

Chapters and exercises given with a numbering are from *Basic Analysis: Introduction to Real Analysis (Vol I)* by J. Lebl.

**Reading** Section 0.3

**Exercises**

1. Exercise 0.3.6
2. Exercise 0.3.11
3. Exercise 0.3.12
4. Exercise 0.3.15
5. Exercise 0.3.19
6. In this exercise, you will prove that

$$|\{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q > 0\}| = |\mathbb{N}|.$$

In what follows, we will use the following theorem without proof:

**Theorem.** *Let  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  with  $q > 0$ . Then*

- 1) *if  $q \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $q \neq 1$ , then there exists unique prime numbers  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_N$  and unique exponents  $r_1, \dots, r_N \in \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$q = p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \cdots p_N^{r_N}, \quad (\dagger)$$

- 2) *if  $q \notin \mathbb{N}$ , then there exist unique prime numbers  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_N$ ,  $q_1 < q_2 < \dots < q_M$  with  $p_i \neq q_j$  for all  $i \in \{1, \dots, N\}$ ,  $j \in \{1, \dots, M\}$ , and unique exponents  $r_1, \dots, r_N, s_1, \dots, s_M \in \mathbb{N}$  such that*

$$q = \frac{p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \cdots p_N^{r_N}}{q_1^{s_1} q_2^{s_2} \cdots q_M^{s_M}}. \quad (\ddagger)$$

Define  $f : \{q \in \mathbb{Q} : q > 0\} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  as follows:  $f(1) = 1$ , if  $q \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{1\}$  is given by  $(\dagger)$ , then

$$f(q) = p_1^{2r_1} \cdots p_N^{2r_N},$$

and if  $q \in \mathbb{Q} \setminus \mathbb{N}$  is given by  $(\ddagger)$ , then

$$f(q) = p_1^{2r_1} \cdots p_N^{2r_N} q_1^{2s_1-1} \cdots q_M^{2s_M-1}.$$

- (a) Compute  $f(4/15)$ . Find  $q$  such that  $f(q) = 108$ .
- (b) Use the **Theorem** to prove that  $f$  is a bijection.

MIT OpenCourseWare  
<https://ocw.mit.edu>

18.100A / 18.1001 Real Analysis  
Fall 2020

For information about citing these materials or our Terms of Use, visit: <https://ocw.mit.edu/terms>.