

Inequalities

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1 Definitions

1.1 Preorder

Definition 1.1 (Reflexivity). $A \leq A$

Definition 1.2 (Transitivity). $A \leq B$ and $B \leq C \implies A \leq C$

Definition 1.3 (Isomorphic). $A = B \iff A \leq B$ and $B \leq A$

Lemma 1.1. $A = B \iff (A \leq B \iff TRUE \implies B \leq A)$

1.2 Yoneda

Definition 1.4 (Yoneda \leq). $A \leq B \iff \forall X (X \leq A \implies X \leq B)$

Lemma 1.2 (Yoneda 1 =). $A = B \iff \forall X (X \leq A \iff X \leq B)$

Lemma 1.3 (Yoneda 2 =). $A = B \iff \forall X (A \leq X \iff B \leq X)$

1.3 Initial and Terminal Object (0 and ∞)

Definition 1.5 (Initial). $0 \leq A$

Definition 1.6 (Terminal). $A \leq \infty$

1.4 Meets ($A \min B$)

Definition 1.7 (Meet). $A \leq B \min C \iff A \leq B$ and $A \leq C$

Lemma 1.4 (Zero Element). $A \min \infty = A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned} & X \leq A \min \infty \\ \iff & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\ & X \leq A \text{ and } X \leq \infty \\ \iff & \{ \text{Terminal} \} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \leq A \text{ and } TRUE \\
\iff & \{ A \text{ and } TRUE = A \} \\
& X \leq A
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.5 (Absolute Element). $A \min 0 = 0$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& 0 \leq A \min 0 \\
\iff & \{ \text{Initial} \} \\
& TRUE \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \} \\
& A \min 0 \leq A \min 0 \\
\iff & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& A \min 0 \leq A \text{ and } A \min 0 \leq 0 \\
\implies & \{ A \text{ and } B \implies B \} \\
& A \min 0 \leq 0
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.6 (Associativity). $A \min (B \min C) = (A \min B) \min C$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \leq A \min (B \min C) \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \leq A \text{ and } X \leq B \min C \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \leq A \text{ and } (X \leq B \text{ and } X \leq C) \\
= & \{ \text{Associativity of And} \} \\
& (X \leq A \text{ and } X \leq B) \text{ and } X \leq C \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \leq A \min B \text{ and } X \leq C \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \leq (A \min B) \min C
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.7 (Commutativity). $A \min B = B \min A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \leq A \min B \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \leq A \text{ and } X \leq B \\
= & \{ \text{Commutativity of And} \} \\
& X \leq B \text{ and } X \leq A \\
= & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \leq B \min A
\end{aligned}$$

□

1.5 Joins ($A \max B$)

Definition 1.8 (Join). $A \max B \leq C \iff A \leq C \text{ and } B \leq C$

Lemma 1.8 (Zero Element). $A \max 0 = A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \max 0 \leq X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \leq X \text{ and } 0 \leq X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Initial} \} \\
& A \leq X \text{ and } \text{TRUE} \\
\iff & \{ A \text{ and } \text{TRUE} = A \} \\
& A \leq X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.9 (Absolute Element). $\infty \max A = \infty$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& \infty \max A \leq \infty \\
\iff & \{ \text{Terminal} \} \\
& \text{TRUE} \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \} \\
& \infty \max A \leq \infty \max A \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& \infty \leq \infty \max A \text{ and } A \leq \infty \max A \\
\implies & \{ A \text{ and } B \implies A \} \\
& \infty \leq \infty \max A
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.10 (Associativity). $A \max(B \max C) = (A \max B) \max C$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \max(B \max C) \leq X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \leq X \text{ and } B \max C \leq X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \leq X \text{ and } (B \leq X \text{ and } C \leq X) \\
\iff & \{ \text{Associativity of And} \} \\
& (A \leq X \text{ and } B \leq X) \text{ and } C \leq X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \max B \leq X \text{ and } C \leq X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& (A \max B) \max C \leq X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.11 (Commutativity). $A \max B = B \max A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \max B \leq X \\
= & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \leq X \text{ and } B \leq X \\
= & \{ \text{Commutativity of And} \} \\
& B \leq X \text{ and } A \leq X \\
= & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& B \max A \leq X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.12 (Golden Rule). $A \leq A \min B \iff B \max A \leq B$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \leq A \min B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& A \leq A \text{ and } A \leq B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \} \\
& TRUE \text{ and } A \leq B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \} \\
& B \leq B \text{ and } A \leq B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \}
\end{aligned}$$

$$B \max A \leq B$$

□

1.6 Adjoints (+ and −)

Definition 1.9 (Adjoint). $A + B \leq C \iff A \leq C - B$

Definition 1.10 (Associativity of +). $A + (B + C) = (A + B) + C$

Definition 1.11 (Commutativity of +). $A + B = B + A$

Lemma 1.13 (+ distributes over Joins). $(A \max B) + C = (A + C) \max (B + C)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& (A \max B) + C \leq X \\
\iff & \quad \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& A \max B \leq X - C \\
\iff & \quad \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& A \leq X - C \text{ and } B \leq X - C \\
\iff & \quad \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& A + C \leq X \text{ and } B + C \leq X \\
\iff & \quad \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& (A + C) \max (B + C) \leq X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.14 (− distributes over Meets). $(A \min B) - C = (A - C) \min (B - C)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \leq (A \min B) - C \\
\iff & \quad \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& X + C \leq A \min B \\
\iff & \quad \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X + C \leq A \text{ and } X + C \leq B \\
\iff & \quad \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& X \leq A - C \text{ and } X \leq B - C \\
\iff & \quad \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \leq (A - C) \min (B - C)
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.15 (Preservation of infima). $0 + A = A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& 0 + A \leq X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& 0 \leq X - A \\
\iff & \{ \text{Initial} \} \\
& \text{TRUE} \\
\iff & \{ \text{Initial} \} \\
& 0 \leq X
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.16 (Preservation of suprema). $\infty - A = \infty$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \leq \infty - A \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& X + A \leq \infty \\
\iff & \{ \text{Terminal} \} \\
& \text{TRUE} \\
\iff & \{ \text{Terminal} \} \\
& X \leq \infty
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.17 (Left cancellation law). $(A - B) + B \leq A$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& (A - B) + B \leq A \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& A - B \leq A - B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \} \\
& \text{TRUE}
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.18 (Right Cancellation law). $A \leq (A + B) - B$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \leq (A + B) - B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& A + B \leq A + B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Reflexivity} \}
\end{aligned}$$

$TRUE$

□

Lemma 1.19 (Monotonicity of $+$). $A \leq B \implies A + C \leq B + C$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A \leq B \\
 \iff & \{ A \text{ and } TRUE = A \} \\
 & A \leq B \text{ and } TRUE \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Right Cancellation Law} \} \\
 & A \leq B \text{ and } B \leq (B + C) - C \\
 \implies & \{ \text{Transitivity of } \leq \} \\
 & A \leq (B + C) - C \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
 & A + C \leq B + C
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.20 (Monotonicity of $-$). $A \leq B \implies A - C \leq B - C$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & A \leq B \\
 \iff & \{ TRUE \text{ and } A = A \} \\
 & TRUE \text{ and } A \leq B \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Left Cancellation Law} \} \\
 & (A - C) + C \leq A \text{ and } A \leq B \\
 \implies & \{ \text{Transitivity of } \leq \} \\
 & (A - C) + C \leq B \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
 & A - C \leq B - C
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.21 (Weak-inverse $+$). $A + B = ((A + B) - B) + B$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & ((A + B) - B) + B \leq A + B \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Left Cancellation Law} \} \\
 & TRUE \\
 \iff & \{ \text{Right Cancellation Law} \}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& A \leq (A + B) - B \\
\Rightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Monotonicity of } + \} \\
& A + B \leq ((A + B) - B) + B
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.22 (Weak-inverse $-$). $A - B = ((A - B) + B) - B$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& A - B \leq ((A - B) + B) - B \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Right Cancellation Law} \} \\
& \text{TRUE} \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Left Cancellation Law} \} \\
& (A - B) + B \leq A \\
\Rightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Monotonicity of } - \} \\
& ((A - B) + B) - B \leq A - B
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.23 ($-$ distributes over $+$). $A - (B + C) = (A - B) - C$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \leq (A - B) - C \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& X + C \leq A - B \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& (X + C) + B \leq A \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Associativity of } + \} \\
& X + (C + B) \leq A \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& X \leq A - (C + B)
\end{aligned}$$

□

Lemma 1.24 (Duality). $A \min B \leq (A + B) - (B \max A)$

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}
& X \leq A \min B \\
\Longleftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Meet} \} \\
& X \leq A \text{ and } X \leq B \\
\Rightarrow & \quad \{ \text{Monotonicity of } + \}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
& X + B \leq A + B \text{ and } X + A \leq B + A \\
\iff & \{ \text{Commutativity of } + \} \\
& B + X \leq A + B \text{ and } A + X \leq A + B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& B \leq (A + B) - X \text{ and } A \leq (A + B) - X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Join} \} \\
& B \max A \leq (A + B) - X \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& (B \max A) + X \leq A + B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Commutativity of } + \} \\
& X + (B \max A) \leq A + B \\
\iff & \{ \text{Adjoint} \} \\
& X \leq (A + B) - (B \max A)
\end{aligned}$$

□

2 Exercises

1. (Weakening) $A \leq A \max B$
2. (Projection) $A \min B \leq A$
3. (Idempotency) $A \max A = A$
4. (Meet \leq Join) $A \min B \leq A \max B$
5. (Monotonicity of max) $A \leq B \text{ and } C \leq D \implies A \max C \leq B \max D$
6. $A + A - A = A$
7. (Self-Distributivity) $A \min (B \min C) = (A \min B) \min (A \min C)$
8. (Absorption) $A \min (A \max B) = A$