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**Homework** Ch.1 #1  $r \in \mathbb{Q}, r \neq 0, x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . Prove  $r + x, rx \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .

If  $r + x \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $r + x = a/b$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0$ .

So then  $x = a/b - r \in \mathbb{Q}$ , a contradiction to  $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .

Ch.1 #2  $r \in \mathbb{Q}, r^2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ ?

$$r^2 = 4 \cdot 3 \Rightarrow m^2/n^2 = 4 \cdot 3 \Rightarrow m^2 = 4 \cdot 3n^2 \Rightarrow m = 3k \Rightarrow 9k^2 = 4 \cdot 3n^2 \Rightarrow 3k^2 = 4n^2 \Rightarrow n = 3j.$$

If we know  $\sqrt{12}$  exists, then we can use #1.  $\sqrt{12} = 2\sqrt{3}$ .

If we don't know exists, then to prove there is no  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $r^2 = 12$  requires a different approach.

**Review**

If  $S$  is a nonempty set, then we can define " $<$ ".

With  $(S, <)$  we can define the lub property.

If every nonempty subset  $E \subset S$  that is bounded above has a least upper bound, then  $S$  has the least upper bound property.

This is also called the "Completeness Property" or "Completeness Axiom".

**Example**

Let  $S = \mathbb{Z}$ . Let  $E \subset \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $E \neq \emptyset$  and  $E$  is bounded above.

Then  $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a \leq n_0 \forall a \in E$ .

**Proof:**

Let  $n_0$  be an upper bound of  $E$ .

Case 1: If  $n_0 = \sup E$ , then we're done.

Case 2: If  $n_0 \neq \sup E$ , then  $n_0 - 1$  is an upper bound of  $E$ .

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Case 2: If  $n_0 - 1 \neq \sup E$ , then consider  $n_0 - 2$ .

As  $E \neq \emptyset$ , this process must end.

**Example**

$\mathbb{Q}$  does not have the lub property as  $\sup E \notin \mathbb{Q}$  where  $E = \{r \in \mathbb{Q} : r^2 < 2\}$ .

**Definition** 1.12 A *field* is a set  $F$  with 2 operations,  $+$  and  $\cdot$  which satisfy the field axioms

" $+$ "  $\forall x, y, z \in F$ , we have

closure:  $x + y \in F$

commutativity:  $x + y = y + x$

associativity:  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$

identity element:  $\exists 0 \in F$  such that  $x + 0 = 0 + x = x$

inverse element:  $\exists -x$  such that  $x + -x = -x + x = 0$

" $\cdot$ "  $\forall x, y, z \in F$ , we have

closure:  $xy \in F$

commutativity:  $xy = yx$

associativity:  $x(yz) = (xy)z$

identity:  $\exists 1 \in F$  such that  $1 \cdot x = x \cdot 1 = x$

inverse:  $\forall x \neq 0, \exists 1/x$  such that  $x \cdot 1/x = (1/x) \cdot x = 1$

Distributive law:  $x(y + z) = xy + xz$

**Definition** 1.17 An *ordered field* is a field  $F$  which is also an ordered set, such that

(i) If  $x, y, z \in F$  and  $y < z$ , then  $x + y < x + z$

(ii) If  $x, y, z \in F, y < z$  and  $0 < x$ , then  $xy < xz$

(Book's (ii)') If  $x, z \in F, x > 0$ , and  $z > 0$ , then  $xz > 0$ .

(ii)  $\Rightarrow$  (ii)' If  $y = 0$  and  $z > y$ , hence  $z > 0$ , then  $z \cdot x > 0 \cdot x = 0$ .

(ii)'  $\Rightarrow$  (ii) If  $0 < z - y$  and  $0 < x$ , then  $0 < x(z - y)$ , and so  $xy < xz$ .

**Propositions** 1.14, 1.15, 1.16, 1.18 check these, but they won't be exam material.

**Theorem** 1.19 There exists an ordered field  $\mathbb{R}$  which has the lub property and which contains  $\mathbb{Q}$  as a subfield.

**Step 1** Start with  $\mathbb{Q}$  and build  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Define "cuts" in  $\mathbb{Q}$  as  $\alpha \subset \mathbb{Q}$  where

(i)  $\alpha \neq \emptyset$  and  $\alpha \neq \mathbb{Q}$

(ii) If  $p \in \alpha$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $q < p \Rightarrow q \in \alpha$

(iii) If  $p \in \alpha$ , then  $\exists r \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $p < r$

$\mathbb{R} = \{\alpha \mid \alpha \text{ is a cut in } \mathbb{Q}\}$

**Step 2** Define  $\alpha < \beta$  if  $\alpha \subset \beta$  and  $\alpha \neq \beta$ .

If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

(i)  $\alpha < \beta, \alpha = \beta$ , or  $\alpha > \beta$ ; and

(ii) If  $\alpha < \beta$  and  $\beta < \gamma$ , then  $\alpha < \gamma$

Now we have  $(\mathbb{R}, <)$ , an ordered set.

- Step 3** Let  $E$  be a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Assume  $\beta$  is an upper bound of  $E$ .  
 Define  $\gamma = \bigcup_{\alpha \in E} \alpha$ .  
 Since  $E \neq \emptyset$ ,  $\exists \alpha_0 \in E$  such that  $\alpha_0 \neq \emptyset$ . Since  $\alpha_0 \subset \gamma$ , then  $\gamma \neq \emptyset$ .  
 $\gamma \subset \beta$ , so  $\gamma \neq \mathbb{Q}$ . If  $p \in \gamma$ , then  $p \in \alpha_1$  for some  $\alpha_1 \in E$ .  
 If  $q < p$ , then  $q \in \alpha_1$ , hence  $q \in \gamma$ .  
 And if  $r \in \alpha_1$  such that  $r > p$ , then  $r \in \gamma$  since  $\alpha_1 \subset \gamma$ .  
 Thus  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ .  
 $\alpha \leq \gamma$  for every  $\alpha \in E$ .  
 If  $\delta < \gamma$ , then  $\exists s \in \gamma$  such that  $s \notin \delta$ . Since  $s \in \gamma$ ,  $s \in \alpha$  for some  $\alpha \in E$ .  
 Hence,  $\delta < \alpha$ , and  $\delta$  is not an upper bound of  $E$ .  
 $\therefore \gamma = \sup E$ .  
 Thus,  $\mathbb{R}$  has the lub property.
- Step 4** If  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , we define  $\alpha + \beta$  to be the set of all sums  $r + s$ , where  $r \in \alpha$  and  $s \in \beta$ .  
 Verify the 5 axioms for "+".
- Step 5** If  $\alpha, \beta$ , and  $\gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ , and  $\beta < \gamma$ , then  $\alpha + \beta < \alpha + \gamma$ .
- Step 6** If  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}^+$ , define  $\alpha\beta = \{p \mid p \leq rs \text{ for } r \in \alpha, s \in \beta \text{ where } r > 0, s > 0\}$
- Step 7** Set  $\alpha 0^* = 0^* \alpha = 0^*$ .  
 Define  $\alpha\beta = (-\alpha)(-\beta)$  if  $\alpha < 0^*, \beta < 0^*$   
 $= -[(-\alpha)\beta]$  if  $\alpha < 0^*, \beta > 0^*$   
 $= -[\alpha \bullet (-\beta)]$  if  $\alpha > 0^*, \beta < 0^*$
- Step 8** Identify each  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $r^* = \{q \in \mathbb{Q} \mid q < r\}$   
 These cuts satisfy the following relations:  
 (a)  $r^* + s^* = (r + s)^*$   
 (b)  $r^* s^* = (rs)^*$   
 (c)  $r^* < s^*$  if and only if  $r < s$ .
- Step 9**  $\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$ .