# Elementary Set Theory

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# Structures of Numbers

We've defined (ω, +<sub>ω</sub>, ⋅<sub>ω</sub>, <<sub>ω</sub>), via either operations on ordinals or operations on cardinals.

 $\triangleright$  ( $\mathbb{Z}, +_{\mathbb{Z}}, \cdot_{\mathbb{Z}}, <_{\mathbb{Z}}$ ) is defined as:  $\mathbb{Z} = \omega \times \omega / \approx_1$ , where  $(a,b) \approx_1 (c,d) \iff a +_{\omega} d = c +_{\omega} b$  $(a, b) +_{\mathbb{Z}} (c, d) = (a +_{\omega} c, b +_{\omega} d)$  $(a,b) \cdot_{\mathbb{Z}} (c,d) = (ac +_{\omega} bd, ad +_{\omega} bc)$  $(a,b) <_{\mathbb{Z}} (c,d) \iff a +_{\omega} d <_{\omega} c +_{\omega} b$  $\triangleright \mathbb{Q} = \mathbb{Z} \times (\mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\}) / \approx_2$ , where  $(p,q) \approx_2 (r,s) \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad p \cdot_{\mathbb{Z}} s = q \cdot_{\mathbb{Z}} r$ The reader should try to define  $+_{\mathbb{O}}$ ,  $\cdot_{\mathbb{O}}$  and  $<_{\mathbb{O}}$ .  $\triangleright$   $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of Dedekind cuts, and  $\mathbb{C} = \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ .

# Homework 4.1

- 1. Define  $+_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,  $\cdot_{\mathbb{Q}}$  and  $<_{\mathbb{Q}}$  and verify that your definitions are independent of the choice of representatives.
- 2. Exercises in Ch4: 1-5.

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<u>Proof</u>.

Suppose  $\mathbb{R} = \{c_k \mid k < \omega\}$ . Construct a  $r \in \mathbb{R}$  s.t.  $r \neq c_k$  for all k. Use the theorem of Nested Closed Intervals. Start with an interval  $I_0$  such that  $c_0 \notin I_0$ . For each  $n < \omega$ , choose an interval  $I_{n+1}$  inductively such that

• 
$$I_{n+1} \subset I_n$$
,  $|I_{n+1}| \leq |I_n|/3$  and

• 
$$c_i \notin I_{n+1}$$
, for  $i \le n+1$ .

This produces a nested sequence  $\langle I_n : n < \omega \rangle$ . Let r be such that  $\{r\} = \bigcap_n I_n$ . This r works as desired.

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In fact, there is a natural bijection between  $\mathscr{P}(\omega)$  and  $\mathbb{R}$  via "continuous fractions" (连分数).

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# Some beautiful continuous fractions

$$\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} = [1;1,1,1,1,\cdots]$$
  
$$\sqrt{2} = [1;2,2,2,2,\cdots]$$
  
$$e = [2;1,2,1,1,4,1,1,6,1,1,8,1,1,10,1,1,12,1,1,\cdots]$$

Generalized continuous fractions [see wikipedia]



The Order-type of  $\ensuremath{\mathbb{Q}}$ 

- ► A linear ordering (P, <) is dense if for all a < b there exists c s.t. a < c < b. P is unbounded if it has neither a least nor a greatest element.</p>
- A set D ⊂ P is a dense subset if for all a < b ∈ P, there exists d ∈ D s.t. a < d < b. D is a bounded above in P if there exist e ∈ P s.t. for all a ∈ D, a < e. (or simply D < e)</p>
- A linear ordering (P, <) is complete if every nonempty bounded subset of P has a least upper and a largest lower bound.

# Theorem 2 (Cantor)

Any two countable unbounded dense linear orderings are isomorphic.

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Prove the uniqueness only.

- ▶ Let C, C' be two such linear orderings, and  $P \subset C$ ,  $P' \subset C'$  be the two countable unbounded dense subset repectively.
- Let  $f: P \to P'$  be an isomorphism. Then  $F: C \to C'$  is defined as: for  $x \in C$ ,

$$F(x) = \sup\{f(t) \mid t \in P \land t \le x\}$$

Verify that F is an isomorphism.

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#### Theorem 4

Let (P, <) be a dense unbounded linear ordering. Then there is a complete unbounded linear ordering  $(C, \prec)$  s.t.

1. 
$$P \subset C$$
 and  $<, \prec$  agree on  $P$ .

- **2**. P is dense in C.
- If P is countable, then  $C \cong \mathbb{R}$ .
- ▶ If *P* is not countable, *C* is not necessarily unique.

Dedekind cut

- A D-cut is a pair of disjoint set of rationals (A, B) s.t. A ∪ B = Q, A <<sub>Q</sub> B and A has no maximal elements.
- ▶ (A, B) < (C, D) iff  $A \subsetneq C$ .  $(A, B) + (C, D) = (A +_{\mathbb{Q}} C, B +_{\mathbb{Q}} D)$ . Thus  $-(A, B) = (-(B \setminus \{\min B\}), -(A \cup \{\min B\}))$ . For  $(A, B), (C, D) >_{\mathbb{Q}} 0_{\mathbb{Q}}$ ,  $(A, B) \cdot (C, D) = (\mathbb{Q} - BD, BD)$

•  $(\mathbb{R}, +, \cdot)$  forms a field, and

- If x < y then x + z < y + z.
- If x < y and z > 0 then  $x \cdot z < y \cdot z$ .
- As (ℝ, <) is complete, (ℝ, +, ·, <, 0, 1) is a complete ordered field. In fact, every complete ordered field is isomorphic to (ℝ, +, ·, <, 0, 1).</p>

#### Trees Definitions

- A tree is a partially ordered set  $(T, <_T)$  s.t. for every  $t \in T$ , the set  $(\cdot, t)_T = \{s \in T \mid s <_T t\}$  is well-ordered.
- The height of t in T,  $ht_T(t) = ordertype(\cdot, t)_T$ .
- The  $\alpha$ -th level of T,  $\operatorname{Lev}_{\alpha} T = \{t \in T \mid \operatorname{ht}_{T}(t) = \alpha\}.$
- The height of T, ht  $T = \min\{\alpha \mid \text{Lev}_{\alpha} T = \emptyset\}.$
- A chain of T is a  $<_T$ -well-ordered subset of T. ( $\alpha$ -chain).
- ► A path P is a chain which is also an initial part of T, i.e.,  $(\cdot, t) \subset T$  for every  $t \in P$ . ( $\alpha$ -path).

- A branch of T is a maximal chain/path of T. (α-branch). The set of all branches of T is denoted as B<sub>T</sub>.
- A cofinal branch is a branch that intersects each level of T. The set of all cofinal branches of T is denoted as [T].
- ►  $A \subset T$  is an **antichain** if members of A are pairwise **incompatible**, i.e.  $\forall s, t \in A \ (s \neq t \implies s \perp_T t)$ , where  $s \perp_T t \iff s \not<_T t \land t \not<_T s$ .
- ▶ If T is a tree and  $s, t \in T$ , define  $\delta_{st} = (\cdot, s)_T \cap (\cdot, t)_T$ and  $n_{st} = \text{ordertype}(\delta_{st})$ .

# Order a tree linearly

▶  $^{<\omega}2$  and  $^{<\omega}\omega$  carry natural tree orderings:

 $f\sqsubseteq g\quad \Leftrightarrow\quad f \text{ is an initial segment of }g.$ 

- The general X-ary tree (<sup><α</sup>X, ⊑) is defined similarly for any set X and α ∈ Ord.
- Only consider subtrees T ⊆ <sup><ω</sup>2 or <sup><ω</sup>ω that are downward closed under ⊑.

Let  $<_X$  be a linear ordering of X, then the lexicographical ordering  $\prec$  of T is defined by  $s \prec t$  iff 1.  $s \sqsubset t$  or

2. 
$$s \not\sqsubseteq t \wedge t \not\sqsubseteq s \wedge s(n_{st}) <_X t(n_{st}).$$

# Order a tree linearly

#### Proposition 5

Let T be a tree.

- 1. If  $s, t, u \in T$ , then  $R_{stu} = \{\delta_{st}, \delta_{tu}, \delta_{su}\}$  has  $\leq 2$  elements, and  $p, q \in R_{stu} \implies p \subseteq q \lor q \subseteq p$ .
- 2.  $\prec$  is a linear ordering of T which extends  $\sqsubset$ .
- 3. For every  $t \in T$ ,  $T^t = \{s \in T \mid t \sqsubset s\}$  is an interval in  $(T, \prec)$ .

<u>Proof</u>.

- 1. Key:  $R_{stu}$  is pairwise comparable.
- 2. By the definition of  $\prec$

3. Suppose 
$$s, s' \in T^t$$
,  $\sigma \in T$  and  $s \prec \sigma \prec s'$ .  
i)  $s \sqsubseteq \sigma$ ; ii)  $\delta_{s,\sigma} \sqsupset \delta_{s,t}$ ; iii)  $\delta_{s,\sigma} = \delta_{s,t}$ 

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Let  $T, B_T$  be as above.

1.  $\prec$  is a linear ordering of  $T \cup B_T$ .

2. For every  $t \in T$ ,  $B_t = \{f \in T \cup B_T \mid t \in f\}$  is an interval in  $(T \cup B_T, \prec)$ .

The lexicographical ordering of  ${}^{<\omega}\mathbb{Z}$  is an unbounded dense linear order ( $\cong \mathbb{Q}$ ), its extension to  $T \cup B_T$  is complete ( $\cong \mathbb{R}$ ).

# The Standard Topology of ${\mathbb R}$

► The standard topology over R is induced by the standard linear ordering: using intervals of the form

$$(a,b), \quad a \le b \in \mathbb{Q},$$

as basis.

For the Baire space N = <sup>ω</sup>ω, the basis consists of sets of the form: s ∈ <sup><ω</sup>ω,

$$O_s = \{ f \in \mathcal{N} \mid s \sqsubset f \}.$$

The continuum is the unique linear ordering that is dense, unbounded, complete and separable.

# Separability & c.c.c.

- (Suslin's Problem). Is it still true if "separable" is replaced by "countable chain condition" (c.c.c), i.e., there is no uncountable pairwise-disjoint collection of open intervals?
- A linear ordering is a Suslin line if it is dense, unbounded, complete, c.c.c but not separable.
- ▶ ℝ is separable and has c.c.c. In general, If X is separable, then X has c.c.c.

- ► The product of two separable spaces is separable. However, separability is not preserved under arbitrary products (for ≥ (2<sup>ω</sup>)<sup>+</sup> factors).
- ¬SH implies that the product of two c.c.c spaces is not necessarily c.c.c. (see Homework 4.2 problem #3).
   Strangely, if c.c.c is preserved by products with two factors, then it is preserved by arbitrary products.

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#### Suslin's Hypothesis (SH)

There are no Suslin lines/trees.

SH turns out to be independent of ZFC.

# Homework 4.2

- 1. Prove Proposition 5.
- 2. Prove Proposition 6.
- 3. If X is a Suslin line, then  $X^2$  is not c.c.c. Hint: construct  $\{U_{\alpha} = (a_{\alpha}, b_{\alpha}) \times (b_{\alpha}, c_{\alpha}) \mid \alpha < \omega_1\}$ , s.t. a.  $a_{\alpha} < b_{\alpha} < c_{\alpha}$ b.  $(a_{\alpha}, b_{\alpha}) \neq \emptyset$  and  $(b_{\alpha}, c_{\alpha}) \neq \emptyset$ c. for every  $\xi < \alpha$ ,  $b_{\xi} \notin (a_{\alpha}, c_{\alpha})$ .
- 4. Exercises in Ch4: 8-13, 15, 18

#### Plan

We shall discuss three properties of sets of reals:

- The Perfect Set Property
- The Property of Baire
- Lebesgue Measurability

# Size of Closed Sets

Consider  $\mathbb{R}$  together with its standard topology and metric.

$$d(a,b) = |a-b|.$$

Some simple counting:

- ► There are c many open sets.
- ▶ There are ¢ many closed sets.
- Every nonempty open set has size c.

What about the size of closed sets? The answer is what Cantor considered as an evidence to his famous Hypothesis (CH).

#### Theorem

Every closed set either is countable or has size  $\mathfrak{c}$ .

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More generally, every perfect set in a separable complete metric space contains a copy of Cantor set.

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till it stops, say at  $\tau$ . Let  $P = A_{\tau}$  and  $C = A - A_{\tau}$ .

Perfect sets in 
$$\mathcal{N} = {}^{\omega}\omega$$

#### Proposition 12

- 1.  $F \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  is closed iff F = [T] for some tree  $T \subseteq {}^{<\omega}\omega$  with  $\operatorname{ht}(T) = \omega$ .
- 2. If f is an isolated point of a closed set  $F \subseteq \mathcal{N}$ , then there is  $n \in \omega$  s.t.  $\forall g \in F (f \neq g \rightarrow f \upharpoonright n \neq g \upharpoonright n)$ .
- 3. A closed set  $F \subseteq \mathcal{N}$  is perfect iff

$$T_F = \{f \upharpoonright n \mid f \in F, \ n < \omega\}$$

is a perfect tree.

#### Definition 13

A tree  $T \subseteq {}^{<\omega}\omega$  is **perfect** iff for every  $t \in T$ , there exist  $s_1, s_2 \in T$  s.t.  $t \sqsubset s_1$  and  $t \sqsubset s_2$ , but  $s_1, s_2$  are incomparable.

# Cantor-Bendixson for ${\cal N}$

 $\begin{array}{l} \underline{PROOF}.\\ \text{For each } T \subseteq {}^{<\omega}\omega\text{, define}\\ T' = \{t \in T \mid \exists s_1, s_2 \in T \ (t \sqsubset s_1 \wedge t \sqsubset s_2 \wedge s_1 \perp_T s_2)\}\\ \text{Iterate the process} \end{array}$ 

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► Each  $[T_{\alpha}] - [T_{\alpha+1}]$  is countable, as  $T_{\alpha}$  is countable. ( $\alpha < \tau$ )

• If 
$$T_{\tau} \neq \emptyset$$
, then it is perfect.

• 
$$[\bigcap T_{\alpha}] = \bigcap [T_{\alpha}].$$
  
Hence  $[T] - [T_{\tau}] = \bigcup_{\alpha < \tau} ([T_{\alpha}] - [T_{\alpha+1}])$  is countable

# $\sigma$ -Algebra

#### Definition 14

Fix a set X.

- An algebra of sets is a collection S ⊆ 𝒫(X) s.t.
  (i) X ∈ S.
  (ii) U, V ∈ S ⇒ U ∪ V ∈ S.
  (iii) U ∈ S ⇒ X − U ∈ S.
- A collection  $\mathcal{I} \subseteq \mathscr{P}(X)$  forms an **ideal** if

(i) 
$$X \notin \mathcal{I}$$
.  
(ii)  $U, V \in \mathcal{I} \implies U \cup V \in \mathcal{I}$ .  
(iii)  $U \in \mathcal{I} \land V \subset U \implies V \in \mathcal{I}$ 

A σ-algebra (σ-ideal) is an algebra (ideal) closed under countable union, i.e.
 (iv) {U<sub>n</sub> | n ∈ ω} ⊆ S ⇒ ∪<sub>n</sub> U<sub>n</sub> ∈ S.

# $\sigma$ -Algebra, II

#### $\blacktriangleright \ \mathscr{P}(X) \text{ is a } \sigma\text{-algebra}.$

- For every A ⊆ 𝒫(X), there is a smallest (σ-)algebra containing A, which is the intersection of all (σ-)algebras containing A.
- A set A ⊆ ℝ is Borel if it belongs to the smallest σ-algebra that contains all open sets.
- The Lebesgue measurable sets form a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- The sets having the Baire property form a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

# Borel Hierarchy, I

#### Definition 15

For each  $\alpha < \omega_1$ ,



# Borel Hierarchy, II

•  $\Delta_1^0$  = the collection of all Borel sets.

- The construction ends at  $\alpha = \omega_1$ .
- The elements of each  $\sum_{\alpha}^{0}$  (or  $\prod_{\alpha}^{0}$ ) are Borel sets.

For 
$$\alpha < \beta < \omega_1$$
,

$$\begin{array}{ll} \sum_{\alpha}^{0} \subset \sum_{\beta}^{0}, & \sum_{\alpha}^{0} \subset \prod_{\beta}^{0}, \\ \prod_{\alpha}^{0} \subset \prod_{\beta}^{0}, & \prod_{\alpha}^{0} \subset \sum_{\beta}^{0} \end{array}$$

- All inclusions above are strict.
- The collection  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} \sum_{\alpha}^0 = \bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} \prod_{\alpha}^0$  is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

Every irrational number has a unique representation by an infinite continued fraction.

$$x = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{\ddots \frac{1}{a_n + \frac{1}{\cdots }}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}}$$

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where  $a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  for  $i \geq 1$ .

Let A be the set of all irrational numbers that correspond to sequences (a<sub>i</sub> : i < ω) with the following property:</p>

there exists an infinite subsequence  $\langle a_{k_i} : i < \omega \rangle$  such that for every  $i < \omega$ ,  $a_{k_i}$  is a factor of  $a_{k_{i+1}}$ .

- A is not Borel. (Assume AC<sub> $\omega$ </sub>)
- A is constructed in ZF, however, it cannot be proven to be non-Borel in ZF alone.

# Meager Sets

#### Definition 16

- A set X ⊆ ℝ is nowhere dense if its closure has empty interior.
- X is of the first category (or meager) if it is the union of countably many nowhere dense sets. A non-meager set is called a set of the second category. A set is comeager if its complement is meager.
- A set A ⊆ ℝ has the property of Baire if there exists an open set G such that G △ A is meager.

The collection of meager sets is a  $\sigma$ -ideal, and the collection of sets that have the property of Baire is a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

# The Baire Category Theorem

#### Theorem 17 (The Baire Category Theorem)

If  $\{D_n \mid n < \omega\}$  are dense open subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  (or  $\mathcal{N}$ ), then the intersection  $D = \bigcap_n D_n$  is dense in  $\mathbb{R}$ .

Equivalent versions:

- Replace "dense" by "comeager".
- ▶ Every open set (in particular ℝ) is not meager.

# Baire Category for ${\cal N}$

Note that

- Sets of the form  $O_s$ ,  $s \in {}^{<\omega}\omega$ , form a basis.
- Every open dense subset of N corresponds to a maximal antichain in the sequential tree <sup><ω</sup>ω.

#### Theorem 18 (The Baire Category Theorem for $\mathcal{N}$ )

Let  $\mathcal{A} = \{A_n \mid n < \omega\}$  be a family of maximal antichains of the sequential tree  $T = {}^{<\omega}\omega$ . Then for every  $s \in T$ , there is a cofinal branch  $f \in {}^{\omega}\omega$  such that

- $\blacktriangleright$   $s \sqsubset f$ , and
- for each n, there is exactly one  $t_n \in A_n$  such that  $t_n \sqsubset f$ .

# Lebesgue Measurable

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#### Definition 19

A set A is Lebesgue measurable if there exist an F<sub>σ</sub>-set F and a G<sub>δ</sub>-set G such that F ⊂ A ⊂ G and µ<sup>\*</sup>(G − F) = 0.

When A is measurable, write  $\mu(A)$  instead of  $\mu^*(A)$ .

A set A is **null** if 
$$\mu^*(A) = 0$$
.

In addition to the properties mentioned before, we add a few more:

▶  $\mu$  is  $\sigma$ -additive: If  $\{A_n \mid n < \omega\}$  are pairwise disjoint and measurable, then

$$\mu(\bigcup_n A_n) = \sum_n \mu(A_n).$$

- µ is σ-finite: If A is measurable, then there exist measurable sets A<sub>n</sub> (n < ω) such that</p>  $A = \bigcup_n A_n \text{ and } µ(A_n) < ∞ \text{ for each } n.$
- Every null set is measurable. The null sets form a σ-ideal and contain all singletons.

# (Lebesgue) Measure on ${\cal N}$

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Thus for every nonempty sequence  $s \in {}^{<\omega}\omega$ ,

$$u(O_s) = \prod_{n \in \operatorname{dom}(s)} \nu(\{s(n)\})$$
$$= \prod_{n \in \operatorname{dom}(s)} 1/2^{s(n)+1}.$$

# Homework 4.3

- 1. Prove Proposition 12.
- 2. Show that  $\bigcup_{\alpha < \omega_1} \sum_{\alpha}^0 =$  the collection of all Borel sets.
- 3. Show that the collection of Lebesgue measurable sets (of reals) form a  $\sigma$ -algebra.
- 4. Show that the collection of sets (of reals) having the property of Baire forms a  $\sigma$ -algebra.

# Solovay model

#### Theorem (Solovay 1970)

Assume the existence of an (a strongly) inaccessible cardinal is consistent with ZFC. Then there is an inner model of ZF + Dependent Choice<sup>1</sup> such that every set of reals

- is Legesgue measurable,
- has the perfect set property, and
- has the Baire property.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>HOD<sub>Ord</sub><sup> $\omega$ </sup> or  $L(\mathbb{R})$ , computed in the generic extension V[G] by Levy's poset Coll( $\omega, <\kappa$ ), which collapses all cardinals below the least inaccessible  $\kappa$  to  $\omega$ .

# The inaccessible cardinal

#### Theorem

- 1. (Shelah 1984) The inaccessible cardinal is not necessary for the Baire property.
- 2. (Specker 1957, Solovay 1970) The existence of an inaccessible cardinal is equivalent to the statement that every set of reals has the perfect set property.
- (Shelah 1984) If every ∑<sub>3</sub><sup>1</sup> set of reals is Lebesgue measurable then ℵ<sub>1</sub> is inaccessible in L. So the inaccessible is also necessary.

Moreover, Shelah also construct a model (without using an inaccessible cardinal) in which every  $\underline{\Delta}_3^1$  set of reals is Lebesgue measurable.