

# MATH 142A: Introduction to Analysis

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Today: Ordered field

> Q&A: January 7

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Week 1:

- visit course website
- homework 0 (due Friday, January 7)
- join Piazza

# Fields

$$\mathbb{N} \subset \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} \quad (\text{proper subsets})$$

Let  $F$  be a set with two binary operations

$$+ : F \times F \rightarrow F$$

$$\text{and } \cdot : F \times F \rightarrow F$$

Consider the following properties:

A1.  $\forall a, b, c \in F$

A2.  $\forall a, b \in F$

A3.  $\exists 0 \in F$  s.t.  $\forall a \in F$

A4.  $\forall a \in F$   $\exists -a \in F$  s.t.

$$\mathbb{Q}_{\geq 0} := \{r \in \mathbb{Q} : r \geq 0\}$$

## Fields (cont)

M1.  $\forall a, b, c \in F$  (associativity)

M2.  $\forall a, b \in F$  (commutativity)

M3.  $\exists 1 \in F$  s.t.  $\forall a \in F$  (neutral element)

M4.  $\forall a \in F$  s.t.  $a \neq 0$   $\exists a^{-1} \in F$  s.t.  $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$  (multiplicative inverse)

DL  $\forall a, b, c \in F$

Definition (Field) Set  $F$  with binary operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  satisfying A1-A4, M1-M4, DL is called a

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Remark  $\mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{R}$  are fields,  $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z}$  are not fields (with usual  $+, \cdot$ )

## Consequences of field axioms

Theorem 3.1 Let  $\mathbb{F}$  with operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  be a field.

Then for any  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$

(i)  $a+c = b+c \Rightarrow a=b$

(iv)  $(-a)(-b) = ab$

(ii)  $a \cdot 0 = 0$

(v)  $ac = bc \wedge c \neq 0 \Rightarrow a=b$

(iii)  $(-a)b = -ab$

(vi)  $ab = 0 \Rightarrow a=0 \vee b=0$

Proof. (i)

which implies that

(ii)

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Proof.

## Ordered fields

Definition Set  $S$  with a (binary) relation  $\leq$  is called  
if

$$(01) \quad \forall a, b \in S$$

$$(02) \quad \forall a, b \in S$$

$$(03) \quad \forall a, b, c \in S$$

Definition Let  $F$  be a set with operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  and  
order relation  $\leq$ .  $F$  is called an if

•  $F$  with  $+$  and  $\cdot$  is a

•  $F$  with  $\leq$  is

• (04)

$$\forall a, b, c \in F$$

• (05)

## Properties of ordered fields

Theorem 3.2 Let  $F$  be an ordered field with operations  $+$ ,  $\cdot$  and order relation  $\leq$ . Then  $\forall a, b, c$  in  $F$

$$(i) \quad a \leq b \Rightarrow -b \leq -a$$

$$(v) \quad 0 < 1$$

$$(ii) \quad a \leq b \wedge c \leq 0 \Rightarrow bc \leq ac$$

$$(vi) \quad 0 < a \Rightarrow 0 < a^{-1}$$

$$(iii) \quad 0 \leq a \wedge 0 \leq b \Rightarrow 0 \leq ab$$

$$(vii) \quad 0 < a < b \Rightarrow 0 < b^{-1} < a^{-1}$$

$$(iv) \quad 0 \leq a^2 \quad [a^2 = a \cdot a]$$

$$[ "a < b" \text{ means } "a \leq b \wedge a \neq b" ]$$

Proof. (i)

(ii)

(iv)

## Absolute value

Let  $F$  be an ordered field

Def 3.3. Let  $a \in F$ . We call  $|a| := \left\{ \right.$

the **absolute value** of  $a$ .

Def 3.4 Let  $a, b \in F$ . We call  $\text{dist}(a, b) := |a - b|$

the **distance** between  $a$  and  $b$  [ $a - b := a + (-b)$ ]

Thm 3.5 (i)  $\forall a \in F$

(ii)  $\forall a, b \in F$

(iii)  $\forall a, b \in F$  (Triangle inequality)

Proof (i) Follows from the definition and Thm 3.2 (i).

(ii) Exercise (check 4 cases)

## Proof (cont) (iii)

Step 1:  $\forall c \in \mathbb{F}, 0 \leq c \Rightarrow -|c| \leq c \leq |c|$

Proof:

Step 2:  $\forall c \in \mathbb{F}, c \leq 0 \Rightarrow -|c| \leq c \leq |c|$

Proof:  $c \leq 0 \Rightarrow (|c| = -c) \wedge (-|c| = c) \wedge (0 \leq |c|) \Rightarrow -|c| \leq c \leq 0 \leq |c|$

Step 3:  $-|a| \leq a \leq |a|, -|b| \leq b \leq |b|$

Follows from Step 1 and Step 2.

Step 4:  $-|a| - |b| \leq a - |b| \leq a + b \leq$

Corollary  $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{F}$

Proof. Exercise