

Formalization of constructable numbers

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This talk is about formalising the proof that the set of all constructible points \mathcal{M}_∞ forms a field. This is the first step needed to solve ancient construction problems such as doubling the cube and trisecting an angle. \mathcal{M}_∞ is a subset of the complex numbers \mathbb{C} , so we just need to show that \mathcal{M}_∞ is a subfield of \mathbb{C} . In lean we do this by defining a structure on \mathcal{M}_∞ .

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noncomputable def MFinf : Subfield  $\mathbb{C}$  := {  
  carrier := _  
  zero_mem' := _  
  one_mem' := _  
  add_mem' := _  
  neg_mem' := _  
  mul_mem' := _  
  inv_mem' := _  
}
```

Now we need to fill in the blanks. To do this we first need to fill in the carrier set of \mathcal{M}_∞ , so we need to recall the definitions for \mathcal{M}_∞ and state them in lean.

1 Definition of \mathcal{M}_∞

We start with a basic set of points $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathbb{C}$ in the complex plane.

Definition 1.1 (Line). A line l through two points $x, y \in \mathbb{C}$ with $x \neq y$ is defined by the set:

$$l := \{\lambda x + (1 - \lambda)y \mid \lambda \in \mathbb{R}\}.$$

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structure line where
  (z1 z2 : ℂ)

def line.points (l: line) : Set ℂ :=
  {(t : ℂ) * l.z1 + (1-t) * l.z2 | (t : ℝ)}

```

Definition 1.2 (Circle). A circle c with center $z \in \mathbb{C}$ and radius $r \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ is defined by the set:

$$c := \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid \|z - c\| = r\}.$$

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structure circle where
  (c : ℂ)
  (r : ℝ)

def circle.points (c: circle) := Metric.sphere c.c c.r

```

Definition 1.3 (Set of lines and circles). $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M})$ is the set of all real straight lines defined by two points in \mathcal{M} .

And $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M})$ is the set of all circles defined by a centre in \mathcal{M} and a radius equal to the distance between two points in \mathcal{M} .

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def L (M:Set ℂ): Set line := {l | ∃ z1 z2, l = {z1 := z1, z2 := z2} ∧
  z1 ∈ M ∧ z2 ∈ M ∧ z1 ≠ z2}
def C (M:Set ℂ): Set circle := {c | ∃ z r1 r2, c = {c:=z, r:=(dist
  r1 r2)} ∧ z ∈ M ∧ r1 ∈ M ∧ r2 ∈ M}

```

Definition 1.4 (Ruels to construct a point). We define operations that can be used to construct new points.

1. (ILL) is the cut of two lines in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M})$.
2. (ILC) is the cut of a line in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M})$ and a circle in $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M})$.
3. (ICC) is the cut of two circles in $\mathcal{C}(\mathcal{M})$.

$ICL(\mathcal{M})$ is the set \mathcal{M} combined of all points that can be constructed using the operations (ILL), (ILC) and (ICC) and \mathcal{M} .

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def ill (M:Set C): Set C := { z | ∃ l1 ∈ L M, ∃ l2 ∈ L M, z ∈
  l1.points ∩ l2.points}
def ilc (M:Set C): Set C := { z | ∃ c ∈ C M, ∃ l ∈ L M, z ∈
  c.points ∩ l.points}
def icc (M:Set C): Set C := { z | ∃ c1 ∈ C M, ∃ c2 ∈ C M, z ∈
  c1.points ∩ c2.points}

def ICL_M (M : Set C) : Set C := M ∪ ill M ∪ ilc M ∪ icc M

```

Definition 1.5 (Set of constructable points). We define inductively the chain

$$\mathcal{M}_0 \subseteq \mathcal{M}_1 \subseteq \mathcal{M}_2 \subseteq \dots$$

with $\mathcal{M}_0 = \mathcal{M}$ and $\mathcal{M}_{n+1} = ICL(\mathcal{M}_n)$.

And call $\mathcal{M}_\infty = \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \mathcal{M}_n$ the set of all constructable points.

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def M_I (M : Set C) : N → Set C
| 0 => M
| (Nat.succ n) => ICL_M (M_I M n)

def M_inf (M : Set C) : Set C := ⋃ (n : N), M_I M n

```

We can now fill in the first blank:

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noncomputable def MFinf (M: Set C) : Subfield C where
  carrier := M_inf M
  ...

```

2 Zero and one in \mathcal{M}_∞

Without loss of generality we can assume that \mathcal{M} contains the points 0 and 1. Because constructing with less than two points is trivial ($\mathcal{M} = ILC(\mathcal{M}$ and therefore $\mathcal{M} = \mathcal{M}_\infty$) and we can always scale and translate the plane to get 0 and 1 in \mathcal{M} . And since we assume that \mathcal{M} contains the points 0 and 1 we can fill in the next two blank, after proving that $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_\infty$.

Lemma 2.1 ($\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_i$). The set \mathcal{M} is contained in \mathcal{M}_i , i.e. $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_i$.

Proof. Combining the fact that $\mathcal{M}_0 = \mathcal{M}$ 1.5 and the monotonicity of \mathcal{M}_i which follows by $\mathcal{M} \subset ICL(\mathcal{M})$. \square

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lemma M_in_ICL_M (M : Set C) : M ⊆ ICL_M M := by
  unfold ICL_M
  intro x hx
  left; left; left
  exact hx

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lemma M_I_Monotone (M : Set C) : ∀n, M_I M n ⊆ M_I M (n+1) := by
  intro n
  apply M_in_ICL_M

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lemma M_in_M_I (M : Set C) : ∀n, M ⊆ M_I M n := by
  intro n
  induction n
  simp only [M_I]
  exact fun {a} a => a
  case succ n hn =>
    apply le_trans hn
    apply M_I_Monotone

```

Lemma 2.2 ($\mathcal{M}_i \subseteq \mathcal{M}_\infty$). The set \mathcal{M}_i is contained in \mathcal{M}_∞ , i.e. $\mathcal{M}_i \subseteq \mathcal{M}_\infty$.

Proof. Follows from the definition of \mathcal{M}_∞ . □

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lemma M_I_in_M_inf (M : Set C)(m: N): M_I M m ⊆ M_inf M := by
  refine Set.subset_iUnion_of_subset m fun {a} a => a

```

Lemma 2.3 ($\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_\infty$). The set \mathcal{M} is contained in \mathcal{M}_∞ .

Proof. Combining $\mathcal{M} \subseteq \mathcal{M}_i$ 2.1 and $\mathcal{M}_i \subseteq \mathcal{M}_\infty$?? we get the result. □

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lemma M_M_inf (M : Set C) : M ⊆ M_inf M := by
  apply le_trans (M_in_M_I M 0) (M_I_in_M_inf M 0)6

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So now we have:

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noncomputable def MField (M: Set C)(h0: 0 ∈ M)(h1: 1 ∈ M):
Subfield C where
  carrier := M_inf M
  zero_mem' := by exact M_M_inf M h0
  one_mem' := by exact M_M_inf M h1
  ...

```

3 Construction

To fill in the rest, we need to construct addition, multiplication, negation and inversion of constructable numbers. In the following chapter the proof schema is given by construct lines and circles such that the wanted point is in there intersection. Since this pr are long and repetitiv the proofs aren't in the handout just the constructionn/idea. The full proofs can be would in the Blueprint.

Lemma 3.1 (Addition of complex numbers). For $z_1, z_2 \in M_\infty$ is $z_1 + z_2 \in M_\infty$.

This construction is taken from [2].

One can construct the point $z_1 + z_2$ by drawing a circle with center z_1 and radius $\|z_2\|$ and a circle with center z_2 and radius $\|z_1\|$ and taking the intersection of the two circles Fig.1.

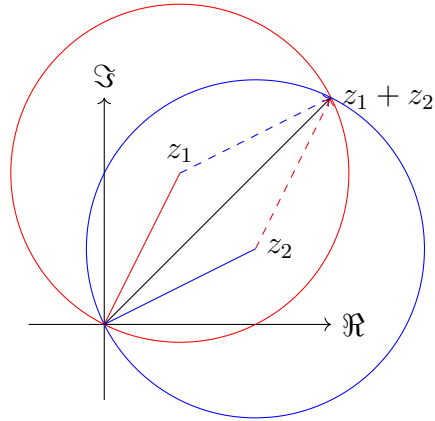


Figure 1: Construction of $z_1 + z_2$

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lemma add_M_Inf (M: Set ℂ) (h₀: (0:ℂ) ∈ M) (z₁ z₂ : ℂ) (hz₁ : z₁ ∈
  (M_inf M)) (hz₂ : z₂ ∈ (M_inf M)): z₁ + z₂ ∈ (M_inf M) := by
  let c₁ : Construction.circle := {c := z₁, r := (dist 0 z₂)}
  let c₂ : Construction.circle := {c := z₂, r := (dist 0 z₁)}
  have hc₁ : c₁ ∈ C (M_inf M) := by
    refine ⟨z₁, 0, z₂, ?_, hz₁, M_M_inf M h₀, hz₂⟩
    simp [c₁]
  have hc₂ : c₂ ∈ C (M_inf M) := by

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    refine ⟨z₂, 0, z₁, ?_, hz₂, M_M_inf M h₀, hz₁⟩
    simp [c₂]
  refine icc_M_inf M ⟨c₁, hc₁, c₂, hc₂, ?_⟩
  simp [circle.points, Set.mem_inter_iff]

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Lemma 3.2 (Negative complex numbers). For $z \in M_\infty$ $-z$ is in M_∞ .

This construction is taken from [2].

To get the point $-z$ we can use the second intersection of the line through 0 and z with circle with center 0 and radius $\|z\|$ Fig.2.

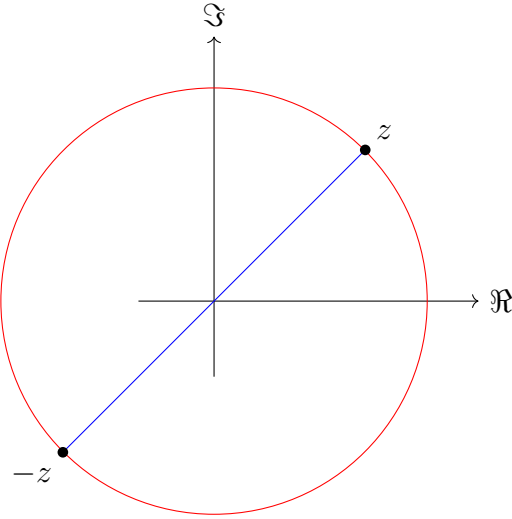


Figure 2: Construction of $-z$

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lemma z_neg_M_inf (M: Set ℂ) (h₀: (0:ℂ) ∈ M) (z : ℂ)
  (hz : z ∈ (M_inf M)) : -z ∈ (M_inf M) := by
  by_cases z0:(z=0)
  . simp [z0, M_M_inf M h₀]
  let l : line := {z₁ := 0, z₂ := z}
  let c : Construction.circle := {c := 0, r := (dist 0 z)}
  have hl : l ∈ L (M_inf M) := by
    refine ⟨0, z, ?_, M_M_inf M h₀, hz, ?_⟩
    simp only [l]
    simp [eq_comm, z0]
  have hc : c ∈ C (M_inf M) := by

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    refine ⟨0, 0, z, ?_, M_M_inf M h0, M_M_inf M h0, hz⟩
    simp [l, c]
  apply ilc_M_inf M
  refine ⟨c, hc, l, hl, ?_⟩
  simp [circle.points, line.points]
  refine ⟨2, (by push_cast; ring_nf)⟩

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Lemma 3.3 (Multiplication of positive real numbers). For $a, b \in M_\infty \cap \mathbb{R}$ is $a \cdot b \in M_\infty$.

This construction is taken from [1].

To get the point $a \cdot b$ we draw a line through a and i and a parallel line through ib . The intersection of the second line with the real axis is $a \cdot b$ Fig.3.

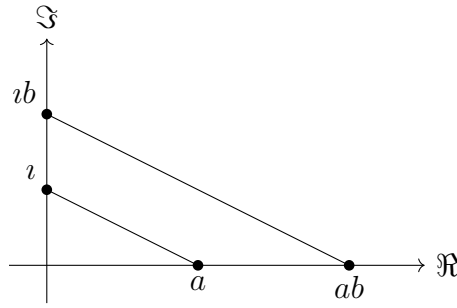


Figure 3: Construction of $z_1 \cdot z_2$

Remark. If you look at how you chose the representatives of the parallel line $x = a + In - b$ and $y = Ib$, you can prove that they are in M_∞ without the first line, so you can prove this with only two lines.

```

lemma ab_in_M_inf (M: Set ℂ) (h0: 0 ∈ M) (h1: 1 ∈ M) (a b : ℝ)
  (ha: ↑a ∈ M_inf M) (hb: ↑b ∈ M_inf M): ↑(a * b) ∈ M_inf M := by
  let l : line := {z1 := a+I*b-I, z2 := I*b}
  let lr : line := {z1 := 1, z2 := 0}
  have hl : l ∈ L (M_inf M) := by
    refine ⟨(a+I*b-I), I*b, (by simp only), ?_, ir_M_inf _ h0 h1 _
    hb, ?_⟩
    . simp only [sub_M_Inf, add_M_Inf, ir_M_inf M h0 h1 b hb,
    imath_M_inf, h0, h1, ha]
  simp [ext_iff]

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have hlr : lr ∈ L (M_inf M) := by
  refine ⟨1, 0, (by simp only), M_M_inf M h₁, M_M_inf M h₀, ?_⟩
  simp only [ne_eq, one_ne_zero, not_false_eq_true]
refine ill_M_inf M ⟨l, hl, lr, hlr, ⟨b, ?_⟩, ⟨a*b, ?_⟩⟩
push_cast; ring_nf
push_cast; ring_nf

```

Corollary 3.4 (Multiplication of complex numbers). For $z_1, z_2 \in M_\infty$ is $z_1 \cdot z_2$ in M_∞ .

Proof. Let $z_1 = a + ib$ and $z_2 = c + id$. Then

$$z_1 \cdot z_2 = (a + ib) \cdot (c + id) = (a \cdot c - b \cdot d) + i(a \cdot d + b \cdot c).$$

By combeing the Lemmas 3.1, 3.3 with subtraction ,real and imaginary part we get that $z_1 \cdot z_2 \in M_\infty$. \square

```

lemma z_iff_re_im_M_inf (M: Set ℂ) (h₀: 0 ∈ M) (h₁: 1 ∈ M) (z: ℂ):
  z ∈ M_inf M ↔
  ↑z.re ∈ M_inf M ∧ ↑z.im ∈ M_inf M := sorry

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lemma mul_M_inf (M: Set ℂ) (h₀: 0 ∈ M) (h₁: 1 ∈ M) (a b :ℂ )
  (ha: a ∈ M_inf M) (hb: b ∈ M_inf M): a * b ∈ M_inf M:= by
  refine (z_iff_re_im_M_inf M h₀ h₁ (a * b)).mpr ⟨?_, ?_⟩ <.>
  simp only [mul_re, mul_im, ofReal_sub, ofReal_add]
. apply sub_M_Inf M h₀
  exact ab_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ _ _ (real_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ a ha)
  (real_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ b hb)
  exact ab_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ _ _ (im_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ a ha)
  (im_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ b hb)
. apply add_M_Inf M h₀
  exact ab_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ _ _ (real_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ a ha)
  (im_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ b hb)
  exact ab_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ _ _ (im_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ a ha)
  (real_in_M_inf M h₀ h₁ b hb)

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Lemma 3.5 (Invers of a pos real number). If $a \in M_\infty \cap \mathbb{R}$, then a^{-1} is in M_∞ .

This can be constructed analog to the multiplication of positive real numbers. Using the fact that $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$. Draw a line through 1 and ia and a parallel line through i . The intersection of the second line with the real axis is a^{-1} Fig.4.

Proof. Without loss of generality we can assume that $a \neq 0$. Then the proof is analog to the proof of Lemma 3.3 we just need two lines $l = \{1 - ia + i, i\}$ and $l_{\mathbb{R}} = \{1, 0\}$. That there are in $\mathcal{L}(\mathcal{M}_{\infty})$ follows analog to the proof of Lemma 3.3. So we have just to show that $a^{-1} \in l$, i.e. $\exists t : t(1 - ia + i) + (1 - t)I = a^{-1}$

$$t(1 - ia + i) + (1 - t)i \stackrel{t:=a^{-1}}{=} a^{-1} - a^{-1}ia + a^{-1}i + i - a^{-1}i = a^{-1}.$$

The rest follows analog. □

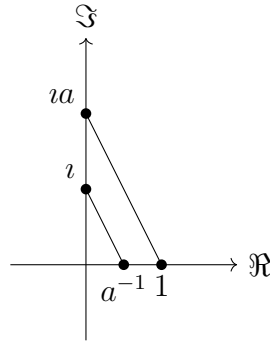


Figure 4: Construction of z^{-1}

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lemma ainv_in_M_inf (M: Set ℂ) (h₀: 0 ∈ M) (h₁: 1 ∈ M) (a : ℝ)
  (ha: ↑a ∈ M_inf M): ↑(a⁻¹) ∈ M_inf M := by
  by_cases h: a = 0
  . simp [h]
  exact M_M_inf _ h₀
let l: line := {z₁ := 1-I*a+I, z₂ := I}
let lr : line := {z₁ := 1, z₂ := 0}
have hl : l ∈ L (M_inf M) := by
  refine ⟨(1-I*a+I), I, (by simp), ?_, imath_M_inf M h₀ h₁, ?_⟩
  . apply add_M_Inf M h₀ (1-I*a) I ?_ (imath_M_inf M h₀ h₁)
  exact sub_M_Inf M h₀ 1 (I*a) (M_M_inf M h₁)
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      (mul_M_inf M h0 h1 _ _ (imath_M_inf M h0 h1) ha)
    simp [ext_iff]
  have hlr : lr ∈ L (M_inf M) := by
    refine ⟨1, 0, (by simp), M_M_inf M h1, M_M_inf M h0, ?_⟩
    simp
  refine ill_M_inf M ⟨1, hl, lr, hlr, ⟨a-1, ?_⟩ , ⟨a-1, ?_⟩⟩
  . ring_nf
    simp [h, mul_rotate]
  simp only [ofReal_inv, mul_one, mul_zero, add_zero]

```

Remark. The non-terminal `simp` and the rest without `only` are only used for better readability.

Corollary 3.6 (Invers of a complex number). If $z \in M_\infty$, then z^{-1} is in M_∞ .

Proof. For $z \in M_\infty$ we can write $z = a + ib$ with $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

$$z^{-1} = \frac{1}{z} = \frac{\bar{z}}{z\bar{z}} = \frac{a - ib}{a^2 + b^2} = (a - ib) \cdot (aa + bb)^{-1}.$$

Now we can again combined the lemmas for addition 3.1, subtraction [blue print], multiplication 3.4 and the corollary for the invers of a positive real number 3.5 with the exists of real an imaginary [blue print] part to get that $z^{-1} \in M_\infty$. \square

```

lemma z_inv_eq (z:ℂ) (hz: z ≠ 0): z-1 = z.re /
  (z.re^2+z.im^2)-(z.im/ (z.re^2+z.im^2) )*I := sorry

lemma inv_M_inf (M: Set ℂ) (h0: 0 ∈ M) (h1: 1 ∈ M) (a :ℂ )
  (ha: a ∈ M_inf M): a-1 ∈ M_inf M:= by
  by_cases h: a = 0
  . simp only [h, inv_zero]
  exact M_M_inf _ h0
  simp_rw [z_inv_eq _ h, Field.div_eq_mul_inv, pow_two]
  apply sub_M_Inf M h0
  . apply mul_M_inf M h0 h1 _ _ (real_in_M_inf M h0 h1 a ha)
  norm_cast
  apply ainv_in_M_inf M h0 h1
  push_cast
  apply add_M_Inf M h0
  exact mul_M_inf M h0 h1 _ _ (real_in_M_inf M h0 h1 _ ha)
  (real_in_M_inf M h0 h1 _ ha)

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exact mul_M_inf M h0 h1 _ _ (im_in_M_inf M h0 h1 _ ha)
(im_in_M_inf M h0 h1 _ ha)
. apply mul_M_inf M h0 h1 _ _ ?_ (imath_M_inf M h0 h1)
apply mul_M_inf M h0 h1 _ _ (im_in_M_inf M h0 h1 _ ha)
norm_cast
apply ainv_in_M_inf M h0 h1
push_cast
apply add_M_Inf M h0
exact mul_M_inf M h0 h1 _ _ (real_in_M_inf M h0 h1 _ ha)
(real_in_M_inf M h0 h1 _ ha)
exact mul_M_inf M h0 h1 _ _ (im_in_M_inf M h0 h1 _ ha)
(im_in_M_inf M h0 h1 _ ha)

```

4 Concluding

So have everything we need to construct the field of constructable numbers \mathcal{M}_∞ .

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noncomputable def MField (M: Set ℂ)(h0: 0 ∈ M)(h1: 1 ∈ M):
Subfield ℂ where
  carrier := M_inf M
  zero_mem' := by exact M_M_inf M h0
  one_mem' := by exact M_M_inf M h1
  add_mem' := by apply add_M_Inf M h0
  neg_mem' := by apply z_neg_M_inf M h0
  mul_mem' := by apply mul_M_inf M h0 h1
  inv_mem' := by apply inv_M_inf M h0 h1

```

Now it is just a instance, proven by `exact?`. To get the structure of the field.

```

noncomputable instance MField_field (M: Set ℂ)(h0: 0 ∈ M)(h1:
1 ∈ M): Field (MField M h0 h1) := by
  exact SubfieldClass.toField (Subfield ℂ) (MField M h0 h1)

```

This can be used to proof that $x \in \mathbb{C}$ is in \mathcal{M}_∞ if and only if the degree of x over $\mathbb{Q}(M)$ is of the form 2^n for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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