

HANDOUT 4 ½  
THE REAL AXIOMS  
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The Field Axioms of  $\mathbb{R}$

Axiom 1 (closure of addition):  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x + y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(x = w \wedge y = v) \Rightarrow (x + y = w + v)$

Axiom 2 (commutative of addition):  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x + y = y + x.$

Axiom 3 (associative of addition):  $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$

Axiom 4 (existence of identity of addition):  $\exists$  a unique number  $0 \ni x + 0 = x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Axiom 5 (existence of additive inverse):  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \exists$  a unique number  $-x \ni x + (-x) = 0$

Axiom 6 (closure of multiplication):  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \cdot y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $(x = w \wedge y = v) \Rightarrow (x \cdot y = w \cdot v)$

Axiom 7 (commutative of multiplication):  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, x \cdot y = y \cdot x.$

Axiom 8 (associative of multiplication):  $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$

Axiom 9 (existence of identity of multiplication):  $\exists$  a unique number  $1 \ni x \cdot 1 = x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$(1 \neq 0).$

Axiom 10 (existence of multiplicative inverse):  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \ni x \neq 0 \exists$  a unique number  $x^{-1}$

$\ni x \cdot (x^{-1}) = 1$

Axiom 11 (distributive of multiplication over addition):  $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, x \cdot (y + z) = (x \cdot y) + (x \cdot z)$

## The Order Axioms of $\mathbb{R}$

Axiom 12 (trichotomy):  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , exactly one of the following relationships exists between  $x$  and  $y$  :  
 $x < y, x = y, \vee x > y. [(x < y) \text{ exor } (x = y) \text{ exor } (x > y)]$

Axiom 13 (transitive):  $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, [(x < y) \wedge (y < z)] \Rightarrow (x < z)$

Axiom 14 (preservation of order under addition):  $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}, (x < y) \Rightarrow (x + z < y + z)$

Axiom 15 (preservation of order for positive multiplier):  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}, [(x < y) \wedge (0 < z)] \Rightarrow$   
 $(x \cdot z < y \cdot z)$

## The Completeness Axiom of $\mathbb{R}$

Axiom 16 (completeness): Let  $A$  be a subset of  $\mathbb{R}$  that is bounded above. It is the case that  $\sup(A)$  exists.