

## Sets of Numbers

Name some sets of numbers

integers

real

imaginary

prime

odd

even

positive

negative

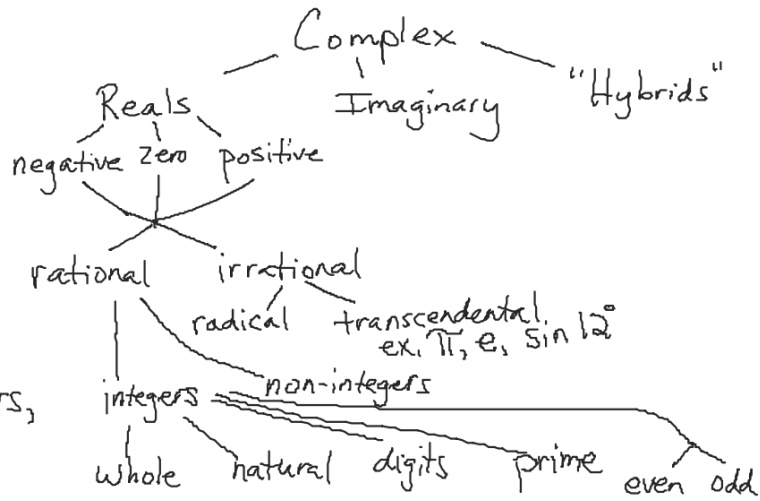
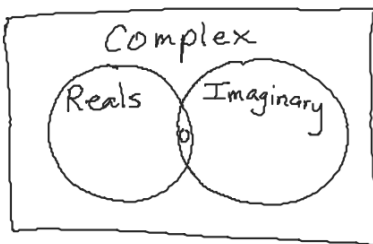
transcendental

rational

irrational

complex

Let's organize this some . . .



def.

rational - can be expressed as the ratio of two integers,  $\frac{a}{b}$  where  $b \neq 0$

integer - any whole number or its opposite

whole =  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

natural =  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

or counting digits =  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$

To what sets does the number 5

belong? Complex, real, positive, rational, integer, natural, digit,  
Whole, odd, prime

How about the number -1.25?

Complex, real, negative, rational, non-integer

Name a number that is rational but not an  
integer and not positive.

ex.  $-1.25$ ,  $-\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $-5.\overline{364}$ , etc.

Field Axioms  $\{\text{real numbers}\}$ , addition, multiplication

Closure  
for addition  $a + b$  is a unique real number  
for multiplication  $ab$  " " " " "

Commutativity  
for addition  $a + b = b + a$   
for multiplication  $ab = ba$

Associativity  
for addition  $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$   
for multiplication  $(ab)c = a(bc)$

Distributivity  
of multiplication over addition  $a(b + c) = ab + ac$

Identity  $\{\text{real numbers}\}$  contains a unique identity element  
for addition,  $0$   $a + 0 = a$

for multiplication,  $1$   $a \cdot 1 = a$

Inverse  $\{\text{real numbers}\}$  contains  
for addition a unique additive inverse  $a + (-a) = 0$  "opposite"  
for multiplication a unique multiplicative inverse  $a \cdot \left(\frac{1}{a}\right) = 1$  "reciprocal"

$\{\text{positive integers}\}$ , addition, subtraction, mult.

Does the set of positive integers have closure for addition? yes

Does the set of positive integers have closure for subtraction? no counterexample:  $7 - 12 = -5$  and  $-5$  is not a pos. integer

Does the set of positive integers have an identity for addition? no  $0$  is not a positive integer

Does the set of positive integers have inverses for multiplication? no counterex:  $5 \cdot x = 1 \rightarrow x = \frac{1}{5}$  but  $\frac{1}{5}$  is not a positive integer

Does the set of positive integers form a field? no

Is exponentiation commutative? That is, is  $a^b = b^a$ ?

ex.  $2^4 = 16$     yes ... but     $2^3 = 8$      $\therefore$  no  
 $4^2 = 16$      $3^2 = 9$

Which field axiom was used?

$\therefore$  means "therefore"

$x + y = y + x$     Commutativity for Addition

$x + y = x + y$     not a field axiom    (we'll learn later that this is the Reflexive Axiom)

$x(1) = x$     Identity for Multiplication

$x(a + b) = xa + xb$     Multiplication Distributes over Addition  
 $= ax + bx$     Commutativity for Multiplication