emptyset; \alpha \neq \mathbb{Q}$;

(2) $\forall p \in \alpha \forall q \in \mathbb{Q}, q < p \Rightarrow q \in \alpha$;

(3) $\forall p \in \alpha \exists r \in \alpha$ such that $p < r$

Theorem 1.20 (a) Archimedean Property

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x > 0$. Then $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}$, $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $nx > y$.

(b) Density of \mathbb{Q} in \mathbb{R} . (In topology we have $A \subset X$ is dense if $\bar{A} = X$)

$\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $x < y$, $\exists p \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $x < p < y$.

Proof:

(a) Case 1: $y > 0$. Suppose the result is not true.

Then $\exists y \in \mathbb{R}^+$ such that $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ we have $nx \leq y$.

Let $A = \{nx \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$. This is bounded above.

Use the least upper bound property of \mathbb{R} to conclude $\alpha = \sup A$ exists.

So $\alpha - x$ is not an upper bound. So $\exists m \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\alpha - x < mx$.

Thus $\alpha < mx + x = x(m + 1) \in A$. But this contradicts that $\alpha = \sup A$.

Case 2: If $y \leq 0$, we choose $n = 1$ and have $1 \cdot x > y$ as $x > 0$.

(b) Case 1: $0 < x < y$.

By (a) $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $n(y - x) > 1$, hence $1/n < y - x$.

Let $A = \{\frac{m}{n} \mid m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } \frac{m}{n} \leq x\}$. This set is bounded above by x .

Then $\exists m_0 \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $m_0/n = \sup A$. And $m_0/n \in A$ as A is finite.

We know $(m_0 + 1)/n > x$ as $\sup A = m_0/n < (m_0 + 1)/n$,

so then $(m_0 + 1)/n \notin A$, hence $(m_0 + 1)/n > x$.

So then $m_0/n \leq x \Rightarrow (m_0 + 1)/n = m_0/n + 1/n < x + y - x = y$.

Thus $x < (m_0 + 1)/n < y$.

Case 2: If $x < 0 < y$, then $0 \in \mathbb{Q}$, and the result holds.

Case 3: If $x < y < 0$, then $0 < -y < -x$. So then by Case 1: $\exists p \in \mathbb{Q}$

such that $-y < p < -x$, thus $x < -p < y$.

Theorem 1.21

$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x > 0$, and $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists! y > 0$ such that $y^n = x$ (i.e. $y = \sqrt[n]{x}$).

Proof:

Uniqueness: Suppose $\exists y_1, y_2 \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $0 < y_1 < y_2$.

We will show $y_1^n \neq y_2^n$ by induction.

Let $n = 1$, then $y_1^2 < y_1 y_2$ and $y_1 y_2 < y_2^2$, hence $y_1^2 < y_2^2$.

Let $n > 1$ and assume $y_1^n < y_2^n$.

Then $y_1^n y_1 < y_2^n y_1$ and $y_2^n y_1 < y_2^n y_2$. Thus $y_1^{n+1} < y_2^{n+1}$.

Let $x \in \mathbb{R}^+$, let $n \in \mathbb{N}$, and let $E = \{t \in \mathbb{R} \mid t^n < x\}$.

If $t = x/(x+1)$, then $(x/(x+1))^n < x/(x+1) < x$. So $E \neq \emptyset$.

If $t = x+1$, then $(x+1)^n > x+1 > x$, so E is bounded above by $x+1$.

Thus $y = \sup E$ exists.

Claim: $y^n = x$.

Suppose $y^n < x$.

We will find a contradiction by looking for $h > 0$ such that $y+h$ is not an upper bound of E , (i.e. $(y+h)^n < x$).

We will use the identity

$$\begin{aligned} b^n - a^n &= (b-a)(b^{n-1} + b^{n-2}a + \dots + b^0 a^{n-1}) \\ &\leq (b-a)(b^{n-1} + b^{n-2}b + \dots + b^0 b^{n-1}) \text{ when } a < b \\ &= (b-a)(b^{n-1} + b^{n-1} + \dots + b^{n-1}) \\ &= (b-a)nb^{n-1}. \end{aligned}$$

Then for our contradiction, we work backwards from

$$(y+h)^n < x$$

$(y+h)^n - y^n < x - y^n$ so that we can use the identity above

$(y+h)^n - y^n < (y+h-y)n(y+h)^{n-1}$ by the identity since $y < y+h$

So then we want $hn(y+h)^{n-1} < x - y^n$.

This tells us that we want $h < (x - y^n)/[n(y+h)^{n-1}]$.

But we need this value in terms of y, x and n only,

so we can make $h < 1$.

Then let $h < \min \{1, (x - y^n)/[n(y+1)^{n-1}]\}$.

Thus, $(y+h)^n - y^n < hn(y+1)^{n-1} < x - y^n$, hence $(y+h)^n < x$,

the desired contradiction.

Now suppose $y^n > x$. We will work backwards again. We want to find $k > 0$ such that $y-k$ is not an element of E .

$$(y-k)^n > x$$

$$(y-k)^n - y^n > x - y^n$$

$$y^n - (y-k)^n < y^n - x$$

$$y^n - (y-k)^n < (y - (y-k))ny^{n-1} = kny^{n-1}$$

So then we want $kny^{n-1} \leq y^n - x$, so we can let $k = (y^n - x)/(ny^{n-1})$.

Thus, $y^n - (y-k)^n < kny^{n-1} < y^n - x$, hence $(y-k)^n > x$ as desired.