Point Set Topology

Book 3

A *filter* on X is a collection $\mathcal{F}$ consisting of subsets of X such that

- $\emptyset \notin \mathcal{F}$, $X \in \mathcal{F}$
- If $A \in \mathcal{F}$ and $A \subseteq B \subseteq X$, then $B \in \mathcal{F}$.
- If $A, A' \in \mathcal{F}$ then $A \cap A' \in \mathcal{F}$.

Every ultrafilter is a filter, but not conversely.

A collection $\mathcal{S}$ of subsets of X has the *finite intersection property* (f.i.p.) if for all $A_1, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{S}$, $A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \cdots \cap A_n \neq \emptyset$.

A filter has the f.i.p. If $\mathcal{S}$ is any collection of subsets of X having f.i.p. then $\mathcal{S}$ generates a filter:

$$\mathcal{F}_{\mathcal{S}} = \{\text{supersets of finite intersections of sets in } \mathcal{S}\}$$
$$= \{B \subseteq X : A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \cdots \cap A_n \subseteq B \text{ for some } A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n \in \mathcal{S}\}.$$

This is the (unique) smallest collection of subsets of X which contains $\mathcal{S}$ and is a filter.

If $\mathcal{F}, \mathcal{F}'$ are filters on X, we say $\mathcal{F}'$ *refines* $\mathcal{F}$ if $\mathcal{F} \subseteq \mathcal{F}'$.

The collection of all filters on X is partially ordered by refinement.

Given a filter $\mathcal{F}_0$ on X, the collection of filters refining $\mathcal{F}_0$ has a maximal member by Zorn's Lemma. This is guaranteed to be an ultrafilter.

Assume we are given a nonprincipal ultrafilter $\mathcal{U}$ on $\omega = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$.

Construction of the nonstandard real numbers (hyperreals) ${}^*\mathbb{R}$ or $\mathbb{R}^*$ or $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$.

$\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ and $\mathbb{R}$ are examples of ordered fields. $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ and $\mathbb{R}$ are very similar from first appearances.

eg. If $f(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ or $\hat{\mathbb{R}}[x]$ (polynomial in x) of degree 3 then f has a root (in $\mathbb{R}$ or $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ respectively).
If $f' > 0$ then this root is unique. Positive elements have a unique square root.

But: $\mathbb{R}$ is an Archimedean field: it has no infinite or infinitesimal elements. More precisely, if $a \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfies $0 \le a < \frac{1}{n}$ for all $n = 1,2,3,4,\dots$ then $a = 0$.

$\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ has infinitesimal elements (it is Non-Archimedian field).

Construction: Start with $\mathbb{R}^\omega = \{\underbrace{(a_0, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots)}_{a =} : a_i \in \mathbb{R}\}$ (<u>all</u> sequences of real numbers).

Given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^\omega$ we can add/multiply/subtract pointwise

$$a \pm b = (a_0 \pm b_0, a_1 \pm b_1, a_2 \pm b_2, \dots)$$
$$ab = (a_0 b_0, a_1 b_1, a_2 b_2, \dots)$$

making $\mathbb{R}^\omega$ into a commutative ring with identity $1 = (1,1,1,1,1,\dots)$. It's not a field; it has zero divisors e.g.

$$(1,0,1,0,1,0,\dots)(0,1,0,1,0,1,\dots) = (0,0,0,0,0,0,\dots) = 0 \in \mathbb{R}^\omega.$$

But take an ultrafilter $\mathcal{U}$ on ω ($\mathcal{U}$ nonprincipal).

If $a_i = b_i$ for all $i \in U \in \mathcal{U}$ then $a_i \sim b_i$ (equivalence mod $\mathcal{U}$).

In this case $(0,1,0,1,0,1,\dots) \sim (1,1,1,1,1,1,\dots) = 1$

$(1,0,1,0,1,0,\dots) \sim (0,0,0,0,0,0,\dots) = 0$

Given $a, b \in \mathbb{R}^\omega$, let $A = \{i \in \omega : a_i = b_i\}$. Either $A \in \mathcal{U}$ (in which case $a \sim b$) or $\omega \setminus A \in \mathcal{U}$ (in which case $a \not\sim b$). $\hat{\mathbb{R}} = \mathbb{R}^\omega/\sim = \{[a]_\sim : a \in \mathbb{R}^\omega\}$, $[a]_\sim$ = equiv. class of a $= \{x \in \mathbb{R}^\omega : x \sim a\}$.

$\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ is a field. If $a \ne 0$ then actually $a \not\sim 0$ ($[a]_\sim \ne [0]_\sim$) so $\{i \in \omega : a_i \ne 0\} \in \mathcal{U}$. (<u>most</u> coordinates of a are nonzero). Then $\frac{1}{a} = (\frac{1}{a_i} : i \in \omega)$

Anywhere that $a_i = 0$, ignore or replace by 1.

$a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1$

$\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ is an <u>ordered</u> <u>field</u>. Given $a, b \in \hat{\mathbb{R}}$, either $a<b$ or $a=b$ or $b<a$.

$\omega = \{i \in \omega : a_i < b_i\} \sqcup \{i \in \omega : a_i = b_i\} \sqcup \{i \in \omega : b_i < a_i\}$

Exactly one of these three sets is an ultrafilter set. Correspondingly, $a<b$ or $a=b$ or $b<a$.

$\mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{R}^\omega$

Given $a \in \mathbb{R}$, identify with $(a, a, a, a, \ldots) \in \mathbb{R}^\omega$. This way $\mathbb{R}$ is embedded in $\mathbb{R}^\omega$.

The standard topology on $\hat{\mathbb{R}}$ is the order topology: basic open sets are open intervals (a,b), $a, b \in \hat{\mathbb{R}}$.

Eg. $\varepsilon = [(1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{5}, \cdots)]_\sim \in \hat{\mathbb{R}}$ is an infinitesmal.

$\frac{1}{\varepsilon} = [(1, 2, 3, 4, 5, \cdots)]_\sim \in \hat{\mathbb{R}}$ is infinite.