

Reciprocal of a Rational number

If  $x/y$  is a rational number then its reciprocal is defined as  $y/x$  ( $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$ )

If  $x$  is an integer then what is  $x^{-1}$ ?

$$d: \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$$

$$d(x^{-1}) = x$$

$$x^{-1} \neq 0$$

When a rational number  $x/y$  is nonzero then

If  $x/y = 0$  then  $x=0, y \neq 0$

If  $x/y \neq 0$  then  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$

Let

$$x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$y \in \mathbb{Q}$  be a non zero rational number then

$$x/y = x \cdot y^{-1}$$

↳ reciprocal of  $y$

Then for  $x = xy_1$

$$\Rightarrow y = y_1^{-1} \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$y \neq 0$$

$$N \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$$

$$x/y = x_1 \times y_1^{-1}$$

$$= x_1 y$$

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$\Rightarrow$  Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  st  $b \neq 0, c \neq 0$  then  $\frac{ac}{bc} = \frac{a}{b}$

$$(\frac{a}{b})(\frac{c}{c}) = \frac{ac}{bc}$$

$(ac) \geq ac \cdot c^2 = 1$  from lemma

\* Law of Algebra for -Rationals :-

Let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Q}$

i)  $x+y = y+x$

ii)  $x+(y+z) = (x+y)+z$

iii)  $x+(-x) = (-x)+x = 0$

iv)  $x+0 = 0+x = x$

v)  $x \cdot y = y \cdot x$

vi)  $x(yz) = (xy)z$

vii)  $x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$

viii)  $x(y+z) = xy + xz$

ix)  $(x+y)z = xz + yz$

x)  $x \neq 0 \quad x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = 1$

Absolute value  $\Rightarrow$  let  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  then absolute value of  $x$  is denoted as  $|x|$  & is defined as

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x > 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$\epsilon$ -closeness of two rationals. Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Q}$ . Then  $y$  is said to be  $\epsilon$ -close to  $x$  for rational  $\epsilon > 0$  iff

$$d(x, y) := |x - y| \leq \epsilon$$

$\hookrightarrow$  distance b/w  $x$  &  $y$

Prop. of absolute values

1) For each  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$   $|x| \geq 0$   $|x| = 0$  iff  $x = 0$

2)  $|x| \leq y \Leftrightarrow -y \leq x \leq y$

for any  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$

$$-x \leq |x| \leq x \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Q}$$

Case 1: If  $x \geq 0$  then  $|x| = x$  { $x \leq x$ ,  $|x| \leq x$ }

Case 2: If  $x < 0$  then  $|x| = -x$

Case 1 If  $x \geq 0$  then

$$|x| = x$$

First  $-|x| \leq 0 \leq x$

second part  $x \leq x \Rightarrow x \leq |x|$

Case 2

$$x < 0 \Rightarrow |x| = -x$$

$$x = -|x| \leq |x|$$

$$x \leq x \Rightarrow -(-x) \leq x$$

$$\Rightarrow -|x| \leq x$$

$\Leftarrow$  Let us assume  $-y \leq x \leq y$

Case 1  $\Rightarrow$  If  $x \geq 0$  then  $|x| = x \leq y$

Case 2  $\Rightarrow$  If  $x < 0$  then  $|x| = -x \leq y$

$\Rightarrow$  Assume  $|x| \leq y$

Case 1  $x \geq 0$  then from assumption

$$|x| = x \leq y \Rightarrow x \leq y$$

Also  $y \geq |x| \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow -y \leq 0$$

$$x \geq -y$$

$$|x| \geq -y$$

Case 2:  $x < 0$

$$|x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$$

Proof:

$$-|x| \leq x \leq |x|$$

$$-|y| \leq y \leq |y|$$

Add

$$-|x| - |y| \leq x + y \leq |x| + |y|$$

$$-(|x| + |y|) \leq x + y \leq (|x| + |y|)$$

$$(iv) |y||x| = |xy|$$

$$(v) |x^{-1}| = |x|^{-1}$$

$$(vi) |x| = |x|$$

$$\star d(x, y) := |x-y|$$

$$1) d(x, y) \geq 0 \text{ & } x, y \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ & } d(x, y) = 0 \text{ iff } x=y$$

(non-negativity prop)

$$2) d(x, y) = d(y, x)$$

$$3) d(x, y) \leq d(x, w) + d(w, y) \text{ for all } w \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ (triangle inequality)}$$

\* Prop of  $\epsilon$ -closeness

1) If  $x$  is  $\epsilon$ -close to  $y$  then vice-versa is also true

2) If  $d(x, y) \leq \epsilon$   $\epsilon, \delta > 0$

$$d(y, z) \leq \delta$$

$$\text{then } d(x, z) \leq \epsilon + \delta$$

3) Let  $d(x, y) \leq \epsilon$  &  $d(x, z) \leq \epsilon$  Then for any  $w \in \mathbb{Q}$

$y \neq z$  then

$$d(x, w) \leq \epsilon$$

why? &  $w \neq z$  bcs for  $w=z$  or  $w=y$  the proof is immediate

$$y < w < z$$

$$z < w < y$$

Then  $w = (1-t)y + t z$  where  $t$  is b/w 0 and 1

$$w = y + t(z-y) \quad t \in \mathbb{Q}$$

$$w-y = t(z-y)$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{w-y}{z-y}$$

$$(1-t) = 1 - \frac{w-y}{z-y}$$

Then

$$d(x, w) = |x-w|$$

$$= |x - (1-t)y - tz|$$

$$= |t x + (1-t)x - (1-t)y - tz|$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 1 + (x - \varepsilon) + (1-\varepsilon)(x-y) \\
 &\leq 1 + (x-\varepsilon) + 1(1-\varepsilon)(x-y) \\
 &= \varepsilon |x - \varepsilon| + (1-\varepsilon) |x-y| \\
 &= \varepsilon d(x, z) + (1-\varepsilon) d(x, y) \\
 &\leq \varepsilon \varepsilon + (1-\varepsilon) \varepsilon = \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

\* Exponentiation to a natural number

Let  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$  then define

$$x^0 := 1 \quad (0^0 = 1)$$

If  $x^n$  is defined inductively for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  then

$$x^{n+m} = x^n \cdot x^m$$

$$\text{properties} \rightarrow 1) x^n x^m = x^{n+m} = x^m \cdot x^n$$

$$2) (x^n)^m = x^{nm} = (x^m)^n$$

$$3) (x^n)^{-1} = x^{-n}$$

$$\text{Def} \rightarrow x^{-n} = \frac{1}{x^n}$$

Then one can talk about  $x^n$ , where  $x \in \mathbb{Q}$

Lemma  $\rightarrow$  Let  $n$  be a natural no. and  $q$  be the natural no.

$\exists$  unique  $m+r$  with  $0 \leq r < q$  st

$$n = mq + r \quad (\text{div. algo})$$

Proof  $\rightarrow$  we will apply induction on  $n$  for fixed  $q > 0$

a) Base case for  $n=0$  if we choose  $m=0$

$$r=0 < q \quad 0 = 0 \cdot q + 0$$

b) assume that  $n = mq + r$  with  $0 \leq r < q$

Then we need to st

$\exists m', r'$  with  $0 \leq r' < q$  st

$$n+1 = m'q + r'$$

case 1 If  $n+1 \leq q$ , then take

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} r' = n+1 \text{ and } m' = 0 \text{ i.e.} \\ n+1 = 0 \cdot q + (n+1) \end{array} \right.$$

case 2 If  $n+1 \geq q$   $0 < q$

$$\frac{n+1 - q}{q} \leq n$$

$$m'q + r' \quad 0 \leq r' < q$$

$$\begin{aligned}n+1 - q^i &= m^i q + r^i \\n+1 &= (m^i + 1)q + r^i \\m &= m^i + 1 \quad r = r^i + 1\end{aligned}$$