

**ZMATH 2016a.00806****Clark, Pete L.; Diepeveen, Niels J.****Absolute convergence in ordered fields.**

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Let  $\mathbb{F}$  be an ordered field. The authors show that the relation between convergence and absolute convergence of an infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  in  $\mathbb{F}$  is closely connected to the sequential (i.e., Cauchy) completeness of the field  $\mathbb{F}$ . indent=8mm

- (i) If  $\mathbb{F}$  is sequentially complete and Archimedean, then  $\mathbb{F}$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{R}$ ; then, in this case, it is well known (from calculus) that every absolutely convergent series in  $\mathbb{F}$  is convergent in  $\mathbb{F}$ , but the converse is not true, that is,  $\mathbb{F}$  has a convergent series that is not absolutely convergent (e.g., let  $a_n = (-1)^n/n$ ).
- (ii) If  $\mathbb{F}$  is sequentially complete and non-Archimedean, then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges in  $\mathbb{F}$  if and only if it converges absolutely in  $\mathbb{F}$ .
- (iii) If  $\mathbb{F}$  is not sequentially complete ( $\mathbb{F}$  may be Archimedean, that is, isomorphic to a proper subfield of  $\mathbb{R}$ , or non-Archimedean), then  $\mathbb{F}$  has an absolutely convergent series that is not convergent and  $\mathbb{F}$  has a convergent series that is not absolutely convergent.

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