

LINEAR ALGEBRA HOMEWORK

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Exercise 1. Define the multiplication on \mathbb{R} . Hint: split a real number into two parts, greater and lesser than 0.

Exercise 2. Define the negation map $a \mapsto -a$ on \mathbb{R} .

Exercise 3. Denote the map

$$\begin{aligned} [\cdot] : \mathbb{Q} &\longrightarrow \mathbb{R} \\ a &\longmapsto [a]. \end{aligned}$$

(1) Show that $[\cdot]$ is injective.

(2) Show that

$$[a + b] = [a] + [b], \quad [a \times b] = [a] \times [b]$$

for any $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$, and

$$1/[a] = [1/a]$$

for all $a \in \mathbb{Q}^\times$.

Exercise 4 (Bonus). Prove that \mathbb{R} satisfies the algebra laws (N1) to (N9).