

**MATH 112: Introduction to Analysis**  
**Fall 2024 Semester**  
**Homework 5: Due Tuesday October 14, 10:00am PST**

**Assignment** (2 Problems: 50 + 50 = 100 points total.)

□ **Problem 1** [Ordered Fields and Averages] Let  $(F, \preceq, \oplus, \otimes, \mathbb{I})$  be an ordered field, i.e. a set  $F$  that is both a field  $(F, \oplus, \otimes, \mathbb{I})$  satisfying the 10 field axioms from L7 and an ordered set  $(F, \preceq)$  with a compatible total order  $\preceq$  on  $F$  satisfying the 4 ordered field axioms from L11. Prove each of the following propositions. Indicate which axioms you use in each step.

- 1.1 [10 points]  $\forall x \in F \forall y \in F \forall c \in F \left( (x \prec y \wedge c \prec \mathbb{O}) \Rightarrow c \otimes x \succ c \otimes y \right)$   
*Note: recall from L9 that “ $a \succ b$ ” means the same thing as “ $b \prec a$ ”.*
- 1.2 [10 points]  $\forall x \in F (x \neq \mathbb{O} \Rightarrow \mathbb{O} \prec x^2)$ . Recall from L8: for all  $x \in F$ ,  $x^2 = x \otimes x$ .
- 1.3 [10 points]  $-\mathbb{I} \prec \mathbb{O} \prec \mathbb{I}$ . Recall from L7:  $-x$  is the additive inverse of  $x \in F$ .
- 1.4 [10 points]  $\exists g \in F (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I}) \otimes g = \mathbb{I}$ .
- 1.5 [10 points]  $\forall x \in F \forall y \in F \left( (x \prec y) \Rightarrow (x \prec g \otimes (x \oplus y) \prec y) \right)$  where the element  $g \in F$  is the one you proved exists in the previous Problem 1.4.

1.1  $\forall x \in F \forall y \in F \forall c \in F \left( (x \prec y \wedge c \prec \mathbb{O}) \Rightarrow c \otimes x \succ c \otimes y \right)$

Assume  $x \prec y \wedge c \prec \mathbb{O}$ . By the hypothetical strategy, if we can prove that  $c \otimes x \succ c \otimes y$ , under this assumption, then the original statement is true. Start from our assumption.

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\Leftrightarrow x \prec y \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (-c) \otimes x \prec (-c) \otimes y \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (c \otimes x) \oplus ((-c) \otimes x) \prec (c \otimes x) \oplus ((-c) \otimes y) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow (c \oplus (-c)) \otimes x \prec (c \otimes x) \oplus ((-c) \otimes y) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \otimes x \prec (c \otimes x) \oplus ((-c) \otimes y) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \prec (c \otimes c) \oplus ((-c) \otimes y) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \oplus (c \otimes y) \prec (c \otimes x) \oplus ((-c) \otimes y) \oplus (c \otimes y) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \oplus (c \otimes y) \prec (c \otimes x) \oplus (y \otimes ((-c) \oplus c)) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \oplus (c \otimes y) \prec (c \otimes x) \oplus (y \otimes \mathbb{O}) \\
 &\Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \oplus (c \otimes y) \prec (c \otimes x) \oplus \mathbb{O} \\
 &\Leftrightarrow c \otimes y \prec c \otimes x \\
 &\Leftrightarrow c \otimes x \succ c \otimes y
 \end{aligned}$$

Using Axiom 14 we know that we can  $\otimes$  any value to both sides, as long as it is greater than  $\mathbb{O}$ . Since we have assumed  $c \prec \mathbb{O}$ , by axiom 4,  $(-c) \succ \mathbb{O}$  since  $c \oplus (-c) = \mathbb{O}$ . Next use axiom 14, which tells us we can  $\oplus$  any element to both sides without affecting  $\prec$  adding  $(c \otimes x)$ . Use Axiom 9, to distribute  $\otimes$  over  $\oplus$ , on the left side which gets us  $c \oplus (-c) \otimes x$ . Then use axiom 4 to get that  $(c \oplus (-c)) = \mathbb{O}$ . After this, use Hw 4, problem 1.2 to get  $\mathbb{O} \otimes x = \mathbb{O}$ . Use axiom 13 to  $\oplus (c \otimes y)$  to both sides. Use axiom 1 to group  $(c \otimes x) \oplus ((-c) \otimes y) \oplus (x \otimes y)$  together, then use axiom 9 to distribute  $\otimes$  over

$\oplus$ , to get:  $y \otimes ((-c) \oplus c)$ . Use axiom 4, to get  $(-c) \oplus c = \mathbb{O}$ . Use Hw 4, problem 1.2 to get  $y \otimes \mathbb{O} = \mathbb{O}$ . Use axiom 3, that any value plus  $\mathbb{O}$  equals itself to get:  $(c \otimes x)$ . Lastly use what we learned in L8, that you can flip  $\prec$  to  $\succ$  if you switch the terms sides as well.

1.2  $\forall x \in F (x \neq \mathbb{O} \Rightarrow \mathbb{O} \prec x^2)$ .

EXPLANATION

Assume  $x \neq \mathbb{O}$ , means either  $x < \mathbb{O}$  or  $x > \mathbb{O}$ .

Case 1:  $x < \mathbb{O}$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
& \Leftrightarrow x \prec \mathbb{O} \\
& \Leftrightarrow x \otimes (-x) \prec \mathbb{O} \otimes (-x) \\
& \Leftrightarrow x \otimes (-x) \prec \mathbb{O} \\
& \Leftrightarrow (x \otimes x) \oplus (x \otimes (-x)) \prec (x \otimes x) \oplus \mathbb{O} \\
& \Leftrightarrow x \otimes (x \oplus (-x)) \prec (x \otimes x) \oplus \mathbb{O} \\
& \Leftrightarrow x \otimes \mathbb{O} \prec (x \otimes x) \oplus \mathbb{O} \\
& \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \prec (x \otimes x) \oplus \mathbb{O} \\
& \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \prec (x \otimes x) \\
& \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \prec x^2
\end{array}$$

EXPLANATION.

Case 2:  $x > \mathbb{O}$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
& x \prec \mathbb{O} \\
& \Leftrightarrow x \otimes x \prec \mathbb{O} \otimes x \\
& \Leftrightarrow x \otimes x \prec \mathbb{O} \\
& \Leftrightarrow x^2 \mathbb{O}
\end{array}$$

EXPLANATION

Since this statement \_\_\_\_\_, holds for both possible cases and these the only possible cases that statisgy  $x \neq \mathbb{O}$ , the original statment is True.

1.3  $-\mathbb{I} \prec \mathbb{O} \prec \mathbb{I}$ .

EXPLANATION

by axiom 10, we have:  $\mathbb{O} \neq \mathbb{I}$

$$\begin{array}{ll}
& \mathbb{O} \neq \mathbb{I} \\
& \mathbb{O} \prec \mathbb{I}^2 \\
& \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \prec \mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I} \\
& \Leftrightarrow \mathbb{O} \prec \mathbb{I}
\end{array}$$

We now know that  $\mathbb{O} \prec \mathbb{I}$ , use to show  $-\mathbb{I} \prec \mathbb{O}$ .

$$\begin{array}{ll}
& \mathbb{O} \prec \mathbb{I} \\
& \Leftrightarrow (-\mathbb{I}) \oplus \mathbb{O} \prec (-\mathbb{I}) \oplus \mathbb{I} \\
& \Leftrightarrow (-\mathbb{I}) \oplus \mathbb{O} \prec \mathbb{O} \\
& \Leftrightarrow -\mathbb{I} \prec \mathbb{O}
\end{array}$$

1.4  $\exists g \in F \ (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I}) \otimes g = \mathbb{I}$ .

Let  $g = (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I})^{-1}$ . Substitute  $g$  into the equation.

$$\begin{aligned} (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I}) \otimes g &= (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I}) \otimes (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I})^{-1} \\ &= \mathbb{I} \end{aligned}$$

EXPLANATION

1.5  $\forall x \in F \ \forall y \in F \ ((x \prec y) \Rightarrow (x \prec g \otimes (x \oplus y) \prec y))$

Assume  $x \prec y$ , let  $g = (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I})^{-1}$ .

First show:  $x \prec y \Rightarrow x \prec g \otimes (x \oplus y)$

$$\begin{aligned} & x \prec y \\ \Leftrightarrow & x \oplus x \prec x \oplus y \\ \Leftrightarrow & (x \otimes \mathbb{I}) \oplus (x \otimes \mathbb{I}) \prec x \oplus y \\ \Leftrightarrow & x \otimes (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I}) \prec x \oplus y \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I}) \otimes x \prec x \oplus y \\ \Leftrightarrow & (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I}) \otimes x \prec (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I})^{-1} x \otimes (x \oplus y) \\ \Leftrightarrow & \mathbb{I} \otimes x \prec (\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I})^{-1} \otimes (x \otimes Y) \\ \Leftrightarrow & x \prec (\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I})^{-1} \otimes (x \otimes y) \\ \Leftrightarrow & x \prec g \otimes (x \otimes y) \end{aligned}$$

EXPLANATION

Next show:  $x \prec y \Rightarrow g \otimes (x \otimes y)$

$$\begin{aligned} & x \prec y \\ \Leftrightarrow & x \oplus y \prec y \oplus y \\ \Leftrightarrow & x \oplus y \prec (y \otimes \mathbb{I}) \oplus (y \otimes \mathbb{I}) \\ \Leftrightarrow & x \oplus y \prec y \otimes (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I}) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (x \oplus y) \otimes (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I})^{-1} \prec y \otimes (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I}) \otimes (\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I})^{-1} \\ \Leftrightarrow & (x \oplus y) \otimes (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I})^{-1} \prec y \otimes ((\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I}) \otimes (\mathbb{I} \otimes \mathbb{I})^{-1}) \\ \Leftrightarrow & (x \oplus y) \otimes (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I})^{-1} \prec y \otimes \mathbb{I} \\ \Leftrightarrow & (x \oplus y) \otimes (\mathbb{I} \oplus \mathbb{I})^{-1} \prec y \end{aligned}$$

EXPLANATION

MORE EXPLANATION Since we have  $a \prec b \wedge b \prec c$ . by axiom 11, this implies we have  $a \prec c$ . furthermore we have  $a \prec b \prec c$ .

□ **Problem 2** [Optimal Bounds of Intervals in the Continuum] Recall from L9 that in any totally ordered set  $(S, \preceq)$ , if  $A \subseteq S$  is a subset, we say that  $u_\star = \sup S$  is an optimal upper bound of  $A$  in  $S$  if (i)  $u_\star$  is an upper bound for  $A$  in  $(S, \preceq)$  and (ii) any upper bound  $u$  of  $A$  satisfies  $u_\star \preceq u$ . In L9, we saw that special subsets of  $S$  are the closed and open intervals

$$[a, b]_S := \{x \in S : a \preceq x \preceq b\}$$

$$(a, b)_S := \{x \in S : a \prec x \prec b\}.$$

- 2.1 [25 points] Prove that  $\sup[111, 112]_{\mathbb{R}} = 112$ .
- 2.2 [25 points] Prove that  $\sup(111, 112)_{\mathbb{R}} = 112$ .

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We are given, in l9 and in the begining of this problem, that:

$$[a, b]_S := \{x \in S : a \preceq x \preceq b\}.$$

Thus:

$$[112, 112]_{\mathbb{R}} := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 112 \preceq x \preceq 112\}.$$

To prove that  $\sup[111, 112]_{\mathbb{R}} = 112$ , we will first show that 112 is an upper bound for  $[111, 112]_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Recall that, from L9, the definition: an upper bound for  $A$  in  $S$  is an element  $u \in S$  so  $\forall \alpha \in A \alpha \leq u$ . To prove that 112 is an upper bound, it is sufficient to show that  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \ x \preceq 112$ .

2.2 Prove that  $\sup(111, 112)_{\mathbb{R}} = 112$ .

We are given, in l9 and in the begining of this problem, that:

$$(a, b)_S := \{x \in S : a \prec x \prec b\}.$$

Thus:

$$(112, 112)_{\mathbb{R}} := \{x \in \mathbb{R} : 111 \prec x \prec 112\}.$$

To prove that  $\sup[111, 112]_{\mathbb{R}} = 112$ , we will first show that 112 is an upper bound for  $[111, 112]_{\mathbb{R}}$ . Recall that, from L9, the definition: an upper bound for  $A$  in  $S$  is an element  $u \in S$  so  $\forall \alpha \in A \alpha \leq u$ . To prove that 112 is an upper bound, it is sufficient to show that  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} \ x \preceq 112$ .

□ **Bonus** [X points] Despite our proofs in L6 that the set of rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countably infinite and the set of irrational numbers  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  is uncountably infinite, prove that

- (i) between any two rational numbers there is an irrational number
- (ii) between any two irrational numbers there is a rational number.