

# Infinitesimal Calculus

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**Abstract** The controversy surrounding the infinitesimals, obstructed the development of the Infinitesimal Calculus.

Postulating infinitesimals, only revealed Logic's inapplicability to Mathematical Analysis, where claims must be proved, and unproven claims are ignored.

Recently we have shown that when the Real Line is represented as the infinite dimensional space of all the Cauchy sequences of rational numbers, the hyper-reals are spanned by the constant hyper-reals, a family of infinitesimal hyper-reals, and the associated family of infinite hyper-reals.

The infinitesimal hyper-reals are smaller than any real number, yet bigger than zero.

The reciprocals of the infinitesimal hyper-reals are the infinite hyper-reals. They are greater than any real number, yet strictly smaller than infinity.

A neighborhood of infinitesimals separates the zero hyper-real from the reals, and each real number is the center of an interval of hyper-reals, that includes no other real number.

The Hyper-reals are totally ordered, and are lined up on a line, the hyper-real line.

A hyper-real function is a mapping from the hyper-real line into the hyper-real line.

Infinitesimal Calculus is the Calculus of hyper-real functions.

Infinitesimal Calculus is far more precise, and effective than the  $\varepsilon, \delta$  Calculus.

In particular, Infinitesimal Calculus enables us to differentiate over a discontinuity jump, as large as an infinite hyper-real, and integrate over such discontinuities

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# Introduction

## 0.1 The origin of Infinitesimal Calculus

Leibnitz wrote the derivative as a quotient of two differentials,

$$f'(x) = \frac{df}{dx}.$$

The differential  $df$  is the difference between two extremely close values of  $f$ , attained on two extremely close values of  $x$ . The differential  $dx$  is the difference between those values of  $x$ . Since  $f'(x)$  may vanish,  $df = f'(x)dx$  can vanish. But  $dx$  cannot vanish because division by zero is undefined.

The differential  $dx$  is an infinitesimal. it is smaller than any real number, yet it is greater than zero.

That characterization was met with understandable scepticism.

How can there be numbers that are smaller than any number and yet are greater than zero?

Euler who used differentials, avoided this fundamental question, and did not develop the infinitesimal Calculus.

Calculus after Euler, avoided the use of infinitesimals. Even the theory of differential equations is inundated with  $\varepsilon, \delta$  arguments, and the Infinitesimal Calculus remained undeveloped.

## 0.2 Postulating Infinitesimals

Attempts to prove the existence of infinitesimals by Schmieden, and Laugwitz [Laug] were flawed. They assumed that what is true for natural numbers must hold true for infinities. But while for any natural number  $n$ ,

$$n < n + n,$$

it is well known that

$$\text{Card}\mathbb{N} = \text{Card}\mathbb{N} + \text{Card}\mathbb{N}$$

In 1961, Robinson assumed that infinitesimals exist, and with that assumption managed to prove that they exist.

Robinson first produced, in the spirit of the Schmieden and Laugwitz Postulate, the

*Transfer Axiom.*

It says [Keisler, p.908],

*Every real statement that holds for all real numbers holds for all hyper-real numbers.*





















































































































