

Remark:  $T = \{ r \in \mathbb{Q} : 0 \leq r, r^2 < 2 \}$

Then we can conclude that  $y = \sup T$  satisfies  $y^2 = 2$ . i.e.  $y = \sqrt{2}$ . But we know  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ . Thus the set  $T$  consists of rational numbers doesn't have a supremum belonging to the set  $\mathbb{Q}$ . The the ordered field  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rational numbers does not possess the completeness property.

The Density Theorem: If  $x$  and  $y$  are any real numbers with  $x < y$ , then there exists a rational number  $r \in \mathbb{Q}$  such that  $x < r < y$ .

Pf: It is no loss of generality to assume that  $x > 0$ . Since  $x < y$  i.e.  $y - x > 0$ , so there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\frac{1}{n} < y - x$ .

$$\therefore 1 < ny - nx \Rightarrow nx + 1 < ny \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

Also,  $nx > 0$ , so by Corollary of Archimedian property, we get  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that

$$m - 1 \leq nx < m \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

$$\therefore m \leq nx + 1 < m + 1 \quad \text{--- (III)}$$

From ① & ④

$$m \leq nx + 1 < ny$$

Thus we get,

$$nx < m < ny$$

$$\Rightarrow x < \frac{m}{n} < y$$

$$\Rightarrow x < r < y, \quad r = \frac{m}{n}.$$

Corollary. If  $x$  and  $y$  are real numbers with  $x < y$ , then there exists an irrational number  $z$  such that  $x < z < y$ .

Pf. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be any real numbers with  $x < y$ .

Then  $x/\sqrt{2}$  and  $y/\sqrt{2}$  are also real numbers

$$\text{and } \frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} < \frac{y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

So by Density Theorem, there exists a rational number  $r$  such that

$$\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}} < r < \frac{y}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x < r\sqrt{2} < y$$

$$\Rightarrow x < z < y, \quad z = r\sqrt{2}$$

As  $r$  is rational and  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational so  $z = r\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.  $\#$