

Syllabus

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mentoring sessions: wed 6-8? Sun 3-5?

Grades: HW 30%

2 Mid 20% each

Final 30%

Week 1: § 1 of Spivak

2: § 2

3: § 3-4

4: § 5-6

5 (Sept 14-23): midterm, § 7

6: § 8, 27

7: § 9, 10

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Schedule (tentative)

§ 1: What are the real numbers \mathbb{R}

$$0.99\ldots \stackrel{?}{=} 1.00\ldots$$

Newton, Leibniz: does \mathbb{R} contain infinitesimals

infinitesimal: number > 0 greater than $\frac{1}{n} \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}_+$

- no, \mathbb{R} does not contain such numbers

properties of real numbers (axioms) (modern approach)

9 Field axioms: addition, multiplication, subtraction, division

3 Order axioms: ordering, positive, negative \rightarrow rationals

1 Completion axiom: distinguishes between \mathbb{Q} and \mathbb{R}

\mathbb{R} has 2 binary operations, $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{+} \mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} \xrightarrow{\cdot} \mathbb{R}$

$(a, b) \mapsto a+b$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$
 addition

$(a, b) \mapsto ab$
 $\underbrace{\hspace{1.5cm}}$
 multiplication

Field axioms:

- P1 - associativity of addition: $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$
- P2 - additive identity: $\exists 0 \in \mathbb{R}$ st. $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, a + 0 = 0 + a = a$
- P3 - additive inverses: $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists (-a) \in \mathbb{R}$ st. $a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0$
- P4 - commutativity of addition: $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R} \quad a + b = b + a$
- P5 - associativity of multiplication: $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a(bc) = (ab)c$
- P6 - multiplicative identity: $\exists 1 \in \mathbb{R}$ st. $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \quad a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a \quad (1 \neq 0)$
- P7 - multiplicative inverse: $\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}, \exists a^{-1}$ st. $aa^{-1} = a^{-1}a = 1$
- P8 - commutativity of multiplication: $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{R}, ab = ba$
- P9 - distributive property: $\forall a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, a(b+c) = ab + ac$

Definitions: $a - b \equiv a + (-b)$
 $a/b \equiv ab^{-1}$

Proposition: $0 \cdot a = 0 \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{R}$

Justification

<u>Proof:</u> $a(1+0) = a \cdot 1$	P2
$a \cdot 1 + a \cdot 0 = a \cdot 1$	P9
$a + a \cdot 0 = a$	P6
$(-a) + (a + a \cdot 0) = (-a) + a$	P3
$((-a) + a) + a \cdot 0 = (-a + a)$	P2
$0 + a \cdot 0 = 0$	P3
$a \cdot 0 = 0$	P2
$0 \cdot a = 0$	P8

Mistake in Spivak: page 7

Assignment: find the mistake in the proof that $a - b = b - a \Rightarrow b = a$

Work:

$$\begin{aligned}
 a - b &= b - a \\
 (a - b) + b &= (b - a) + b = b + (b - a) && P4 \\
 a + (-b + b) &= (b + b) + (-a) && P1, P3
 \end{aligned}$$

$$a + 0 = (b+b) + (-a)$$

$$a + a = (b+b) + (-a) + a$$

$$a + a = (b+b) + ((-a) + a)$$

$$a + a = b + b$$

$$1 \cdot a + 1 \cdot a = 1 \cdot b + 1 \cdot b$$

$$a(1+1) = b \cdot (1+1)$$

maybe
that $1+1 \neq 0$ $\rightarrow a \cdot (1+1) \cdot (1+1)^{-1} = b \cdot (1+1) \cdot (1+1)^{-1}$
is not apparent.

$$a \cdot 1 = b \cdot 1$$

$$a = b$$

This is
where we need
ordering.

P3

P2

P1

P3, P2

P6

P9

P7

P7

P6