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—3, —2, —1 0 1, 2, 3.

The descendant series means to say there is a lack of that which quantity represents.

Does the descendant series represent anything material? What is its scientific origin?

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