

### Instructions for this exam:

- You have 1 hour to write solutions to the three problems below. Each problem is worth 10 points.
- You must write in complete sentences and justify all of your work.
- You are NOT allowed to use outside resources, such as notes, the textbook, the internet, or people.
- Before you begin, copy the following statement and sign your name:  

*“All solutions will be my own and I will not consult outside resources. I understand that doing otherwise would be unfair to my classmates and a violation of the U’s honor code.”*

-Your Signature
- At the end of 1 hour, stop writing and begin scanning your solutions and uploading them to Gradescope, as you would do with a homework assignment.
  - Create a PDF scan of your work and save it to your computer.
  - Go to <https://www.gradescope.com/courses/79451>, click “Exam 3” to upload your PDF.
- If technical difficulties arise, private-message me in the chat, or send an email to [moss@math.utah.edu](mailto:moss@math.utah.edu).

### Exam 1, Math 3210

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1. (10pts) Use induction to prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^n (-1)^k k^2 = \frac{(-1)^n n(n+1)}{2}$ .
2. (10pts) Prove the statements in parts (a) and (b)
  - (a) (5pts) Suppose  $F$  is a field and  $x$  and  $y$  are elements of  $F$ . Prove that  $(-1) \cdot x = -x$ .
  - (b) (5pts) Suppose  $F$  is an ordered field and  $x, y$  are elements of  $F$ . Prove that  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$  implies  $xy > 0$ .

Your proofs may only use the axioms of a field (or an ordered field) and the following fact: if  $x$  is an element of a field, then  $x \cdot 0 = 0$ .
3. (10pts) In the following problem you may use basic properties of  $+$ ,  $\cdot$ , and  $<$  on  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
  - (a) (5pts) Let  $x$  and  $y$  be rational numbers. Prove that  $y < x$  implies  $y^3 < x^3$ .
  - (b) (5pts) Prove that the set  $L = \{x \in \mathbb{Q} : x^3 < 5\}$  satisfies properties (1) and (3) of the definition of a Dedekind cut.

**Challenge** (0pts) Show that  $L$  satisfies property (2) of the definition of a Dedekind cut.

### Important axioms and definitions

- N1. There is an element 1 in  $\mathbb{N}$ .
- N2. For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there is a successor element  $s(n) \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- N3. 1 is not the successor of any element of  $\mathbb{N}$ .
- N4. If two elements of  $\mathbb{N}$  have the same successor, they are equal.
- N5. If a subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  contains 1 and is closed under succession, then  $A = \mathbb{N}$ .
- A1.  $x + y = y + x$  for all  $x$  and  $y$ .
- A2.  $x + (y + z) = (x + y) + z$  for all  $x, y, z$ .

- A3. There is an element  $0$  such that  $0 + x = x$  for all  $x$ .
- A4. For each  $x$  there is an element, denoted  $-x$ , such that  $x + (-x) = 0$ .
- M1.  $xy = yx$  for all  $x, y$ .
- M2.  $x(yz) = (xy)z$  for all  $x, y, z$ .
- M3. There is an element  $1$  such that  $1 \neq 0$  and  $1 \cdot x = x$  for all  $x$ .
- M4. For each nonzero element  $x$  there is an element, denoted  $x^{-1}$ , such that  $x^{-1} \cdot x = 1$ .
- D.  $x \cdot (y + z) = x \cdot y + x \cdot z$  for all  $x, y$ , and  $z$ .
- O1. Either  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ .
- O2. If  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$ , then  $x = y$ .
- O3. If  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$ , then  $x \leq z$ .
- O4. If  $x \leq y$  then  $x + z \leq y + z$ .
- O5. If  $x \leq y$  and  $0 \leq z$ , then  $xz \leq yz$ .
- C. Every nonempty subset that is bounded above has a least upper bound.