#### Welcome to Math 131B

- Use a laptop or desktop with a large screen so you can read these words clearly.
- In general, please turn off your camera and mute yourself.
- Exception: When we do groupwork, please turn both your camera and mic on. (Groupwork will not be recorded.)
- Please always have the chat window open to ask questions.
- Reading for today: 1.1–1.2, 2.1–2.2 Reading for Mon: 2.3–2.4.
- PS00 due Mon Aug 24; PS01 outline due Mon Aug 24; PS01 due Wed Aug 26.

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Problem session Fri Aug 21, 10:00–noon on Zoom.

## Tour of the course website

The course website is:

http://www.timhsu.net/courses/131b/



# Working in groups

In a minute, I'll send everyone into breakout rooms in groups of 3–4 to answer the following question:

What is one important event in your mathematical life?

In each breakout room:

- Learn someone else's name and important event. (I'll visit each room to help you organize cyclically.)
- Be ready to share that person's important event when we get back to the main room. (Take notes!)

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## Motivation 1: Two equations



not really f(x)=x, but segment between -.5 and .5, periodized

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Q: What is really going on here?

#### Motivation 2: An equation and a non-equation



Motivation 3: Stringed instruments and harmonics

Watch:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=je1Epfxcg7s

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But it's OK if you didn't! We'll start from scratch again.

#### Axioms for the real numbers: Field axioms

- (A1) For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , (a + b) + c = a + (b + c). (+ associative)
- (A2) For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , a + b = b + a. (+ commutative)
- (A3) There exists  $0 \in \mathbb{R}$  such that for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , a + 0 = a. (Zero)
- (A4) For all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $(-a) \in \mathbb{R}$  such that a + (-a) = 0. (Negatives)
- (M1) For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ . ( $\cdot$  associative)
- (M2) For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ . ( $\cdot$  commutative)
- (M3) There exists  $1 \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $1 \neq 0$ , s.t. for all  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \cdot 1 = a$ . (Unit)
- (DL) For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$ . (Distributive)
- (F1) For all  $a \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ , there exists  $(1/a) \in \mathbb{R}$  such that
- $a \cdot (1/a) = 1.$  (Reciprocals) (F2)  $1 \neq 0.$  (Nontriviality) Point: The real numbers have algebraic properties that you used in high school.
  - (A1)–(DL) defines a ring, e.g.,  $\mathbb{Z}=$  the integers.

#### Axioms for the real numbers: Order axioms

An ordered field satisfies axioms (A1)-(A4), (M1)-(M4), and (DL), and also has a relation  $\leq$  such that: (O1) For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , either a < b or b < a. (O2) For all  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $a \leq b$  and  $b \leq a$ , then a = b. (O3) For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , if a < b and b < c, then a < c. (O4) For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $a \leq b$ , then  $a + c \leq b + c$ . (O5) For all  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $a \leq b$  and  $0 \leq c$ , then  $ac \leq bc$ . **Cor:** If c < 0 and  $a \le b$ , then  $bc \le ac$ . (Flip!) Also define: • a < b means  $a \leq b$  and  $a \neq b$ ; ▶ a > b means b < a;</p>  $\blacktriangleright$  a > b means b < a. In a nutshell: Properties of  $\leq$ , <,  $\geq$ , > are as you (maybe?) learned them in precalculus. Both  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  are ordered fields;  $\mathbb{C}$  is not orderable (i.e., no way to define < consistent with the above).

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Axioms for the real numbers: Order completeness (includes possibility that u in S)

(OC) Every nonempty set of real numbers that has an upper bound also has a **least** upper bound (supremum).

It can be shown that the axioms (A1)–(A4), (M1)–(M3), (DL), (F1)–(F2), (O1)–(O5), and (OC) determine  $\mathbb{R}$  completely; that is, any other object with the same properties must be essentially the same as  $\mathbb{R}$ .

For the rest of this course, we assume that there exists an object  $\mathbb R$  that satisfies all of these axioms. All of our results ultimately rely only on these axioms.

#### S set of real numbers

To say that u is an upper bound for S means: u>=x for all x in S The \*least\* upper bound of S is an upper bound that is <= all other upper bounds.

# Density of the rationals

#### Theorem (Archimedean Prop)

For any real number x, there is an integer n > x.

This plus some logic leads to:

# Theorem (Density of $\mathbb{Q}$ ) For any two real numbers x < y, there exists $r \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that x < r < y. Picture:

We will use this specific theorem a little, and this picture **A LOT**. Idea of density of Q: Rational are like dust that covers the real line

# ACC and Sup Inequality

#### Theorem (Arbitrarily Close Criterion)

Suppose S is a nonempty subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , and suppose u is an upper bound for S. Then the following are equivalent:

- 1. For every  $\epsilon > 0$ , there exists some  $s \in S$  such that  $u s < \epsilon$ .
- 2.  $u = \sup S$ .

Picture:

Lemma (Sup Inequality Lemma) If S is a nonempty bounded subset of  $\mathbb{R}$ , then sup  $S \le u$  if and only if u is an upper bound for S.

# The complex numbers $\ensuremath{\mathbb{C}}$

Are polynomials in the variable *i* with real coefficients, with the relation  $i^2 = -1$ . (Actually the fancy grownup definition of  $\mathbb{C}$ )

Picture:



#### Absolute value and conjugates

For z = a + bi in  $\mathbb{C}$ , define:

$$|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}, \qquad \overline{a + bi} = a - bi$$

Lots of formulas that result from that and brute force; most frequently used include (for  $z, w \in \mathbb{C}$ ):

$$|z|^2 = z\overline{z}, \qquad \qquad |zw| = |z| |w|$$