

Dedekind's Theory of real numbers.

Q No - Give Dedekind's theory of real no.
Define addition and multiplication of real nos.

Ans: - Dedekind's Section: - Let \mathcal{Q} be the set of rational nos. we divide the set of rational nos. into two classes L & R such that: -

(i) $L \subset \mathcal{Q}, R \subset \mathcal{Q}, L \neq \emptyset, R \neq \emptyset$

(ii) $L \cup R = \mathcal{Q}$

(iii) $x \in L, y \in R$, then $x < y$ and consequently $L \cap R = \emptyset$.

Such a pair as (L, R) of subsets of \mathcal{Q} which satisfy above three conditions is called section of rational nos. and denoted by (L, R) where L is lower class R is the upper class of the section.

Following are the examples of different types of section.

(i) The lower class L has a greatest member and the upper class R has no smallest member.

$$L = \{x \in \mathcal{Q} : x \leq \sqrt{5}\}$$

$$R = \{x \in \mathcal{Q} : x > \sqrt{5}\}$$

from above the greatest no. of L is $\sqrt{5}$ but R has no. smaller no.

(ii) The lower class L has no greatest member and ~~the~~ the upper class R has the smallest member

$$L = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x < \sqrt{5}\}$$

$$R = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x \geq \sqrt{5}\}$$

(iii) The lower class L has no greatest member and the upper class has no smallest member.

$$L = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x < 0 \text{ or } x^2 < 2\}$$

$$R = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^2 > 2, x > 0\}$$

We know that $\sqrt{2}$ is not a rational no. It is possible let $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$ is a rational no. where p & q is prime to each other,

$$\therefore \frac{p^2}{q^2} = 2$$

$$\text{or, } p^2 = 2q^2 \quad \text{--- (a)}$$

i.e. p^2 is multiple of 2

$$\text{Let } p = 2m$$

from (a),

$$4m^2 = 2q^2$$

$$\text{or, } q^2 = 2m^2$$

from this it is clear that q^2 is also multiple of 2 cuts.

Thus, we see that p & q has a common factor thus is contradiction. Hence there is no rational no. whose square is 2.

Now, we shall show that L has no greatest member and R has no smallest member.

It is possible let K is the greatest member of L .

$$\text{Then, } K > 0 \text{ and } K^2 < 2$$

Now, Consider the +ve no.

$$\frac{4+3K}{3+2K}$$

We have,

$$\begin{aligned} 2 - \left(\frac{4+3K}{3+2K} \right)^2 &= \frac{2(3+2K)^2 - (4+3K)^2}{(3+2K)^2} \\ &= \frac{2(9+12K+4K^2) - (16+24K+9K^2)}{(3+2K)^2} \\ &= \frac{18+24K+8K^2 - 16-24K-9K^2}{(3+2K)^2} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{2 - K^2}{(3+2K)^2} > 0, \text{ since } K^2 < 2.$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{4+3K}{3+2K} \right)^2 < 2.$$

$$\therefore \frac{4+3K}{3+2K} \in L \text{ and is greater than } K.$$

$\therefore K$ is not the greatest of L and, we have contradiction.

Similarly it can be shown that R has no. smallest no.

Addition of real no. :- In order to define the sum of two cuts (X_1, X_2) & (Y_1, Y_2) we consider the following two cases,

(i) The class Z_2 consisting of all rational no. Z_2

of the form $Z_2 = x_2 + y_2$ where x_2 denote the real no. of ~~X_1~~ X_2 and y_2 any member of Y_2 .
(ii) The class Z_1 consisting of all other rational numbers.

$$\therefore (Z_1, Z_2) = (X_1, X_2) + (Y_1, Y_2).$$

Multiplication of cuts: - Let (X_1, X_2) and (Y_1, Y_2) be any two non-negative cuts. In order to define the Product of (X_1, X_2) and (Y_1, Y_2) , we form the class Z_2 consisting of all rational no. of the form $Z_2 = x_2 y_2$, where x_2 & y_2 are members of X_2 & Y_2 respectively and the class Z_1 consisting of all other rational nos. Then it is easily to see that the ordered pair (Z_1, Z_2) is actually a cut called the Product of the two cuts (X_1, X_2) & (Y_1, Y_2) and we write,

$$(Z_1, Z_2) = (X_1, X_2) (Y_1, Y_2).$$

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