

MATH 141A - MATHEMATICAL LOGIC I, FALL 2018
ASSIGNMENT 11

Due Friday, November 30 at the beginning of class (please submit your assignment on Canvas). Make sure to include your full name *and the list of your collaborators* (if any) with your assignment. You may discuss problems with others, but you may *not* keep a written record of your discussions. Please refer to the syllabus for details.

Special instructions: Do **exactly five** of the problems below. Please make sure to clearly mark which problems you have chosen. You should attempt the other problems too, but they will not be graded for credit.

With regards to answering these problems, imagine that you are writing an answer to teach someone else in the class how to do the problem. In particular, you must give a complete outline for how you arrived at your answer. It is not sufficient to simply state a number or formula without providing the steps and reasoning that you used to produce the answer.

- (1) For a nonzero hyperreal number δ , we say that a hyperreal number x is *infinitesimal relative to δ* if $|x| < r|\delta|$ for any positive real number r . Thus an infinitesimal is exactly an infinitesimal relative to a nonzero real number.
 - (a) Assume that δ is an infinite hyperreal. Show that any real number is infinitesimal relative to δ .
 - (b) Show that for any nonzero hyperreal δ , there exists a nonzero hyperreal ϵ that is infinitesimal with respect to δ .
- (2) Give a proof (using nonstandard analysis) of the intermediate value theorem: if $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is continuous and $a < b$ are real numbers such that $f(a) < 0 < f(b)$, then there exists a real number $x \in [a, b]$ such that $f(x) = 0$.
- (3) A sequence (a_n) of real numbers is nothing but a function from \mathbb{N} to \mathbb{R} . Using the extension principle we can, given such a sequence, make sense of a_N for N any hypernatural number. Thus we say that a sequence (a_n) of real numbers *converges* to a real number a if $a_N \simeq a$ for any infinite hypernatural N .
 - (a) Prove that this is equivalent to the standard definition of convergence: for any real number $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for all $m \geq n$, $|a_m - a| < \epsilon$.
 - (b) Recall that a sequence (a_n) of real numbers is *Cauchy* if for any real number $\epsilon > 0$ there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that for any $m_1, m_2 \geq n$, $|a_{m_1} - a_{m_2}| < \epsilon$. Give a “nonstandard” definition of a Cauchy sequence, prove it is equivalent to the classical definition, and use your definition to prove that any Cauchy sequence converges.
- (4) Prove that for any infinite structure M and any cardinal λ , M has an elementary extension of cardinality at least λ .
- (5) Prove that if F is a field and X is a subset of F , then $|\text{acl}^F(X)| \leq |X| + \aleph_0$.

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- (6) Assume E and F are fields, s is a local isomorphism from E to F , $E_0 = \langle \text{dom}(s) \rangle$ is the subfield of E generated by $\text{dom}(s)$, and $F_0 = \langle \text{im}(s) \rangle$ is the subfield of F generated by $\text{im}(s)$. Show that s extends to an isomorphism $f : E_0 \cong F_0$.
- (7) Using only that for any field F , any nonconstant polynomial with coefficients from F has a root in a field extension of F , show that any field has an algebraically closed extension. *Use transfinite induction: keep adding roots until you reach an algebraically closed extension!*