

Theorem For any real number ' x ', there exist two integers m and n such that $m < x < n$.

Proof \rightarrow By previous result, we have $x < n$ — ①

Further, $-x$ is also a real number \exists a int. integer $p > -x$ i.e. $-p < x$

Putting $-p = m$, we have $m < x$ — ②

On combining eq. ① & ②, we get \rightarrow
 $m < x < n \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

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Theorem For any real number ' x ' there exist a unique integer ' n ' such that $n \leq x < n+1$

Proof \rightarrow Put $[x] = n$ where $[x]$ denote the greatest integer of x

Obviously, $n \leq x$ — ①

Further to prove that $x < n+1$

let if possible $x \geq n+1$

Since $n+1$ is an integer it would follow that $[x] \geq n+1$ i.e. $n \geq n+1$, which is not possible

Hence, $x < n+1$ — ②

from eq. ① & ②, we get \rightarrow

$n \leq x < n+1$

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Theorem Between any two distinct rational numbers there lies at least one rational number and hence infinitely many rational numbers.

Proof \rightarrow let x and y be any two distinct rational numbers such that $x < y$

Now, $x < y$

$$\Rightarrow x+x < x+y$$

$$\Rightarrow x < \frac{x+y}{2} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Now, $x < y \Rightarrow x+y < y+y$

$$\frac{x+y}{2} < y \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From eq (1) & (2), we get \rightarrow

$$x < \frac{x+y}{2} < y$$

$$x < r < y \quad \text{where } r = \frac{x+y}{2}$$

Clearly, r is a rational number and it lies between x & y

Repeat the above argument for x & r , r and y and we get rational numbers r_1 and r_2 s.t. —

$$x < r_1 < r < r_2 < y$$

Continuing in this way, definitely we can find infinitely many rational numbers between x and y .

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