

Problem 2 take-home

$$\emptyset \neq S \subseteq \mathbb{P}$$

$$S + \mathbb{P} = \{c\} + \mathbb{P} \text{ for some } c = \inf S \geq 0$$

$$B = S + \mathbb{P}$$

$$A = \mathbb{R} \setminus B$$

$(A, B)$  a Dedekind cut  $A =$  set of lower bounds for  $S$ .

$$c = \inf S$$

NIP - nested intervals property.

Given a sequence of closed finite intervals  $\{I_n = [a_n, b_n] : n \in \mathbb{N}^+\}$

Satisfying: (1)  $I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq I_3 \supseteq \dots$

$$(2) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\text{length}(I_n)) = 0 \iff \forall \varepsilon > 0, \exists N \text{ st. } b_n - a_n < \varepsilon \quad \forall n > N$$

$$\text{Then (a) } \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n = \{c\}$$

(b) for any  $\delta > 0$  we can find  $N$  s.t.  $I_n \subseteq (c - \delta, c + \delta) \quad \forall n > N$

Theorem:  $CA \iff \text{NIP} \ \& \ \mathbb{R} \text{ has no infinitesimals.}$

Proof:  $CA \Rightarrow \text{NIP} \ \& \ \mathbb{R} \text{ has no infinitesimals.}$

$\Updownarrow$   
LUBP  $\Rightarrow$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (*) \ a_1 \leq a_2 \leq \dots \\ (**) \ b_1 \geq b_2 \geq \dots \end{array} \right\} \text{because of (i)}$$

Also, for any  $m, n$   $a_m < b_n$

$$\text{Let } p = \max(m, n) \quad a_m \leq a_p < b_p \leq b_n$$

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 $a_m$                        $b_n$  (\*\*)

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 $b_j (*)$                        $b_j (**)$

let  $L = \{a_n : n \geq 1\}$  = set of left endpoints.

$L$  is nonempty and bounded above by any  $b_n$ .

By LUBP,  $c = \sup L$  exists.

for any  $n$ ,  $a_n \leq c$  (since  $c$  is an upper bound)  
 $c \leq b_n$  (since  $c$  is the least upper bound  
 and  $b_n$  is an upper bound)

so  $c \in I_n \forall n$

so  $c \in \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$

if there were any other element, say  $d$ , in  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} I_n$ ,

then let  $\varepsilon = |d - c|$  then using (ii), choose  $n$  so that

$$b_n - a_n < \varepsilon = |d - c|$$

$d, c \in I_n \Rightarrow |d - c| \leq b_n - a_n < \varepsilon$ , which is a contradiction.

Already shown  $CA \Rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  has no infinitesimals. ■

★ NIP &  $\mathbb{R}$  has no infinitesimals  $\Rightarrow CA$ :

Let  $(A, B)$  be a Dedekind cut of  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Pick  $a_0 \in A$ ,  $b_0 \in B$ . Recursively define  $a_n \in A$ ,  $b_n \in B$

Having defined  $a_n, b_n$ , let  $c_n = \frac{a_n + b_n}{2}$

(1) if  $c_n \in A$ ,  $a_{n+1} = c_n$  and  $b_{n+1} = b_n$

(2) if  $c_n \in B$ ,  $a_{n+1} = a_n$  and  $b_{n+1} = c_n$

$\{I_n = [a_n, b_n]\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of nested intervals.

$$I_1 \supseteq I_2 \supseteq I_3 \supseteq \dots$$

$$b_n - a_n = \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2^n} < \frac{b_0 - a_0}{n} \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \text{ because } \mathbb{R} \text{ has no infinitesimals.}$$

$$b_n - a_n < \varepsilon \iff \frac{b_0 - a_0}{n} < \varepsilon, \text{ so choose } \frac{1}{n} < \frac{\varepsilon}{b_0 - a_0}$$

$(A, B)$  Dedekind cut,  $\{C\} = \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n, b_n]$  where  $a_n \in A$   $b_n \in B$

If  $c \in A$  and  $c$  is not the maximal element of  $A$ , then

we can find  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  $c + \delta \in A \Rightarrow$

$$[a_n, b_n] = I_n \subseteq (c - \delta, c + \delta) \subseteq A$$

$\uparrow$  for  $n > N$

wt  $b_n \in B$  so this is a contradiction.

if  $c \in B$  and  $c$  is not the minimal element of  $B$ , then

$$[a_n, b_n] = I_n \subseteq (c - \delta, c + \delta) \subseteq B,$$

$\uparrow$  for  $n > N$

again, a contradiction.

so if  $c \in A$  then  $c$  is the maximal element  
 "  $c \in B$  " " minimal "

so  $(A, B)$  has a cut point, namely  $c$ .

## Intermediate Value Theorem

Let  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous and  $\min(f(a), f(b)) < d < \max(f(a), f(b))$ ,

Then there is a  $c \in (a, b)$  s.t.  $f(c) = d$ .

Proof: without loss of generality, we may assume  $d = 0$ ,  $f(a) < 0$ ,  $f(b) > 0$   
 by replacing  $f$  by  $f - d$  or  $d - f$ .

Notation: If  $f$  is a function,  $S \subseteq \mathbb{R}$ , we define

$$f(S) = \{f(x) : x \in S \cap \text{dom}(f)\}$$

$f(S)$  is the image of  $S$  under  $f$ .

Lemma: If  $f$  is continuous at  $a$  and  $f(a) \neq 0$ ,  
 we can find  $\delta > 0$  so that  $f((a - \delta, a + \delta)) \subseteq (0, \infty)$   
 if  $f(a) > 0$  and  $f((a - \delta, a + \delta)) \subseteq (-\infty, 0)$  if  $f(a) < 0$ .

Proof: pick  $\delta > 0$  s.t.  $|x - a| < \delta \wedge x \in \text{dom}(f) \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \frac{|f(a)|}{2}$   
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Proof: pick  $\delta > 0$  st.  $|x-a| < \delta \wedge x \in \text{dom}(f) \Rightarrow |f(x) - f(a)| < \frac{|f(a)|}{2}$

$$\Updownarrow$$

$$f(a) - \frac{|f(a)|}{2} < f(x) < f(a) + \frac{|f(a)|}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  therefore,  $f(x)$  has same sign as  $f(a)$   $\square$

Recursively define  $a_n, b_n$  as follows with  $f(a_n) < 0$  and  $f(b_n) > 0$ .  
 $a_0 = a, b_0 = b$ . Having defined  $a_n$  and  $b_n$ , let  $c_n = \frac{b_n + a_n}{2}$ .

if  $f(c_n) = 0$  then we're done. Take  $C = c_n$  and abort.

if  $f(c_n) < 0$ , take  $a_{n+1} = c_n, b_{n+1} = b_n$

if  $f(c_n) > 0$ , take  $a_{n+1} = a_n, b_{n+1} = c_n$

$$b_n - a_n = \frac{b_0 - a_0}{2^n} \rightarrow 0.$$

and  $\{[a_n, b_n]\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  is a sequence of nested intervals.

by NIP,  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} [a_n, b_n] = \{C\}$ .

Claim:  $f(C) = 0$ . If  $f(C) \neq 0$ , we can find  $\delta > 0$  st.

$$f([a_n, b_n]) \subseteq f((C-\delta, C+\delta)) \subseteq (-\infty, 0) \text{ or } (0, \infty)$$

$\uparrow$   
for  $n > N$

This is a contradiction:  $f(a_n) < 0$  and  $f(b_n) > 0$ .

So  $C = 0$ .  $\square$