

CS6180 Lecture 20b

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1 Topics

- (1) Challenge - Can there be a countable model of the real numbers? Explain.
- (2) Axioms for the real numbers \mathbb{R} .
- (3) Axioms for the hyperreal numbers \mathbb{R}^* .
- (4) Defining infinitesimals.

2 Axioms for the Real Numbers, \mathbb{R}

\mathbb{R} is the set of all reals, \mathbb{P} the positive reals.

- A1. $\forall x, y : \mathbb{R}. (x + y = y + x)$
- A2. $\forall x, y, z : \mathbb{R}. (x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$
- A3. $0 \in \mathbb{R} \ \& \ \forall x. : \mathbb{R}. (x + 0 = x)$
- A4. $\forall x : \mathbb{R}. \exists y : \mathbb{R}. (x + y = 0)$
- A5. $\forall x, y : \mathbb{R}. (x \cdot y = y \cdot x)$
- A6. $\forall x, y, z : \mathbb{R}. (x \cdot y) \cdot z = x \cdot (y \cdot z)$
- A7. $1 \in \mathbb{R}. \ \& \ 1 \neq 0 \ \& \ \forall x : \mathbb{R}. (x \cdot 1 = x)$
- A8. $\forall x : \mathbb{R}. (x \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists y : \mathbb{R}. (x \cdot y = 1))$
- A9. $\forall x, y, z : \mathbb{R}. (x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z)$

Axioms of Order (ordered field)

$$\forall x, y : \mathbb{P}. (x + y) \in \mathbb{P} \ \& \ (x \cdot y) \in \mathbb{P} \ \& \ -x \notin \mathbb{P}$$
$$\forall x : \mathbb{R}. x = 0 \ \vee \ x \in \mathbb{P} \ \vee \ -x \in \mathbb{P}$$

Completeness Axiom - let S be a set of reals.

$$\forall S. (S \subseteq \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \exists y : \mathbb{R}. y \text{ is the least upper bound of } S)$$

We denote y by $\sup(S)$.

Archimedes Principle

$$\forall x : \mathbb{R}. \exists n : \mathbb{N}. (x < n)$$

Challenge: Find another more compact axiomatization of \mathbb{R} .

3 Notes on Infinitesimals and Hyperreal Numbers, \mathbb{R}^*

$$0 < x < \frac{1}{n} \quad n > 0 \quad x \text{ is a positive infinitesimal}$$
$$\frac{-1}{n} < x < 0 \quad n > 0 \quad x \text{ is a negative infinitesimal}$$

I. Axioms for Infinitesimals

- (a) There is a positive infinitesimal.
- (b) If ϵ is a positive infinitesimal then $-\epsilon$ is a negative infinitesimal, and $r + \epsilon$ is hyperreal but not real.
- (c) If $\epsilon > 0$ and $a > 0$, then $a \cdot \epsilon$ is a positive infinitesimal.
- (d) If $\epsilon > 0$ then $\frac{1}{\epsilon}$ is a positive infinitesimal and $\frac{-1}{\epsilon}$ is a negative infinitesimal.

II. Algebraic Axioms for Hyperreals, \mathbb{R}^*

- (a) $\forall x : \mathbb{R}. x \in \mathbb{R}^*$
- (b) $\forall x, y : \mathbb{R}^*. x + y, x \cdot y, x - y$ belong to \mathbb{R}^*
- (c) $\forall x : \mathbb{R}^*. x \neq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} \in \mathbb{R}^*$
- (d) The associative, commutative, distributive, and identity laws for \mathbb{R} hold for \mathbb{R}^* .

III. Order Axioms for \mathbb{R}^*

1. $a < b \ \& \ b < c \Rightarrow a < c$ (transitivity)
2. $a < b \ \vee \ a = b \ \vee \ b < a$ (trichotomy)
3. $a < b \Rightarrow a + c < b + c$ (sum)
4. $a < b \ \& \ c > 0 \Rightarrow ac < bc$ (product law)
5. $\forall x : \mathbb{R}^*. \forall n : \mathbb{N}^+. \exists b : \mathbb{R}^*. b > 0 \ \& \ b^n = a$ (root axiom)

Definition An element of \mathbb{R} is a *positive infinitesimal iff* it is less than every positive real and greater than 0. It is *negative iff* it is greater than every negative real. The real number 0 is also considered to be an infinitesimal, the *zero infinitesimal*.

Two elements of \mathbb{R}^* are infinitely close, $a \approx b$, *iff* their difference, $a - b$, is infinitesimal. We write $a \not\approx b$ when they are not infinitely close.

Standard Part Axiom: Every hyperreal number is infinitely close to exactly one real number.

Standard Part Operator: We denote the *standard part* of a hyperreal a by $\text{st}(a)$.

Facts: 1) $\text{st}(a) \in \mathbb{R}$, $b = \text{st}(b) + \epsilon$ for some infinitesimal ϵ if b is a finite hyperreal number.

2) If $a \in \mathbb{R}$, then $\text{st}(a) = a$.

The Function Axiom $\forall f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}. \exists f^* : \mathbb{R}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^*$ called the *natural extension* of f . We discuss this extension when we examine examples. The idea is that for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $f(x) = f^*(x)$.

Solution Axiom The *hyperreal graph* of $y = f(x)$ is the set of hyperreal numbers (x_0, y_0) such that $y_0 = f^*(x_0)$.