

**Proposition 1.2** (Arithmetic and order properties of  $\mathbb{Q}$ ). The set of rational numbers form an “ordered field”. This means that the following ten properties hold:

(1) There are operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  defined on  $\mathbb{Q}$ :

$$\text{for all } p, q \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad p + q \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } p \cdot q \in \mathbb{Q}.$$

(2) Each of  $+$  and  $\cdot$  is a commutative operation:

$$\text{for all } p, q \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad p + q = q + p \text{ and } p \cdot q = q \cdot p.$$

(3) Each of  $+$  and  $\cdot$  is an associative operation:

$$\text{for all } p, q, r \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad (p + q) + r = p + (q + r) \text{ and } (p \cdot q) \cdot r = p \cdot (q \cdot r).$$

(4) The number 0 is an identity element for addition and the number 1 is an identity element for multiplication:

$$\text{for all } p \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad 0 + p = p \text{ and } 1 \cdot p = p.$$

(5) The distributive law holds:

$$\text{for all } p, q, r \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad p \cdot (q + r) = p \cdot q + p \cdot r.$$

(6) Every number has an additive inverse:

$$\text{for each } p \in \mathbb{Q}, \text{ there is some “} -p \text{”} \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ such that } p + (-p) = 0.$$

(7) Every nonzero number has a multiplicative inverse:

for each  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $p \neq 0$ , there is some “ $p^{-1}$ ”  $\in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $p \cdot p^{-1} = 1$ .

(8) There is a “total ordering”  $\leq$  on  $\mathbb{Q}$ . This means that

(a) for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , either  $p \leq q$  or  $q \leq p$ .

(b) for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , if  $p \leq q$  and  $q \leq p$ , then  $p = q$ .

(c) for all  $p, q, r \in \mathbb{Q}$ , if  $p \leq q$  and  $q \leq r$ , then  $p \leq r$ .

(9) The total ordering  $\leq$  is compatible with addition:

$$\text{for all } p, q, r \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad \text{if } p \leq q \text{ then } p + r \leq q + r.$$

(10) The total ordering  $\leq$  is compatible with multiplication by nonnegative numbers:

$$\text{for all } p, q, r \in \mathbb{Q}, \quad \text{if } p \leq q \text{ and } r \geq 0 \text{ then } pr \leq qr.$$

**Axioms of  $\mathbb{R}$ .** By axiom, the collection of real numbers,  $\mathbb{R}$ , is a *complete ordered field*. This means the following ten properties hold:

(Axiom 1) There are operations  $+$  and  $\cdot$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}$ :

$$\text{for all } p, q \in \mathbb{R}, \quad p + q \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } p \cdot q \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(Axiom 2) Each of  $+$  and  $\cdot$  is a commutative operation:

$$\text{for all } p, q \in \mathbb{R}, \quad p + q = q + p \text{ and } p \cdot q = q \cdot p.$$

(Axiom 3) Each of  $+$  and  $\cdot$  is an associative operation:

$$\text{for all } p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}, \quad (p + q) + r = p + (q + r) \text{ and } (p \cdot q) \cdot r = p \cdot (q \cdot r).$$

(Axiom 4) The number 0 is an identity element for addition and the number 1 is an identity element for multiplication:

$$\text{for all } p \in \mathbb{R}, \quad 0 + p = p \text{ and } 1 \cdot p = p.$$

(Axiom 5) The distributive law holds:

$$\text{for all } p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}, \quad p \cdot (q + r) = p \cdot q + p \cdot r.$$

(Axiom 6) Every number has an additive inverse:

$$\text{for each } p \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ there is some } "-p" \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } p + (-p) = 0.$$

(Axiom 7) Every nonzero number has a multiplicative inverse:

$$\text{for each } p \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } p \neq 0 \text{ there is some } "p^{-1}" \in \mathbb{R} \text{ such that } p \cdot p^{-1} = 1.$$

(Axiom 8) There is a “total ordering”  $\leq$  on  $\mathbb{R}$ . This means that

- (a) for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ , either  $p \leq q$  or  $q \leq p$ .
- (b) for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $p \leq q$  and  $q \leq p$ , then  $p = q$ .
- (c) for all  $p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $p \leq q$  and  $q \leq r$ , then  $p \leq r$ .

(Axiom 9) The total ordering  $\leq$  is compatible with addition:

$$\text{for all } p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \text{if } p \leq q \text{ then } p + r \leq q + r.$$

(Axiom 10) The total ordering  $\leq$  is compatible with multiplication by nonnegative numbers:

$$\text{for all } p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}, \quad \text{if } p \leq q \text{ and } r \geq 0 \text{ then } pr \leq qr.$$

(Axiom 11) The **COMPLETENESS AXIOM**