

# Surreal Numbers: A Study of Square Roots

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**Summary.** This paper sets out to formalize the concept of the square root as proposed by Clive Bach in the section entitled *Properties of Division* in Conway’s book. The proposed construction extends the classical approach to the square root of real numbers to include both infinitely large and infinitely small numbers.

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## INTRODUCTION

In the Chapter *The class **No** is a field* [6], Conway also quotes the definition of a square root proposed by Clive Bach. This definition is formulated in Conway’s typical way, using double recursion and the concept and typical options as follows:

$$\sqrt{x} = y = \left\{ \sqrt{x^L}, \frac{x + y^L \cdot y^R}{y^L + y^R} \mid \sqrt{x^R}, \frac{x + y^L \cdot y^{L\bullet}}{y^L + y^{L\bullet}}, \frac{x + y^R \cdot y^{R\bullet}}{y^R + y^{R\bullet}} \right\} \quad (\text{I.1})$$

where  $x^L, x^R$  represent non-negative options of  $x$ , while  $y^L, y^{L\bullet}, y^R, y^{R\bullet}$  denote the options for  $y$  such that no denominator is zero. In addition, the construction of this number is entirely absent, and the veracity of this definition is left to the reader to demonstrate through an *easy inductive proof*.

In our formalization, we adapt the idea presented for the inverse element proposed by Schleicher and Stoll [11], which was previously employed in our

earlier formalization [8] in the Mizar system formalization [5]. We first introduce a restriction that limits the members of the sets  $L_x$ ,  $R_x$  to those that are non-negative. Let  $x$  be a surreal number. We define the function  $\mathbf{NNPart}(x)$  (see Def.1) to be

$$\{0, \{x^L \in L_x \mid x^L \geq 0\} \mid \{x^R \in R_x \mid x^R \geq 0\}\} \quad (\text{I.2})$$

and we prove that  $\mathbf{NNPart}$  is born no later than  $x$  (see Th3) and  $\approx x$  (see Th5) for any non-negative  $x$ .

Then two sequences of sets of surreal numbers are defined, namely,  $\{\sqrt[n]{x_0, x}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$ ,  $\{\sqrt[n]{x_0, x}\}_{n \in \mathbb{N}}$  for a given surreal number  $x$  and an initial pair of surreal number sets  $x_0$ . These sequences are defined (see Def.3, Def.4, Def.5) recursively as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt[n]{0, x_0, x} &= L_{x_0}, \\ \sqrt[n]{0, x_0, x} &= R_{x_0}, \\ \sqrt[n]{n+1, x_0, x} &= \sqrt[n]{n, x_0, x} \cup \mathbf{S}(x, \sqrt[n]{n, x_0, x}, \sqrt[n]{n, x_0, x}) \\ \sqrt[n]{n+1, x_0, x} &= \sqrt[n]{n, x_0, x} \cup \mathbf{S}(x, \sqrt[n]{n, x_0, x}, \sqrt[n]{n, x_0, x}) \\ &\quad \cup \mathbf{S}(x, \sqrt[n]{n, x_0, x}, \sqrt[n]{n, x_0, x}) \end{aligned} \quad (\text{I.3})$$

where  $\mathbf{S}(x, A, B) = \{\frac{x+a \cdot b}{a+b} \mid a \in X \wedge b \in Y \wedge a+b \neq 0\}$  and  $A$  and  $B$  represent arbitrary sets of surreal numbers (see Def.2).

The condition (I.1) can now be expressed in a more formal, but still recursive way, as follows:

$$\sqrt{x} = \langle \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sqrt[n]{n, x_0, x}, \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sqrt[n]{n, x_0, x} \rangle \quad (\text{I.4})$$

where  $x_0 = \langle \{\sqrt{x^L} \mid x^L \in L_{\mathbf{NNPart}(x)}\}, \{\sqrt{x^R} \mid x^R \in R_{\mathbf{NNPart}(x)}\} \rangle$ .

To implement this kind of recursion in the Mizar system we use a sequence  $\sqrt[n]{\cdot}$ , where  $\sqrt[n]{\cdot}$  is a function defined on day  $\alpha$  for each ordinal  $\alpha$ , with the following definition:

$$\sqrt[n]{x} = \langle \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sqrt[n]{n, (\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \sqrt[n]{\cdot})[L_{\mathbf{NNPart}(x)}], x}, \bigcup_{n \in \mathbb{N}} \sqrt[n]{n, (\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \sqrt[n]{\cdot})[R_{\mathbf{NNPart}(x)}], x} \rangle \quad (\text{I.5})$$

where  $x$  represents an element of day  $\alpha$ . It is important for understanding the correctness of the definition that the constructed sequence is a  $\subseteq$ -monotone in the set-theoretic sense, so that we can treat  $\bigcup_{\beta < \alpha} \sqrt[n]{\cdot}$  as a function. We may now define  $\sqrt{x}$  as  $\sqrt[n]{x}$ , where  $\alpha$  represents the day on which a given positive  $x$  is born (see Def.7) and satisfies the fundamental properties of square root for non-negative real numbers such as:  $0 \leq \sqrt{x} < \sqrt{y}$  for all surreal numbers  $0 < x < y$  (see Th27),  $\sqrt{x}^{-1} \approx \sqrt{x^{-1}}$  for positive surreal (see Th30).

The concept proposed by Clive Bach was initially introduced for non-negative numbers; however, there are no inherent limitations to its application beyond the natural domain. We have shown that, outside the domain, the fundamental property  $x \approx y \Rightarrow \sqrt{x} \approx \sqrt{y}$  is lost. Indeed, we prove that  $\sqrt{-1} = -1$  and for any positive  $x$  we can construct a surreal number  $y \approx -1$  such that  $\sqrt{y} < -x$  (see Th31).

## 1. SURREAL NUMBERS WITHOUT NEGATIVE OPTIONS

From now on  $n, m$  denote natural numbers,  $o$  denotes an object,  $p$  denotes a pair object, and  $x, y, z$  denote surreal numbers.

Let  $x$  be an object. The functor  $\text{NonNegativePart}(x)$  yielding a pair set is defined by

- (Def. 1) ( $o \in L_{it}$  iff there exists a surreal number  $l$  such that  $o = l$  and  $l \in L_x$  and  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq l$ ) and ( $o \in R_{it}$  iff there exists a surreal number  $r$  such that  $o = r$  and  $r \in R_x$  and  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq r$ ).

One can check that  $L_{\text{NonNegativePart}(x)}$  is surreal-membered as a set and  $R_{\text{NonNegativePart}(x)}$  is surreal-membered as a set.

Now we state the proposition:

- (1) (i)  $L_{\text{NonNegativePart}(o)} \subseteq L_o$ , and  
(ii)  $R_{\text{NonNegativePart}(o)} \subseteq R_o$ .

Let  $x$  be a surreal number. One can check that  $\text{NonNegativePart}(x)$  is surreal.

Now we state the propositions:

- (2) (i)  $x \in L_{\text{NonNegativePart}(o)}$  iff  $x \in L_o$  and  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x$ , and  
(ii)  $x \in R_{\text{NonNegativePart}(o)}$  iff  $x \in R_o$  and  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x$ .  
(3)  $\text{born NonNegativePart}(x) \subseteq \text{born } x$ .

PROOF: Set  $N = \text{NonNegativePart}(x)$ . For every object  $o$  such that  $o \in L_N \cup R_N$  there exists an ordinal number  $O$  such that  $O \in \text{born } x$  and  $o \in \text{Day } O$  by (1), [9, (1)].  $\square$

- (4) If  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x$ , then  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq \text{NonNegativePart}(x)$ .

PROOF: Set  $N = \text{NonNegativePart}(x)$ .  $\{\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}\} \ll R_N$  by [9, (11), (4)].  $\square$

- (5) If  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x$ , then  $\text{NonNegativePart}(x) \approx x$ .

PROOF: Set  $N = \text{NonNegativePart}(x)$ .  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq N$ .  $L_N \ll \{x\}$  by (1), [9, (11)].  $\{N\} \ll R_x$  by [9, (11), (4)], [7, (43)], [9, (3)].  $L_x \ll \{N\}$  by [9, (4), (11)].  $\{x\} \ll R_N$  by (1), [9, (11)].  $\square$

## 2. SQUARE ROOT CONSTRUCTION

Let  $l_1$  be an object and  $X, Y$  be sets. The functor  $\text{sqrt}(l_1, X, Y)$  yielding a surreal-membered set is defined by

(Def. 2)  $o \in it$  iff there exists  $x$  and there exists  $y$  such that  $x \in X$  and  $y \in Y$  and  $x + y \not\approx \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$  and  $o = (l_1 +' x \cdot y) \cdot ((x + y)^{-1})$ .

Let  $x_0$  be a pair object and  $x$  be an object. The functor  $\text{Transitions}(x_0, x)$  yielding a function is defined by

(Def. 3)  $\text{dom } it = \mathbb{N}$  and  $it(0) = x_0$  and for every  $n$ ,  $it(n)$  is pair and  $(it(n+1))_1 = L_{it(n)} \cup \text{sqrt}(x, L_{it(n)}, R_{it(n)})$  and  $(it(n+1))_2 = (R_{it(n)} \cup \text{sqrt}(x, L_{it(n)}, L_{it(n)})) \cup \text{sqrt}(x, R_{it(n)}, R_{it(n)})$ .

The functor  $\text{sqrtL}(x_0, x)$  yielding a function is defined by

(Def. 4)  $\text{dom } it = \mathbb{N}$  and for every natural number  $k$ ,  $it(k) = ((\text{Transitions}(x_0, x))(k))_1$ .

The functor  $\text{sqrtR}(x_0, x)$  yielding a function is defined by

(Def. 5)  $\text{dom } it = \mathbb{N}$  and for every natural number  $k$ ,  $it(k) = ((\text{Transitions}(x_0, x))(k))_2$ .

Now we state the propositions:

(6) (i)  $(\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(0) = L_p$ , and

(ii)  $(\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(0) = R_p$ .

(7) If  $n \leq m$ , then  $(\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(n) \subseteq (\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(m)$  and  $(\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n) \subseteq (\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(m)$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(n) \subseteq (\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(n + \$_1)$  and  $(\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n) \subseteq (\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n + \$_1)$ . For every natural number  $k$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[k]$  holds  $\mathcal{P}[k+1]$ . For every natural number  $k$ ,  $\mathcal{P}[k]$  from [3, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(8) (i)  $(\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(n+1) = (\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(n) \cup \text{sqrt}(o, (\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(n), (\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n))$  and

(ii)  $(\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n+1) = ((\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n) \cup \text{sqrt}(o, (\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(n), (\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(n)) \cup \text{sqrt}(o, (\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n), (\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n)))$ .

(9) Suppose  $L_p$  is surreal-membered and  $R_p$  is surreal-membered. Then

(i)  $(\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(n)$  is surreal-membered, and

(ii)  $(\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n)$  is surreal-membered.

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(\$_1)$  is surreal-membered and  $(\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(\$_1)$  is surreal-membered.  $\mathcal{P}[0]$ . For every  $n$  such that  $\mathcal{P}[n]$  holds  $\mathcal{P}[n+1]$ . For every  $n$ ,  $\mathcal{P}[n]$  from [3, Sch. 2].  $\square$

(10) Suppose  $L_p$  is surreal-membered and  $R_p$  is surreal-membered. Then

(i)  $\bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o)$  is surreal-membered, and

(ii)  $\bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o)$  is surreal-membered.

PROOF:  $\bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o)$  is surreal-membered by [2, (2)], (9). Consider  $n$  being an object such that  $n \in \text{dom}(\text{sqrtR}(p, o))$  and  $a \in (\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n)$ .  $(\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(n)$  is surreal-membered.  $\square$

(11) Let us consider sets  $X_1, X_2, Y_1, Y_2$ . Suppose  $X_1 \subseteq X_2$  and  $Y_1 \subseteq Y_2$ . Then  $\text{sqrt}(o, X_1, Y_1) \subseteq \text{sqrt}(o, X_2, Y_2)$ .

(12)  $\bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o) = L_p \cup \text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o))$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(\$_1) \subseteq L_p \cup \text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o))$ .  $(\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(0) = L_p$ . If  $\mathcal{P}[n]$ , then  $\mathcal{P}[n+1]$  by (8), [1, (1)], (11).  $\mathcal{P}[n]$  from [3, Sch. 2].  $\bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o) \subseteq L_p \cup \text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o))$  by [2, (2)].  $\text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o)) \subseteq \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o)$  by [2, (2)], [3, (11)], (7), (8).  $L_p = (\text{sqrtL}(p, o))(0)$ .  $\square$

(13)  $\bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o) = (R_p \cup \text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o))) \cup \text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o))$

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(\$_1) \subseteq (R_p \cup \text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o))) \cup \text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o))$ .  $(\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(0) = R_p$ . If  $\mathcal{P}[n]$ , then  $\mathcal{P}[n+1]$  by (8), [1, (1)], (11).  $\mathcal{P}[n]$  from [3, Sch. 2].  $\bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o) \subseteq (R_p \cup \text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o))) \cup \text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o))$  by [2, (2)].  $\text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o)) \subseteq \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o)$  by [2, (2)], [3, (11)], (7), (8).  $\text{sqrt}(o, \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o)) \subseteq \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(p, o)$  by [2, (2)], [3, (11)], (7), (8).  $R_p = (\text{sqrtR}(p, o))(0)$ .  $\square$

### 3. THE SQUARE ROOT OF A SURREAL NUMBER

Let  $A$  be an ordinal number. The functor **No-sqrt-op( $A$ )** yielding a many sorted set indexed by  $\text{Day}A$  is defined by

(Def. 6) there exists a  $\subseteq$ -monotone, function yielding transfinite sequence  $S$  such that  $\text{dom } S = \text{succ } A$  and  $it = S(A)$  and for every ordinal number  $B$  such that  $B \in \text{succ } A$  there exists a many sorted set  $S_4$  indexed by  $\text{Day}B$  such that  $S(B) = S_4$  and for every object  $x$  such that  $x \in \text{Day}B$  holds  $S_4(x) = \langle \bigcup \text{sqrtL}((\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ(L_{\text{NonNegativePart}}(x))), (\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ(R_{\text{NonNegativePart}}(x))), x \rangle, \bigcup \text{sqrtR}((\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ(L_{\text{NonNegativePart}}(x)), (\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ(R_{\text{NonNegativePart}}(x))), x \rangle$

Now we state the proposition:

(14) Let us consider a  $\subseteq$ -monotone, function yielding transfinite sequence  $S$ . Suppose for every ordinal number  $B$  such that  $B \in \text{dom } S$  there exists a many sorted set  $S_4$  indexed by  $\text{Day}B$  such that  $S(B) = S_4$  and for every  $o$  such that  $o \in \text{Day}B$  holds  $S_4(o) = \langle \bigcup \text{sqrtL}((\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ(L_{\text{NonNegativePart}}(o))), (\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ(R_{\text{NonNegativePart}}(o))), o \rangle, \bigcup \text{sqrtR}((\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ(L_{\text{NonNegativePart}}(o))), (\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ(R_{\text{NonNegativePart}}(o))), o \rangle$ . Let us consider an ordinal number  $A$ . If  $A \in \text{dom } S$ , then  $\text{No-sqrt-op}(A) = S(A)$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{D}(\text{ordinal number}) = \text{Day}\$1$ . Define  $\mathcal{H}(\text{object}, \subseteq\text{-monotone}, \text{function yielding transfinite sequence}) = \langle \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(\langle (\bigcup \text{rng } \$2)^\circ (\text{LNonNegativePart}(\$1)) \rangle, (\bigcup \text{rng } \$2)^\circ (\text{RNonNegativePart}(\$1)) \rangle, \$1), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(\langle (\bigcup \text{rng } \$2)^\circ (\text{LNonNegativePart}(\$1)) \rangle, (\bigcup \text{rng } \$2)^\circ (\text{RNonNegativePart}(\$1)) \rangle, \$1) \rangle$ . Consider  $S_2$  being a  $\subseteq$ -monotone, function yielding transfinite sequence such that  $\text{dom } S_2 = \text{succ } A$  and  $S_2(A) = \text{No-sqrt-op}(A)$  and for every ordinal number  $B$  such that  $B \in \text{succ } A$  there exists a many sorted set  $S_4$  indexed by  $\mathcal{D}(B)$  such that  $S_2(B) = S_4$  and for every object  $x$  such that  $x \in \mathcal{D}(B)$  holds  $S_4(x) = \mathcal{H}(x, S_2 \upharpoonright B)$ .  $S_1 \upharpoonright \text{succ } A = S_2 \upharpoonright \text{succ } A$  from [10, Sch. 2].  $\square$

Let  $o$  be an object. Assume  $o$  is a surreal number. The functor  $\sqrt{o}$  yielding a set is defined by

(Def. 7) for every  $x$  such that  $x = o$  holds  $it = (\text{No-sqrt-op}(\text{born } x))(x)$ .

Let  $x$  be a surreal number. Observe that the functor  $\sqrt{x}$  yields a set and is defined by the term

(Def. 8)  $(\text{No-sqrt-op}(\text{born } x))(x)$ .

Let  $x$  be an object. The functor  $\text{sqrt-0}(x)$  yielding a pair set is defined by

(Def. 9)  $(o \in \text{L}_{it}$  iff there exists a surreal number  $l$  such that  $o = \sqrt{l}$  and  $l \in \text{LNonNegativePart}(x)$ ) and  $(o \in \text{R}_{it}$  iff there exists a surreal number  $r$  such that  $o = \sqrt{r}$  and  $r \in \text{RNonNegativePart}(x)$ ).

Now we state the propositions:

(15)  $\sqrt{x} = \langle \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), x), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), x) \rangle$ .

PROOF: Set  $A = \text{born } x$ . Set  $N_1 = \text{NonNegativePart}(x)$ . Consider  $S$  being a  $\subseteq$ -monotone, function yielding transfinite sequence such that  $\text{dom } S = \text{succ } A$  and  $\text{No-sqrt-op}(A) = S(A)$  and for every ordinal number  $B$  such that  $B \in \text{succ } A$  there exists a many sorted set  $S_4$  indexed by  $\text{Day } B$  such that  $S(B) = S_4$  and for every object  $o$  such that  $o \in \text{Day } B$  holds  $S_4(o) = \langle \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(\langle (\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ (\text{LNonNegativePart}(o)) \rangle, (\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ (\text{RNonNegativePart}(o)) \rangle, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(\langle (\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ (\text{LNonNegativePart}(o)) \rangle, (\bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright B))^\circ (\text{RNonNegativePart}(o)) \rangle, o) \rangle$ . Set  $U = \bigcup \text{rng}(S \upharpoonright A)$ . Consider  $S_4$  being a many sorted set indexed by  $\text{Day } A$  such that  $S(A) = S_4$  and for every  $o$  such that  $o \in \text{Day } A$  holds  $S_4(o) = \langle \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(\langle U^\circ (\text{LNonNegativePart}(o)) \rangle, U^\circ (\text{RNonNegativePart}(o)) \rangle, o), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(\langle U^\circ (\text{LNonNegativePart}(o)) \rangle, U^\circ (\text{RNonNegativePart}(o)) \rangle, o) \rangle$ .  $U^\circ (\text{L}_{N_1}) \subseteq \text{L}_{\text{sqrt-0}(x)}$  by (2), [9, (1)], [4, (8)], [10, (5)].  $\text{L}_{\text{sqrt-0}(x)} \subseteq U^\circ (\text{L}_{N_1})$  by (2), [9, (1)], [4, (8)], [10, (5)].  $U^\circ (\text{R}_{N_1}) \subseteq \text{R}_{\text{sqrt-0}(x)}$  by (2), [9, (1)], [4, (8)], (14).  $\text{R}_{\text{sqrt-0}(x)} \subseteq U^\circ (\text{R}_{N_1})$  by (2), [9, (1)], [4, (8)], [10, (5)].  $\square$

(16) If  $\bigcup \text{sqrtL}(p, o) = \emptyset$ , then  $\text{L}_p = \emptyset$ . The theorem is a consequence of (6).

(17) Let us consider surreal numbers  $x_1, x_2, y, z$ . Suppose  $x_2 \not\approx \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$  and  $y = x_1 \cdot (x_2^{-1})$ . Then

- (i)  $y \cdot y < z$  iff  $x_1 \cdot x_1 < z \cdot (x_2 \cdot x_2)$ , and
- (ii)  $z < y \cdot y$  iff  $z \cdot (x_2 \cdot x_2) < x_1 \cdot x_1$ .

PROOF: If  $y \cdot y < z$ , then  $x_1 \cdot x_1 < z \cdot (x_2 \cdot x_2)$  by [10, (70)], [9, (4)]. If  $x_1 \cdot x_1 < z \cdot (x_2 \cdot x_2)$ , then  $y \cdot y < z$  by [9, (4)], [10, (75)]. If  $z < y \cdot y$ , then  $z \cdot (x_2 \cdot x_2) < x_1 \cdot x_1$  by [10, (70)], [9, (4)].  $\square$

- (18) If  $x \leq \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$ , then  $\bigcup \text{sqrtL}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), o) = \emptyset$ .

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\text{sqrtL}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), o))(\$_1) = \emptyset$ .  $\mathcal{P}[0]$  by (6), (2), [9, (11), (4)]. If  $\mathcal{P}[n]$ , then  $\mathcal{P}[n+1]$ .  $\mathcal{P}[n]$  from [3, Sch. 2]. Consider  $a$  being an object such that  $a \in \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), o)$ . Consider  $n$  being an object such that  $n \in \text{dom}(\text{sqrtL}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), o))$  and  $a \in (\text{sqrtL}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), o))(n)$ .  $\square$

- (19) Suppose  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x$ . Then

- (i) if  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , then  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq y$  and  $y \cdot y \approx x$  and if  $x \approx \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$ , then  $y \approx \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$  and if  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} < x$ , then  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} < y$ , and
- (ii) if  $y \in L_{\sqrt{x}}$ , then  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq y$  and  $y \cdot y < x$ , and
- (iii) if  $y \in R_{\sqrt{x}}$ , then  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} < y$  and  $x < y \cdot y$ , and
- (iv)  $\sqrt{x}$  is surreal.

PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{O}[\text{ordinal number}] \equiv$  for every  $x$  such that  $\text{born } x = \$_1$  and  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x$  holds  $\sqrt{x}$  is surreal and for every  $y$  such that  $y = \sqrt{x}$  holds  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq y$  and  $y \cdot y \approx x$  and if  $x \approx \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$ , then  $y \approx \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$  and if  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} < x$ , then  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} < y$  and for every  $y$  such that  $y \in L_{\sqrt{x}}$  holds  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq y$  and  $y \cdot y < x$  and for every  $y$  such that  $y \in R_{\sqrt{x}}$  holds  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} < y$  and  $x < y \cdot y$ . For every ordinal number  $D$  such that for every ordinal number  $C$  such that  $C \in D$  holds  $\mathcal{O}[C]$  holds  $\mathcal{O}[D]$  by (15), (6), (2), [9, (11), (1), (4)]. For every ordinal number  $D$ ,  $\mathcal{O}[D]$  from [4, Sch. 2].  $\square$

- (20) If  $x \leq \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$ , then  $\sqrt{x}$  is surreal. The theorem is a consequence of (2), (19), (10), (18), and (15).

Let us consider  $x$ . One can check that  $\sqrt{x}$  is surreal and  $\text{sqrt-0}(x)$  is surreal.

#### 4. SELECTED SQUARE ROOT PROPERTIES

Now we state the propositions:

- (21) If  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x$ , then  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq \sqrt{x}$  and  $\sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{x} \approx x$ .
- (22) If  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \approx x$ , then  $\sqrt{x} \approx \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$ .
- (23) Suppose  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x$ . Then
  - (i) if  $y \in L_{\sqrt{x}}$ , then  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq y$  and  $y \cdot y < x$ , and

- (ii) if  $y \in R_{\sqrt{x}}$ , then  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} < y$  and  $x < y \cdot y$ .
- (24) If  $x < \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$  and for every  $y$  such that  $y \in R_x$  holds  $y < \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$ , then  $\sqrt{x} = \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$ .  
 PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\text{sqrtR}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), x))(\$1) = \emptyset$ .  $\mathcal{P}[0]$ . If  $\mathcal{P}[n]$ , then  $\mathcal{P}[n+1]$  by (8), [1, (1)], (18).  $\mathcal{P}[n]$  from [3, Sch. 2].  $\bigcup \text{sqrtR}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), x) = \emptyset$  by [2, (2)].  $\bigcup \text{sqrtL}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), x) = \emptyset$ .  $\square$
- (25) Suppose for every  $y$  such that  $y \in L_{\text{NonNegativePart}(x)} \cup R_{\text{NonNegativePart}(x)}$  holds  $y \approx \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$ . Then  $\sqrt{x} = \text{sqrt-0}(x)$ .  
 PROOF: Define  $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv (\text{sqrtL}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), x))(\$1) = L_{\text{sqrt-0}(x)}$  and  $(\text{sqrtR}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), x))(\$1) = R_{\text{sqrt-0}(x)}$ .  $\mathcal{P}[0]$ . If  $\mathcal{P}[n]$ , then  $\mathcal{P}[n+1]$  by (7), (6), (8), (19).  $\mathcal{P}[n]$  from [3, Sch. 2].  $\sqrt{x} = \langle \bigcup \text{sqrtL}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), x), \bigcup \text{sqrtR}(\text{sqrt-0}(x), x) \rangle$ .  $L_{\sqrt{x}} = L_{\text{sqrt-0}(x)}$  by [2, (2)], [1, (1)].  $R_{\sqrt{x}} = R_{\text{sqrt-0}(x)}$  by [2, (2)], [1, (1)].  $\square$

One can verify that  $\sqrt{\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}}$  reduces to  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$  and  $\sqrt{\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{No}}}$  reduces to  $\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{No}}$  and  $\sqrt{-\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{No}}}$  reduces to  $-\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{No}}$ .

Now we state the propositions:

- (26) If  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x \leq y$ , then  $\sqrt{x} \leq \sqrt{y}$ . The theorem is a consequence of (19).  
 (27) If  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x < y$ , then  $\sqrt{x} < \sqrt{y}$ . The theorem is a consequence of (19).  
 (28) If  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x \approx y \cdot y$ , then  $y \approx \sqrt{x}$  or  $y \approx -\sqrt{x}$ . The theorem is a consequence of (19).

Let  $x$  be a positive surreal number. Let us observe that  $\sqrt{x}$  is positive.

Now we state the propositions:

- (29) If  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} \leq x$ , then  $\sqrt{x \cdot x} \approx x$ . The theorem is a consequence of (28) and (19).  
 (30) If  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} < x$ , then  $\sqrt{x}^{-1} \approx \sqrt{x^{-1}}$ . The theorem is a consequence of (21) and (28).

## 5. SQUARE ROOT OF NEGATIVE SURREAL NUMBERS - OUTSIDE THE DEFINED RANGE

Now we state the propositions:

- (31) Let us consider a surreal number  $x$ . Suppose  $\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}} < x$ . Then there exists a surreal number  $y$  such that
- (i)  $-\mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{No}} \approx y$ , and
  - (ii)  $\sqrt{y} < -x$ , and
  - (iii)  $y = \langle \emptyset, \{\mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}, (\sqrt{x \cdot x + \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{No}}} - x) \cdot (\sqrt{x \cdot x + \mathbf{1}_{\mathbf{No}}} - x)\} \rangle$ .

The theorem is a consequence of (27), (29), (6), (15), (8), and (19).



(32) There exist surreal numbers  $x, y$  such that

(i)  $x \approx y < \mathbf{0}_{\mathbf{No}}$ , and

(ii)  $\sqrt{x} < \sqrt{y}$ .

The theorem is a consequence of (31).

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