

Ch: Set & Seq  
part 2

## Ordered Field

A field  $S$  is an ordered field if it satisfies the following:

(1) Law of Trichotomy

(2) Transitivity

(3) Compatibility with addition

(4) Compatibility with multiplication

(1) Law of Trichotomy:  
for  $a, b \in S$  any one is true  
 $a > b$ ,  $a = b$ ,  $a < b$

(2) Transitivity:  $a > b$ ,  $b > c \Rightarrow a > c$

(3) Compatibility with addition:  
 $a > b \Rightarrow a + c > b + c$

(4) " " multiplication.  
 $a > b$  &  $c > 0 \Rightarrow ac > bc$

# Properties of $\mathbb{N}$

Well ordering Property :  
Every non-empty subset  
of  $\mathbb{N}$  has a least element

Example:  $\nearrow$  non-empty subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  (want  $\alpha \in S$ )

$$S = \{2, 5, 7\}, \alpha = 5$$

$S_1 = \{2, 5\}$  is a finite subset of  $\mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow$  it has a least element  $\beta$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq \beta \leq 5$$

Let  $\gamma \in S \Rightarrow$  either  $\gamma > 5$  or  $\gamma \leq 5$  (no problem)

Now,  $\gamma > 5$

$$\Rightarrow \beta < \gamma$$

$\gamma \leq 5 \Rightarrow \gamma \in S_1 \Rightarrow \beta \leq \gamma \Rightarrow \beta$  is least

# Theorem: (Principle of Induction)

A non-empty set  $S (\subseteq \mathbb{N})$   
such that

$$(i) 1 \in S$$

$$(ii) k \in S \Rightarrow k+1 \in S$$

Then  $S = \mathbb{N}$

Proof: let  $S_1 = \mathbb{N} \setminus S$ . To show  $S_1 = \emptyset$   
Indeed, if  $S_1 \neq \emptyset$  then  $\alpha$  (least of  $S_1$ )  $\Rightarrow$

and  
 $1 \in S$  and  $k \in S \Rightarrow k+1 \in S$

Now,



H.W. (1) Show that  $(3+\sqrt{5})^n + (3-\sqrt{5})^n$  is an even integer

(2)  $n! > 2^{n-1}$  for  $n \geq 3$

(3)  $7^n - 3^n$  is divisible by 4

★ (4) If  $u_1 = \sqrt{2}$  and  $u_{n+1} = \sqrt{2+u_n}$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then show:  
 $u_n < 2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

H.W.

(1) Show that, the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  is not a field although it satisfies the order structure.

(2) The set of rationals  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a field and satisfies order properties

# Bounded<sup>(bdd)</sup> & unbounded set

Bdd above:  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$  is bdd above

i.p.  $\exists B_a \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $a \leq B_a \forall a \in S$

$B_a =$  upper bound

Bdd below: Similar defn

Bounded: Both bdd above & below



Least upper bound (LUB)  
= supremum (sup)

Greatest Lower bound (GLB)  
= infimum (inf)

Observe that:

sup & inf are unique & may or may not belong to the set

Ex:

$$S = \{ 2, 4, 7 \}$$

Many upper bound : 7, 8, 10, etc  
" Lower bound : 2, 0, -1, -12 etc

$$\sup(S) = 7 \text{ and } \inf(S) = 2$$

How? True / False:

- (1)  $\sup(\mathbb{N})$  exists
- (2)  $\inf(\mathbb{N}) = 1$

H.W.

(1)  $S = \left\{ \frac{1}{n+1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$  has sup & inf

(2) Find sup(S) and inf(S)

(i)

$$S = \left\{ \frac{n^2}{n^2+1} : n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$$

(ii)

$$S = \left\{ |x| : x^2 < 1, x \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

(iii)

$$S = \left\{ \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n} : m, n \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

$$(iv) \quad S = \left\{ \frac{(-1)^m}{m} + \frac{(-1)^n}{n} : m, n \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$$

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\* For two non-empty sets  $A, B$   
Show that

$$(i) \quad \sup(A \cup B) = \max \left\{ \sup(A), \sup(B) \right\}$$

$$(ii) \quad \inf(A \cup B) = \min \left\{ \inf(A), \inf(B) \right\}$$

# Real Number



field  $\checkmark$ , ordered field  $\checkmark$

\* Completeness property  
( $\mathbb{R}$  satisfies,  $\mathbb{Q}$  not)

\* Archimedean property  
(both  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $\mathbb{Q}$  satisfies)

$\sqrt{2}$   $\alpha^2 < 2 \Rightarrow$  can get  $a$   $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$   
 Example  $\alpha = \frac{4+3\alpha}{3+2\alpha} < \sqrt{2}$

Let  $S = \{ a \in \mathbb{Q} : a > 0, a^2 < 2 \}$   
 $\Rightarrow S$  non empty, bdd above by 2  
 BUT,  $S$  has no sup in  $\mathbb{Q}$   $\Rightarrow \Leftarrow$   
 i.e.  $\text{sup}(S) \notin \mathbb{Q}$  (proof?)

Hint. If  $\text{sup}(S) = \alpha$  then  $\alpha^2 < 2$  or  $\alpha^2 = 2$

# Archimedean Property

If  $a, b (> 0) \in \mathbb{R}$  then  
 $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $nb > a$

Ex: If  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $n > a$

(Hint  $a \leq 0 \Rightarrow n=1$ ; If  $a > 0$  take  $b=1$ )

H.W. If  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a > 0$  then  
show that  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$  s.t.  $0 < \frac{1}{n} < a$



# Sets in $\mathbb{R}$

- 1) open interval  $\{x : a < x < b\}$
- 2) close "  $\{x : a \leq x \leq b\}$
- 3) semi open | semi close  $\{x : a < x \leq b\}$  or  $\{x : a \leq x < b\}$



4) Neighbourhood (nbd) for  $\alpha \in (a, b)$

$N(\alpha, \delta) = (\alpha - \delta, \alpha + \delta)$  is  $\delta$ -nbd of  $\alpha$

5) Interior point : point containing nbd.

open set:



A set  $S$  is open set if

each point of  $S$  is an


interior point of  $S$ .



eg:  ~~$(2, 3]$~~  ✓  $(2, 3)$

3 is not interior pt.

Deleted neighborhood:  $N(x) \setminus \{x\} \equiv N'(x)$

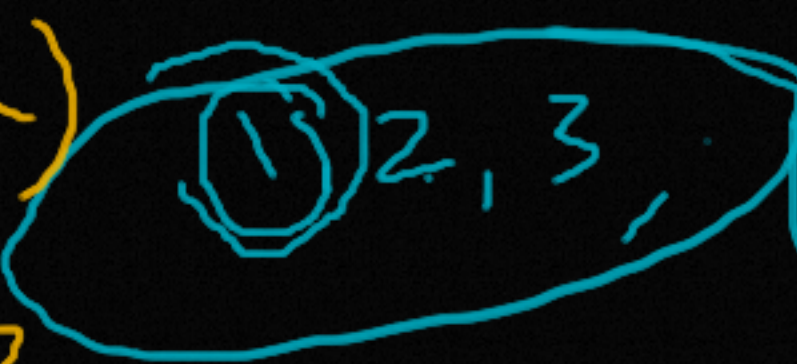
Limit point / Cluster point: 


A point  $x \in S$  is said to be a  
limit point of  $S$  if  $N'(x) \cap S \neq \emptyset$

eg:  $S = (2, 3]$  each pt of  $S$  is  
limit pt. Even if  $2 \notin S$ , but  $2$  is limit pt

$2 - \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N}$

Isolated point:  $(\exists \delta > 0) \cap S \cap (x - \delta, x + \delta) = \{x\}$   


$y \in S$  is isolated point of  $S$  

if  $y$  is not limit pt of  $S$ . 

eg:  $\mathbb{N}$  has no limit pt, all isolated

### \* Bolzano-Weierstrass Theorem:

Every bdd infinite subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  has at least one limit pt in  $\mathbb{R}$