

# Number Systems

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$$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots\} = \text{natural numbers}$$

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} = \text{integers}$$

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{p}{q} \mid p, q \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ with } q \neq 0 \right\} = \text{rational numbers}$$

$$\mathbb{R} = (-\infty, \infty) = \text{real numbers}$$

$$\mathbb{C} = \{a + ib \mid a, b \in \mathbb{R} \text{ with } i = \sqrt{-1}\} = \text{complex numbers}$$

**E1** Examples of numbers,

$32 \in \mathbb{N}$  ("∈" means "element of")

$234, 216, 247 \in \mathbb{N}$

$-7 \in \mathbb{Z}$  means  $-7$  is an integer.

$0 \notin \mathbb{N}$  means zero is not a natural number

$\frac{3}{4} \in \mathbb{Q}$  means  $\frac{3}{4}$  is a rational number

$1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3} \in \mathbb{Q}$  reads  $1, \frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{3}$  are all rational numbers.

$\pi \in \mathbb{R}$  means  $\pi$  is a real number

$\pi \notin \mathbb{Q}$  means  $\pi$  is not a rational number.  
the decimal expansion of  $\pi$  is

$$\pi = 3.1415\dots$$

the pattern does not repeat, this shows  
us evidence that  $\pi$  is irrational

(not rational)

## Decimal Expansions of Rational Numbers

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It can be shown that  $a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 + \dots = \frac{a}{1-r}$   
for  $|r| < 1$ . This is the geometric series result.  
(we prove this in math 132)

**E2** Consider that  $0.\overline{111} = 0.1 + 0.01 + 0.001 + 0.0001 + \dots$   
identify that  $a = 0.1$  and  $r = 0.1$  thus,

$$0.\overline{111} = \frac{0.1}{1-0.1} = \frac{0.1}{0.9} = \boxed{\frac{1}{9} = 0.111\dots}$$

**E3** Find fraction with decimal expansion  $0.137137137\dots$

Notice  $0.\overline{137} = 0.137 + 0.000137 + 0.000000137 + \dots$   
 $= 0.137 + \frac{1}{1000}(0.137) + \left(\frac{1}{1000}\right)^2(0.137) + \dots$

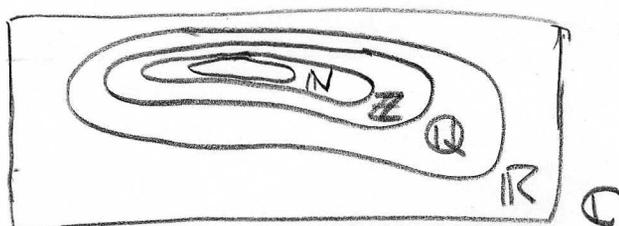
Identify this is geometric series with  $a = 0.137$   
and  $r = \frac{1}{1000}$ . Thus

$$0.\overline{137} = \frac{0.137}{1 - \frac{1}{1000}} = \frac{0.137}{\frac{999}{1000}} = \boxed{\frac{137}{999} = 0.\overline{137}}$$

Remark: these examples should help you do §8.3# 93, 94

## What are Real Numbers?

We can think of real numbers as all the possible decimal expansions. Some of these are repeating decimals, those numbers are in  $\mathbb{Q}$ . Other numbers are irrational like  $\pi = 3.1415\dots$  or  $e = 2.71\dots$ .



# Number Line and Inequalities

The real numbers correspond to a line,



the point  $A = -2$  while the point  $B = e = 2.71\dots$   
of course you could just as well say  $B = 2.7$  if  
you were just given the number line above.



x is a  
number with  
 $-2 < x < 3$

**E4** Inequalities, number lines and set notation. Three  
ways to express the same idea

i.)  $x \in [0, 1] \iff 0 \leq x \leq 1 \iff$    
0 and 1 are included

ii.)  $x \in (0, 1] \iff 0 < x \leq 1 \iff$    
0 is excluded  
1 is included

iii.)  $x \in [0, \infty) \iff 0 \leq x \iff$    
0 is included

Cases i & ii are examples  
of bounded sets. Example  
iii. is an unbounded set.

$\infty$  is not a real number

**E5** Give an inequality for  $z$  if  $z \in (20, 23]$   
 $20 < z \leq 23$

Observation: The distance between  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  is given by the distance formula  $d(a, b) = |a - b|$  where  $| \cdot |$  denotes absolute value.

$$|x| \equiv \begin{cases} x & : x \geq 0 \\ -x & : x < 0 \end{cases}$$

definition of absolute value.



$$d(-2, 1) = |-2 - 1| = |-3| = 3.$$

$$d(-2, 3) = |-2 - 3| = |-5| = 5.$$

$$d(3, 1) = |3 - 1| = 2.$$

REQUEST: please read pgs. 7-8 of your text to refresh your memory on how arithmetic works.

**E7** Which value for  $x$  makes the expression below undefined?

$$\frac{x}{x-1} \leftarrow \text{what must we avoid?}$$

**E8** The coefficients are the numbers next to the variables in a polynomial expression,

$$x^4 - x^2 + 3x + 2 = x^4 + 0x^3 - 1x^2 + 3x + 2x^0$$

	↑	↑	↑	↑	↑
<u>Coefficients</u>	1	0	-1	3	2

variable is  $x$ .