

Basic Properties of Real Numbers

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Summary. Basic facts of arithmetics of real numbers are presented: definitions and properties of the complement element, the inverse element, subtraction and division; some basic properties of the set REAL (e.g. density), and the scheme of separation for sets of reals.

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The articles [2], [4], [1], and [3] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

In this paper x, y, z, t denote real numbers.

Let us note that every element of \mathbb{R} is real.

A real number is an element of \mathbb{R} .

Let x be a real number. Then $-x$ is a real number. Then x^{-1} is a real number.

Let x, y be real numbers. Then $x+y$ is a real number. Then $x \cdot y$ is a real number. Then $x - y$ is a real number. Then $\frac{x}{y}$ is a real number.

The following propositions are true:

$$(25)^1 \quad x - 0 = x.$$

$$(26) \quad -0 = 0.$$

$$(49)^2 \quad \text{If } x \leq y, \text{ then } x - z \leq y - z.$$

$$(50) \quad x \leq y \text{ iff } -y \leq -x.$$

$$(52)^3 \quad \text{If } x \leq y \text{ and } z \leq 0, \text{ then } y \cdot z \leq x \cdot z.$$

$$(53) \quad \text{If } x + z \leq y + z, \text{ then } x \leq y.$$

$$(54) \quad \text{If } x - z \leq y - z, \text{ then } x \leq y.$$

$$(55) \quad \text{If } x \leq y \text{ and } z \leq t, \text{ then } x + z \leq y + t.$$

Let y, x be real numbers. Let us observe that $x < y$ if and only if:

$$(\text{Def. 5})^4 \quad x \leq y \text{ and } x \neq y.$$

We now state a number of propositions:

$$(66)^5 \quad x < 0 \text{ iff } 0 < -x.$$

¹ The propositions (1)–(24) have been removed.

² The propositions (27)–(48) have been removed.

³ The proposition (51) has been removed.

⁴ The definitions (Def. 1)–(Def. 4) have been removed.

⁵ The propositions (56)–(65) have been removed.

- (67) If $x < y$ and $z \leq t$, then $x + z < y + t$.
- (69)⁶ If $0 < x$, then $y < y + x$.
- (70) If $0 < z$ and $x < y$, then $x \cdot z < y \cdot z$.
- (71) If $z < 0$ and $x < y$, then $y \cdot z < x \cdot z$.
- (72) If $0 < z$, then $0 < z^{-1}$.
- (73) If $0 < z$, then $x < y$ iff $\frac{x}{z} < \frac{y}{z}$.
- (74) If $z < 0$, then $x < y$ iff $\frac{y}{z} < \frac{x}{z}$.
- (75) If $x < y$, then there exists z such that $x < z$ and $z < y$.
- (76) For every x there exists y such that $x < y$.
- (77) For every x there exists y such that $y < x$.

The scheme *SepReal* concerns a unary predicate \mathcal{P} , and states that:

There exists a subset X of \mathbb{R} such that for every real number x holds $x \in X$ iff $\mathcal{P}[x]$ for all values of the parameters.

Next we state four propositions:

- (84)⁷ $x + y \leq z$ iff $x \leq z - y$.
- (86)⁸ $x \leq y + z$ iff $x - y \leq z$.
- (92)⁹ If $x \leq y$ and $z \leq t$, then $x - t \leq y - z$ and if $x < y$ and $z \leq t$ or $x \leq y$ and $z < t$, then $x - t < y - z$.
- (93) $0 \leq x \cdot x$.

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⁶ The proposition (68) has been removed.

⁷ The propositions (78)–(83) have been removed.

⁸ The proposition (85) has been removed.

⁹ The propositions (87)–(91) have been removed.