

1. (30 pts, 15pts each) Give formal definitions to the following statements.

(a)  $R$  is a relation between sets  $A$  and  $B$ .

(b)  $<$  is an order on the set  $S$ .

(a) (Lecture 1) A relation  $R$  is a subset of  $A \times B$ .

(b) (Lecture 2) An order on set  $S$  is a relation

$<$  satisfying

① If  $x, y \in S$ , then exactly one of the statements holds:  $x < y$ ,  $x = y$ ,  $y < x$ .

② If  $x, y, z \in S$ , and  $x < y$ ,  $y < z$ , then  $x < z$ .

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2. (32 pts, 8pts each) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $B = \{3, 4\}$ . What are  $A \cap B$ ,  $A \cup B$ ,  $A \setminus B$ ,  $A \times B$ ?

$$A \cap B = \{3\}, \quad A \setminus B = \{1, 2\}$$

$$A \cup B = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \quad A \times B = \{(1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 3), (3, 4)\} \#$$

3. (28 pts) Define the addition of rational numbers and check that your definition is well-defined, that is, if  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a'}{b'}$ ,  $\frac{c}{d} = \frac{c'}{d'}$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a'}{b'} + \frac{c'}{d'}$ .

By definition,  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd}$  — ①

$\frac{a'}{b'} + \frac{c'}{d'} = \frac{a'd'+b'c'}{b'd'}$  — ②

Since  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{a'}{b'}$ ,  $ab' = a'b$

$\frac{c}{d} = \frac{c'}{d'}$ ,  $cd' = c'd$

① = ②  $\Leftrightarrow (ad+bc)b'd' = (a'd'+b'c')bd$

$\Leftrightarrow ab'dd' + b'b'cd' = a'b'dd' + b'b'c'd$ .

$\Leftrightarrow (ab' - a'b)dd' + bb'(cd' - c'd) = 0$  #

4. (28 pts) Prove that there is no rational number whose square is 12.

If  $\exists p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $(p, q) = 1$ ,  $\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)^2 = 12$ , then  $2 \mid q$ ,  $2 \nmid p$ . Let  $q' = \frac{q}{2}$ ,  
then  $\left(\frac{q'}{p}\right)^2 = 3$ ,  $(p, q') = 1 \Rightarrow q'^2 = 3p^2$ ,  $3 \mid q'$ . Hence  $q' = 3q''$   
for some  $q'' \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $\Rightarrow 9q''^2 = 3p^2$ ,  $3q''^2 = p^2 \Rightarrow 3 \mid p$ , which  
contradicts the fact that  $(p, q) = 1$  ( $\rightarrow \leftarrow$ ). #

5. (20 pts) Let  $F$  be an ordered field and  $0 \in F$  be the additive identity. Prove that if  $x \neq 0$ , then  $x^2 > 0$ . (Consequently, the multiplicative identity is positive. Moreover,  $\mathbb{C}$  is not an ordered field since  $i^2 = -1$ .)

Note: You should carefully prove  $0x = 0$  first if you need to use this fact.

$$(i) 0 \cdot x = 0 :$$

$$\forall x \in F, 0 \cdot x = (0+0) \cdot x = 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot x.$$

existence of additive inverse

$$\text{Since } 0 \cdot x + (- (0 \cdot x)) = 0, \quad 0 = 0 \cdot x.$$

(ii) If  $x > 0$  ( $F$  is an ordered field!),  $x^2 = x \cdot x > 0$

by definition of ordered field.

distribution law

(iii) If  $x < 0$ , then  $(-x) \cdot x + (-x) \cdot (-x) = (-x) \cdot (x + (-x)) = (-x) \cdot 0 = 0$

from (i), Also, since  $x \cdot x + (-x) \cdot x = (x + (-x)) \cdot x = 0 \cdot x = 0$

from (i), by the uniqueness of additive inverse

of  $(-x) \cdot x$ ,  $x^2 = (-x) \cdot (-x) > 0$  from (ii).

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