

**One important property related to spectrum of irrational number bigger 1.**

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We define the spectrum of number  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  as the following multiset

$$Spec(x) = \{\lfloor x \rfloor, \lfloor 2x \rfloor, \lfloor 3x \rfloor, \lfloor 4x \rfloor, \dots\}.$$

Prove that  $Spec(\sqrt{2})$  and  $Spec(2 + \sqrt{2})$  partition  $\mathbb{N}$  i.e. that each natural number is an element of exactly one of these sets.

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**Lemma.**

If  $x$  irrational number and  $x > 1$  then mapping  $n \mapsto \lfloor nx \rfloor : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  is injection.

**Proof.**

Suppose that there are  $n \neq m$  such that  $\lfloor nx \rfloor = \lfloor mx \rfloor$  then  $0 = \lfloor nx \rfloor - \lfloor mx \rfloor = (n-m)x + \{mx\} - \{nx\} \Leftrightarrow (n-m)x = \{nx\} - \{mx\} \Rightarrow |n-m|x = |\{mx\} - \{nx\}|$ .

Since  $|\{mx\} - \{nx\}| < 1$  and  $1 \leq |n-m|$  then  $x \leq |n-m|x < 1$ , i.e. contradiction. ■

From the **Lemma** immediately follow that for any irrational  $x > 1$  multiset  $Spec(x)$  is a regular set and sequence  $(\lfloor nx \rfloor)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  is strictly increasing.

**Theorem.**

If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are positive irrational numbers such that  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$  then

- i.  $Spec(\alpha) \cap Spec(\beta) = \emptyset$ ;
- ii.  $Spec(\alpha) \cup Spec(\beta) = \mathbb{N}$ .

**Proof.**

First note that  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  and  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = 1$  implies  $\alpha, \beta > 1$ .

i. Suppose that there are two natural numbers  $n$  and  $m$  such that  $\lfloor n\alpha \rfloor = \lfloor m\beta \rfloor$ .

$$\text{Let } p := \lfloor n\alpha \rfloor = \lfloor m\beta \rfloor \text{ then } \begin{cases} p < n\alpha < p+1 \\ p < m\beta < p+1 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{n}{p+1} < \frac{1}{\alpha} < \frac{n}{p} \\ \frac{m}{p+1} < \frac{1}{\beta} < \frac{m}{p} \end{cases} \Rightarrow$$

$$\frac{n}{p+1} + \frac{m}{p+1} < \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} < \frac{n}{p} + \frac{m}{p} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n+m}{p+1} < 1 < \frac{n+m}{p} \Rightarrow p < n+m < p+1.$$

But this is the contradiction, because interval  $(p, p+1)$  not contains integer numbers.

ii. Assume that exist  $p \in \mathbb{N} \setminus (Spec(\alpha) \cup Spec(\beta))$ , i.e.  $p \neq \lfloor n\alpha \rfloor$  and  $p \neq \lfloor m\beta \rfloor$

for any  $n, m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Since sequences  $(\lfloor n\alpha \rfloor)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  and  $(\lfloor n\beta \rfloor)_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  are strictly increasing

$$\text{then there are } n, m \in \mathbb{N} \text{ such that } \begin{cases} \lfloor n\alpha \rfloor < p < \lfloor (n+1)\alpha \rfloor \\ \lfloor m\beta \rfloor < p < \lfloor (m+1)\beta \rfloor \end{cases}.$$

Since can't be  $\lfloor n\alpha \rfloor < p < n\alpha$  because there is no integers between  $\lfloor n\alpha \rfloor$  and  $n\alpha$

$$\text{we have } n\alpha < p < \lfloor (n+1)\alpha \rfloor \Leftrightarrow \begin{cases} n\alpha < p \\ p+1 \leq \lfloor (n+1)\alpha \rfloor \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} n\alpha < p \\ p+1 < (n+1)\alpha \end{cases}.$$

( $p \neq \lfloor n\alpha \rfloor, n \in \mathbb{N}$  by supposition and  $p \neq n\alpha, n \in \mathbb{N}$  because  $\alpha$  irrational).

$$\text{Analogically, } [m\beta] < p < [(m+1)\beta] \Rightarrow \begin{cases} m\beta < p \\ p+1 < (m+1)\beta \end{cases} .$$

Hence,  $\frac{n}{p} < \frac{1}{\alpha} < \frac{n+1}{p+1}$  and  $\frac{m}{p} < \frac{1}{\beta} < \frac{m+1}{p+1}$  and that implies

$$\frac{n}{p} + \frac{m}{p} < \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} < \frac{n+1}{p+1} + \frac{m+1}{p+1} \Leftrightarrow \frac{n+m}{p} < 1 < \frac{n+m+2}{p+1} \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\begin{cases} n+m < p \\ p+1 < n+m+2 \end{cases} \Leftrightarrow n+m < p < n+m+1. \text{ That is the contradiction.} \blacksquare$$

In particular, since  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2+\sqrt{2}} = 1$  then  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \cap \text{Spec}(2+\sqrt{2}) = \emptyset$  and  $\text{Spec}(\sqrt{2}) \cup \text{Spec}(2+\sqrt{2}) = \mathbb{N}$ .