

# Some Properties of Real Numbers

## Operations: min, max, square, and square root<sup>1</sup>

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**Summary.** We define the following operations on real numbers:  $\max(x, y)$ ,  $\min(x, y)$ ,  $x^2$ ,  $\sqrt{x}$ . We prove basic properties of introduced operations. A number of auxiliary theorems absent in [2] and [3] is proved.

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The articles [4], [6], [1], [5], and [3] provide the notation and terminology for this paper.

In this paper  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  denote real numbers.

The following propositions are true:

- (2)<sup>1</sup> If  $1 < x$ , then  $\frac{1}{x} < 1$ .
- (11)<sup>2</sup> If  $x < y$ , then  $0 < y - x$ .
- (12) If  $x \leq y$ , then  $0 \leq y - x$ .
- (19)<sup>3</sup> If  $0 \leq x$  and  $0 \leq y$ , then  $0 \leq x \cdot y$ .
- (20) If  $x \leq 0$  and  $y \leq 0$ , then  $0 \leq x \cdot y$ .
- (21) If  $0 < x$  and  $0 < y$ , then  $0 < x \cdot y$ .
- (22) If  $x < 0$  and  $y < 0$ , then  $0 < x \cdot y$ .
- (23) If  $0 \leq x$  and  $y \leq 0$ , then  $x \cdot y \leq 0$ .
- (24) If  $0 < x$  and  $y < 0$ , then  $x \cdot y < 0$ .
- (25) If  $0 \leq x \cdot y$ , then  $0 \leq x$  and  $0 \leq y$  or  $x \leq 0$  and  $y \leq 0$ .
- (26) If  $0 < x \cdot y$ , then  $0 < x$  and  $0 < y$  or  $x < 0$  and  $y < 0$ .
- (27) If  $0 \leq a$  and  $0 \leq b$ , then  $0 \leq \frac{a}{b}$ .
- (29)<sup>4</sup> If  $0 < x$ , then  $y - x < y$ .

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<sup>1</sup> The proposition (1) has been removed.

<sup>2</sup> The propositions (3)–(10) have been removed.

<sup>3</sup> The propositions (13)–(18) have been removed.

<sup>4</sup> The proposition (28) has been removed.

The scheme *RealContinuity* concerns two unary predicates  $\mathcal{P}$ ,  $\mathcal{Q}$ , and states that:

There exists  $z$  such that for all  $x, y$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[x]$  and  $\mathcal{Q}[y]$  holds  $x \leq z$  and  $z \leq y$  provided the following condition is met:

- For all  $x, y$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[x]$  and  $\mathcal{Q}[y]$  holds  $x \leq y$ .

Let us consider  $x, y$ . The functor  $\min(x, y)$  yields a real number and is defined by:

$$\text{(Def. 1)} \quad \min(x, y) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } x \leq y, \\ y, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let us observe that the functor  $\min(x, y)$  is commutative and idempotent. The functor  $\max(x, y)$  yielding a real number is defined as follows:

$$\text{(Def. 2)} \quad \max(x, y) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{if } y \leq x, \\ y, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Let us notice that the functor  $\max(x, y)$  is commutative and idempotent.

Let  $x, y$  be elements of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\min(x, y)$  is an element of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\max(x, y)$  is an element of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

The following propositions are true:

$$(34)^5 \quad \min(x, y) = \frac{(x+y)-|x-y|}{2}.$$

$$(35) \quad \min(x, y) \leq x.$$

$$(38)^6 \quad \min(x, y) = x \text{ or } \min(x, y) = y.$$

$$(39) \quad x \leq y \text{ and } x \leq z \text{ iff } x \leq \min(y, z).$$

$$(40) \quad \min(x, \min(y, z)) = \min(\min(x, y), z).$$

$$(45)^7 \quad \max(x, y) = \frac{x+y+|x-y|}{2}.$$

$$(46) \quad x \leq \max(x, y).$$

$$(49)^8 \quad \max(x, y) = x \text{ or } \max(x, y) = y.$$

$$(50) \quad y \leq x \text{ and } z \leq x \text{ iff } \max(y, z) \leq x.$$

$$(51) \quad \max(x, \max(y, z)) = \max(\max(x, y), z).$$

$$(53)^9 \quad \min(x, y) + \max(x, y) = x + y.$$

$$(54) \quad \max(x, \min(x, y)) = x.$$

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$$(56) \quad \min(x, \max(y, z)) = \max(\min(x, y), \min(x, z)).$$

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Let us consider  $x$ . The functor  $x^2$  is defined as follows:

$$\text{(Def. 3)} \quad x^2 = x \cdot x.$$

Let us consider  $x$ . Note that  $x^2$  is real.

Let  $x$  be an element of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $x^2$  is an element of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

We now state a number of propositions:

<sup>5</sup> The propositions (30)–(33) have been removed.

<sup>6</sup> The propositions (36) and (37) have been removed.

<sup>7</sup> The propositions (41)–(44) have been removed.

<sup>8</sup> The propositions (47) and (48) have been removed.

<sup>9</sup> The proposition (52) has been removed.

- (59)<sup>10</sup>  $1^2 = 1$ .
- (60)  $0^2 = 0$ .
- (61)  $a^2 = (-a)^2$ .
- (62)  $|a|^2 = a^2$ .
- (63)  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2 \cdot a \cdot b + b^2$ .
- (64)  $(a - b)^2 = (a^2 - 2 \cdot a \cdot b) + b^2$ .
- (65)  $(a + 1)^2 = a^2 + 2 \cdot a + 1$ .
- (66)  $(a - 1)^2 = (a^2 - 2 \cdot a) + 1$ .
- (67)  $(a - b) \cdot (a + b) = a^2 - b^2$  and  $(a + b) \cdot (a - b) = a^2 - b^2$ .
- (68)  $(a \cdot b)^2 = a^2 \cdot b^2$ .
- (69)  $(\frac{a}{b})^2 = \frac{a^2}{b^2}$ .
- (70) If  $a^2 - b^2 \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{a+b} = \frac{a-b}{a^2-b^2}$ .
- (71) If  $a^2 - b^2 \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{a-b} = \frac{a+b}{a^2-b^2}$ .
- (72)  $0 \leq a^2$ .
- (73) If  $a^2 = 0$ , then  $a = 0$ .
- (74) If  $0 \neq a$ , then  $0 < a^2$ .
- (75) If  $0 < a$  and  $a < 1$ , then  $a^2 < a$ .
- (76) If  $1 < a$ , then  $a < a^2$ .
- (77) If  $0 \leq x$  and  $x \leq y$ , then  $x^2 \leq y^2$ .
- (78) If  $0 \leq x$  and  $x < y$ , then  $x^2 < y^2$ .

Let us consider  $a$ . Let us assume that  $0 \leq a$ . The functor  $\sqrt{a}$  yielding a real number is defined as follows:

(Def. 4)  $0 \leq \sqrt{a}$  and  $\sqrt{a^2} = a$ .

Let  $a$  be an element of  $\mathbb{R}$ . Then  $\sqrt{a}$  is an element of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Next we state a number of propositions:

- (82)<sup>11</sup>  $\sqrt{0} = 0$ .
- (83)  $\sqrt{1} = 1$ .
- (84)  $1 < \sqrt{2}$ .
- (85)  $\sqrt{4} = 2$ .
- (86)  $\sqrt{2} < 2$ .
- (89)<sup>12</sup> If  $0 \leq a$ , then  $\sqrt{a^2} = a$ .
- (90) If  $a \leq 0$ , then  $\sqrt{a^2} = -a$ .

<sup>10</sup> The proposition (58) has been removed.

<sup>11</sup> The propositions (79)–(81) have been removed.

<sup>12</sup> The propositions (87) and (88) have been removed.

- (91)  $\sqrt{a^2} = |a|$ .
- (92) If  $0 \leq a$  and  $\sqrt{a} = 0$ , then  $a = 0$ .
- (93) If  $0 < a$ , then  $0 < \sqrt{a}$ .
- (94) If  $0 \leq x$  and  $x \leq y$ , then  $\sqrt{x} \leq \sqrt{y}$ .
- (95) If  $0 \leq x$  and  $x < y$ , then  $\sqrt{x} < \sqrt{y}$ .
- (96) If  $0 \leq x$  and  $0 \leq y$  and  $\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{y}$ , then  $x = y$ .
- (97) If  $0 \leq a$  and  $0 \leq b$ , then  $\sqrt{a \cdot b} = \sqrt{a} \cdot \sqrt{b}$ .
- (98) If  $0 \leq a \cdot b$ , then  $\sqrt{a \cdot b} = \sqrt{|a|} \cdot \sqrt{|b|}$ .
- (99) If  $0 \leq a$  and  $0 \leq b$ , then  $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a}}{\sqrt{b}}$ .
- (100) If  $0 < \frac{a}{b}$ , then  $\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{|a|}}{\sqrt{|b|}}$ .
- (101) If  $0 < a$ , then  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{a}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}$ .
- (102) If  $0 < a$ , then  $\frac{\sqrt{a}}{a} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}$ .
- (103) If  $0 < a$ , then  $\frac{a}{\sqrt{a}} = \sqrt{a}$ .
- (104) If  $0 \leq a$  and  $0 \leq b$ , then  $(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}) \cdot (\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}) = a - b$ .
- (105) If  $0 \leq a$  and  $0 \leq b$  and  $a \neq b$ , then  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}}{a - b}$ .
- (106) If  $0 \leq b$  and  $b < a$ , then  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}}{a - b}$ .
- (107) If  $0 \leq a$  and  $0 \leq b$  and  $a \neq b$ , then  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}}{a - b}$ .
- (108) If  $0 \leq b$  and  $b < a$ , then  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}} = \frac{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}}{a - b}$ .

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