

18.100A Assignment 2

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Problem 1

Proof. (By contradiction).

Suppose instead that $xy \leq xz$. Then

$$\implies xy - xz \leq 0$$

$$\implies x(y - z) \leq 0.$$

Since $x < 0$ by assumption, it must then be true that $y - z \geq 0$. But then

$$\implies y \geq z \implies \Leftarrow,$$

which is a contradiction since we assumed that $y < z$. Thus, $xy > xz$. \square

Problem 2

Proof. We want to show that $\exists b \in S$ such that $\forall a \in A, a \leq b$.

Since S is ordered, then for every $x, y \in S$, we have that either $x < y$, $x > y$, or $x = y$. But since $A \subset S$, then $\forall a \in A, a \in A \implies a \in S$.

$$\implies \forall a, b \in A, \text{ either } a < b, a > b, \text{ or } a = b.$$

So A is also ordered. Since A is finite, then $\exists a_0 \in A$ such that $\forall a \in A, a_0 \geq a$.

Thus, A is bounded. \square