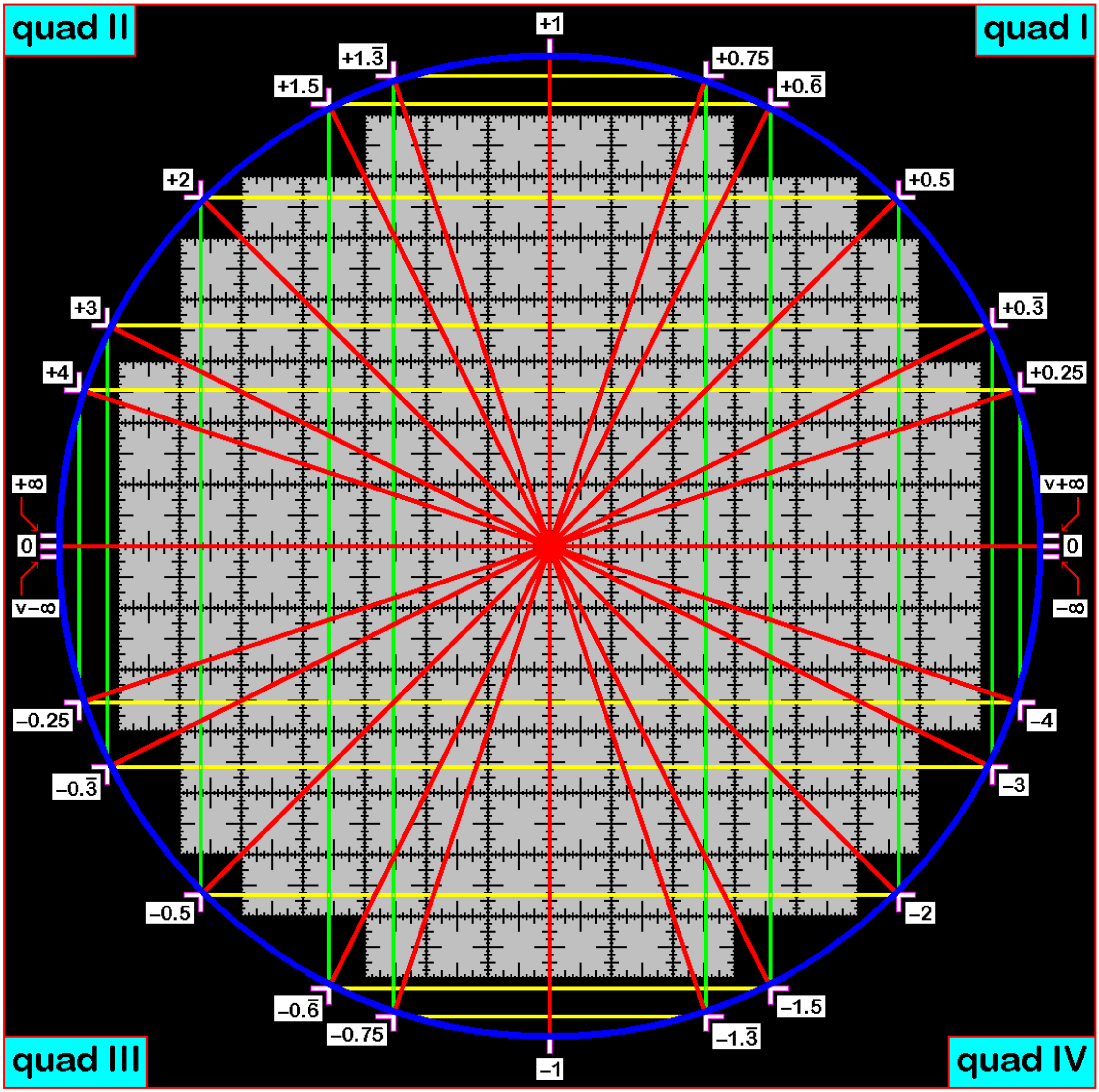# the extended real number continuum