

# Spivak's Calculus Solutions

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# Chapter 1

## Basic Properties of Numbers

- 1.1. (i) Suppose that  $ax = a$  and  $a \neq 0$ , then there exists a number  $a^{-1}$ . Multiplying  $a^{-1}$  on both sides yields

$$\begin{aligned}(a^{-1}a) \cdot x &= a^{-1}a \\ x &= 1\end{aligned}$$

as desired.

- (ii) Applying the distributive property on  $(x - y)(x + y)$  makes

$$\begin{aligned}(x - y)(x + y) &= (x - y)x + (x - y)y \\ &= x^2 - yx + xy - y^2 = x^2 - y^2\end{aligned}$$

- (iii) If we have  $x^2 = y^2$  then we certainly have  $0 = x^2 - y^2$ . By (ii) we have  $0 = (x - y)(x + y)$ , this implies that  $x - y = 0$  or  $x + y = 0$ , this is equivalent to saying that  $x = y$  or  $x = -y$ .

- (iv) Same method as (ii):

$$\begin{aligned}(x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2) &= (x - y)x^2 + (x - y)xy + (x - y)y^2 \\ &= x^3 - yx^2 + x^2y - xy^2 + xy^2 - y^3 \\ &= x^3 - y^3\end{aligned}$$

- (v) We prove this by induction, the base case  $n = 2$  is already proven in (ii). Suppose  $x^n - y^n = (x - y)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \cdots + xy^{n-2} + y^{n-1})$  is true. Then

we equivalently have  $x^n = (x-y)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \cdots + xy^{n-2} + y^{n-1}) + y^n$ . We now prove the  $n+1$  case:

$$\begin{aligned} x^{n+1} - y^{n+1} &= x \cdot x^n - y^{n+1} \\ &= x(x-y)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \cdots + xy^{n-2} + y^{n-1}) + xy^n - y^{n+1} \\ &= (x-y)(x^n + x^{n-1}y + \cdots + x^2y^{n-2} + xy^{n-1}) + (x-y)y^n \\ &= (x-y)(x^n + x^{n-1}y + \cdots + xy^{n-1} + y^n) \end{aligned}$$

The resulting relation concludes the finite induction, thus  $x^n - y^n = (x-y)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \cdots + xy^{n-2} + y^{n-1})$ .

- (vi) We know from (iv) that  $a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$ , by letting  $a = x$  and  $b = -y$  we get  $x^3 + y^3 = (x+y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$ .

**1.2.** Multiplying by the multiplicative inverse of  $x-y$  works only when  $x-y \neq 0$ , that is  $x \neq y$ , however, the hypothesis explicitly states  $x = y$ . So it is not possible to find the multiplicative inverse of  $x-y$  and thus the step is invalid.

**1.3.** (i) Say we have  $\frac{a}{b}$  and  $b \neq 0$  then the same fraction can be written as  $ab^{-1}$ . Suppose we also have a variable  $c$  such that  $c \neq 0$ , then we have  $ab^{-1} \cdot (cc^{-1})$  and consequently  $(ac)(b^{-1}c^{-1}) = \frac{ac}{bc}$ . The final equality holds by (iii) which is proven below.

(ii) By (i)  $\frac{ad}{bd} + \frac{bc}{db} = ad(bd)^{-1} + bc(bd)^{-1} = (ad + bc)(bd)^{-1} = \frac{ad+bc}{bd}$

(iii)  $ab$  exists if  $a, b \neq 0$ . Let  $x = (ab)^{-1}$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} x(ab) &= (ab)^{-1}(ab) = (xa)b = 1 && \text{(Multiply } x \text{ with } ab) \\ (xa)(bb^{-1}) &= b^{-1} = xa = b^{-1} && \text{(Multiply by } b^{-1}) \\ x(aa^{-1}) &= b^{-1}a^{-1} = x && \text{(Multiply by } a^{-1}) \end{aligned}$$

(iv) Suppose  $b, d \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = (ab^{-1}) \cdot (cd^{-1}) = (ac)(b^{-1}d^{-1}) = (ac)(bd)^{-1} = \frac{ac}{bd}$

(v) Suppose  $b, c, d \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{a}{b} / \frac{c}{d} = (ab^{-1})(cd^{-1})^{-1} = (ab^{-1})(c^{-1}d) = (ac)(bd)^{-1} = \frac{ac}{bd}$

(vi) Suppose  $b, d \neq 0$ . Assume  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$ , multiplying by  $bd$  on both side yields the relation  $ad = bc$ . For the converse multiply  $ad = bc$  by  $(bd)^{-1}$ .

- 1.4.**
- (i)  $4-x < 3-2x \iff (4-4)+(-x+2x) < (3-4)+(2x-2x) \iff x < -1$ .
  - (ii)  $5-x^2 < 8 \iff -3 < x^2$ . Note that  $x^2 \geq 0$  and for every single value of  $x$ , so our solution is every  $x$ .
  - (iii)  $5-x^2 < -2 \iff 7 < x^2 \iff \sqrt{7} < x \text{ or } -\sqrt{7} > x$ .
  - (iv) The product is positive when  $x-1 > 0$  and  $x-3 > 0$  or when  $x-1 < 0$  and  $x-3 < 0$ , that is when  $x > 3$  or when  $x < 1$ .
  - (v) Complete the square  $x^2 - 2x + 2 = (x-1)^2 + 1$ . The product  $(x-1)^2$  is always positive, and since we have the +1 as well in the inequality, this inequality must be true for every single  $x$ .
  - (vi) The inequality is equivalent to  $x^2 + x - 1 > 0$ . Completing the square  $(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 > \frac{5}{4}$ . If  $x \geq -\frac{1}{2}$  then  $x > \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . If  $x < -\frac{1}{2}$  then  $x < \frac{-1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ . Thus, the solution is  $x > \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$  and  $x < \frac{-1-\sqrt{5}}{2}$ .
  - (vii) Equivalently we have  $(x - \frac{1}{2})^2 > \frac{25}{4}$ . If  $x \geq \frac{1}{2}$  then  $x > 3$  if  $x < \frac{1}{2}$  then  $x < -2$ . The solution set is  $x > 3$  and  $x < -2$ .
  - (viii) Equivalently  $(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4} > 0$ . This is true for every  $x$  because  $(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 \geq 0$  and  $\frac{3}{4} > 0$ . Adding them gives  $(x + \frac{1}{2})^2 + \frac{3}{4} > 0$ .
  - (ix) Let  $b = (x+5)(x-3)$ . Then  $b$  is positive if  $x > 3$  or  $x < -5$  and negative if  $-5 < x < 3$ . Let  $a = x - \pi$ .  $a$  is positive if  $x > \pi$ .  $ab$  is positive if both  $a$  and  $b$  are positive or if both are negative. So  $ab$  is positive if  $x > \pi$  ( $b$  must be positive because  $x > 3$ ).  $ab$  is negative if  $-5 < x < 3$  (This implies  $x < \pi$ ).
  - (x) If  $x > \sqrt[3]{2}$  and  $x > \sqrt{2}$  then the product is positive, thus the first solution is  $x > \sqrt{2}$ . If  $x < \sqrt[3]{2}$  and  $x < \sqrt{2}$  then the product is positive. The second solution is  $x < \sqrt[3]{2}$ .
  - (xi) Apply  $\log_2$  on both sides:  $x < 3$ .
  - (xii) Suppose  $x < 1$ , we will show this is a solution. We have  $3^x < 3^1 = 3$ , adding  $x < 1$  to the inequality we get  $x + 3^x < 3 + 1 = 4$ . Since both  $3^x$  and  $x$  are strictly increasing expressions finding the inequality  $x < 1$  suffices as all real solutions.

- (xiii) Noting that  $x \neq 0$  and  $x \neq 1$ . Expanding the fractions we get  $\frac{1-x}{x(1-x)} + \frac{x}{x(1-x)} = \frac{1}{x(1-x)} > 0$ . The solutions depends on if the denominator is positive. Thus  $x(1-x) > 0$  has the same solution set. The solutions are  $0 < x < 1$ .
- (xiv) Note  $x \neq -1$ . Expand by  $(x+1)$ :  $\frac{(x-1)(x+1)}{(x+1)^2} > 0$ . Since the denominator is always positive we can multiply this on both sides,  $x^2 - 1 > 0$ , Thus  $x < -1$  and  $x > 1$ .
- 1.5.**
- (i) Suppose  $a < b$  and  $c < d$  then we have  $b - a > 0$  and  $d - c > 0$  by property 11  $(b - a) + (d - c) > 0$  which is the same as  $b + d > a + c$ .
  - (ii) Suppose  $a < b$  then  $0 < b - a \iff -b < (b - b) - a = -b < -a$ .
  - (iii) Suppose  $a < b$  and  $c < d$ , by (ii):  $-c < -d$ , then by (i) we have  $a - d < b - d$ .
  - (iv) Suppose  $a < b$  then  $b - a > 0$ . Assume  $c > 0$ , Using (P12) we know that  $c(b - a) > 0$  and consequently  $bc - ac > 0 \iff bc > ac$ .
  - (v) Suppose  $a < b$  then  $b - a > 0$ . Assume  $c < 0$ , then by (ii) we have  $-c > 0$ . Using P12 we know that  $-c(b - a) > 0$  and consequently  $ac - bc > 0 \iff ac > bc$ .
  - (vi) Since  $a > 1 > 0$  we apply (iv) by letting  $c = a$ . Thus  $a^2 > a$ .
  - (vii) Because  $a$  is positive, it follows by applying (iv) to  $a < 1$  that  $a^2 < a$ .
  - (viii) Using (iv), multiply  $a < b$  with  $c$  and  $c < d$  with  $b$ . This means that we have  $ac < bc$  and  $bc < bd$ , this is the same as  $ac < bc < bd$ , thus  $ac < bd$ .
  - (ix) Using (viii) we multiply the same inequality twice,  $a^2 < b^2$ .
  - (x) Suppose  $a, b \geq 0$ , we prove the contra-positive, therefore  $a \geq b$ . Multiply by  $a$  and  $b$  respectively gives two inequalities  $a^2 \geq ab$  and  $ab \geq b^2$  which is the same as  $a^2 \geq ab \geq b^2$ . This concludes the contra-positive proof because  $a^2 \geq b^2$  is the logical opposite of  $a^2 < b^2$ .
- 1.6.**
- (a) The base case is  $n = 2$  which was proven in problem 1.5. Assume  $x^n < y^n$  for  $0 \leq x < y$ . By problem 1.6. (viii) we have  $x \cdot x^n < y \cdot y^n \iff x^{n+1} < y^{n+1}$ . The induction is complete, thus if  $0 \leq x, y$  then  $x^n < y^n$  for  $n = 1, 2, \dots$

(b) Suppose  $x < y$  and  $n = 2k + 1$ , We have three cases.

- (i)  $x, y \geq 0$ , this case has been proven in (a).
- (ii)  $x \leq 0$  and  $y \geq 0$ . Consider  $x^n$ , because  $n$  is odd, it has the following property,  $x^{2k+1} = x \cdot (x^k)^2 < 0$ , because  $x$  is negative and  $(x^k)^2$  is positive. However  $y^n > 0$  because  $y$  is positive. This means we have  $x^n < 0 < y^n$ .
- (iii)  $x, y < 0$ , by the inequality we have  $-x > 0$  and  $-y > 0$ . We also have  $-y < -x$ , by (a) we have  $(-y)^n < (-x)^n \iff -y^n < -x^n$  because  $n$  is odd. Finally we have  $x^n < y^n$ .

(c) Suppose  $x^n = y^n \iff x^n - y^n = 0 = (x - y)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \dots + xy^{n-2} + y^{n-1})$  Then either  $x - y = 0$  or  $x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \dots + xy^{n-2} + y^{n-1} = 0$  In the first case  $x = y$ , in the second case we first note that  $x^n = y^n$  implies that  $x$  and  $y$  has the same sign and thus  $x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \dots + xy^{n-2} + y^{n-1} \geq 0$  where the equality holds only when  $x, y = 0$  then  $x = y$  is still true.

(d) Let  $n$  be an even positive integer. Next we prove the contra-positive, suppose  $|x| \neq |y|$  ( $x = y$  or  $x = -y$  is the same as saying  $|x| = |y|$ ). Consequently this means either  $|x| < |y|$  or  $|x| > |y|$ . By (a) this means that either  $|x|^n < |y|^n$  or  $|x|^n > |y|^n$ . Because  $n$  is even this is equivalent to  $x^n < y^n$  or  $x^n > y^n$  which is the logical complement of  $x^n = y^n$ .

**1.7.** Suppose  $0 < a < b$ , multiply by  $a$  then  $a^2 < ab \iff a < \sqrt{ab}$ . Next consider  $(a - b)^2 > 0$  which is equivalent to  $a^2 + b^2 + 2ab > 4ab \iff \frac{a+b}{2} > \sqrt{ab}$ , this means that we have  $a < \sqrt{ab} < \frac{a+b}{2}$  now remains the final inequality. By the premise we have  $b - a > 0 \iff b + a > 2a \iff \frac{b+a}{2} > a$ . We conclude by stating  $a < \sqrt{ab} < \frac{a+b}{2} < b$ .

**\*1.8.** (P10) Let  $b = 0$  in P'10, then for every  $a$  one of the following properties apply

- (i)  $a = 0$
- (ii)  $a < 0$
- (iii)  $a > 0$

Because the collection  $P$  contains all the numbers  $x$  such that  $x > 0$ , we can see that (iii) states that  $a$  belongs to  $P$ . (ii) is equivalent to  $-a > 0$ , thus  $-a$  is in  $P$ .

(P11) Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  are in  $P$  then  $0 < x$  and  $0 < y$ . By P'12 (Let  $a=0$ ) we have  $x < y + x$ . By P'11 we get  $0 < y + x$  which is in  $P$ .

(P12) Suppose  $x$  and  $y$  are in  $P$  then  $0 < x$  and  $0 < y$ . Using P'13 we get  $0 < xy$ , this means that  $xy$  is in  $P$ .

**1.9.** (i)  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{7}$ .

(ii) Triangle inequality states that  $|a + b| - |a| - |b| \leq 0$ . Therefore  $|a| + |b| - |a + b|$ .

(iii) Triangle inequality gives  $|(a + b) + c| - |a + b| - |c| \leq 0 \iff |a + b| + |c| - |a + b + c| \geq 0$ . Our solution is therefore  $|a + b| + |c| - |a + b + c|$ .

(iv)  $x^2 - 2xy + y^2 = (x - y)^2 \geq 0$ , thus  $x^2 - 2xy + y^2$ .

(v)  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{7}$

**1.10.** (i) Suppose  $a + b \geq 0$  and  $b \geq 0$  then we have  $a + b - b = a$ . Suppose  $a + b \geq 0$  and  $b < 0$  then  $a + b + b = a + 2b$ . Suppose  $a + b < 0$  and  $b \geq 0$  then  $-a - b - b = -(a + 2b)$ . Suppose  $a + b < 0$  and  $b < 0$  then  $-a - b + b = -a$ .

(ii) If  $0 \geq x \geq 1$  then  $1 - x$ . If  $-1 \geq x < 0$  then  $1 + x$ . If  $1 < x$  then  $x - 1$  then  $-x - 1$ .

(iii) If  $x \geq 0$  then  $x - x^2$ , if  $x < 0$  then  $-x - x^2$ .

(iv) If  $a \geq 0$  then  $a$ , if  $a < 0$  then  $3a$ .

**1.11.** (i) Suppose  $x - 3 > 0$  then  $x - 3 = 8 \iff x = 11$ . Suppose  $x - 3 < 0$  then  $3 - x = 8 \iff x = -5$ .

(ii) Suppose  $x - 3 \geq 0$  then  $3 \leq x < 11$ . Suppose  $x - 3 < 0$  then  $-5 < x < 3$ . Combining both inequalities  $-5 < x < 11$ .

(iii) Suppose  $x + 4 \geq 0$  then  $x < -2$ , so  $-4 \leq x < -2$ . If  $x + 4 < 0$  then  $-6 < x < -4$ . Combining both inequalities gives  $-6 < x < -2$ .

(iv) Suppose  $x \leq 2$  then  $x - 1 + x - 2 > 1 \iff x > 2$ . This means  $x > 2$  is always a solution. Suppose  $1 \leq x < 2$ , then  $x - 1 - x + 2 > 1 \iff 1 > 1$ , which can not be true. Suppose  $x < 1$ , then  $1 - x - x + 2 > 1 \iff x < 1$ . The solution is  $x < 1$  and  $x > 2$ .



- (v) Suppose  $x \geq 1$  then  $x-1+x+1 < 2 \iff x < 1$  which is a contradiction. Suppose  $-1 \leq x < 1$  then  $1-x+x+1 < 2 \iff 2 < 2$ , also contradiction. Suppose  $x < -1$  then  $1-x-x-1 < 2 \iff x > -1$ , an  $x$  that satisfies the inequality is nonexistent.
- (vi) Suppose  $x \geq 1$  then  $x-1+x+1 < 1 \iff x < \frac{1}{2}$  which is a contradiction. Suppose  $-1 \leq x < 1$  then  $1-x+x+1 < 1 \iff 2 < 1$ , also a contradiction. Suppose  $x < -1$  then  $1-x-x-1 < 1 \iff x > -\frac{1}{2}$ , similarly to (iv), there are no  $x$  that satisfy the inequality.
- (vii) We have  $x-1=0 \iff x=1$  or  $x+1=0 \iff x=-1$ .
- (viii) Suppose  $x \geq 1$  then  $(x-1)(x+2)=3 \iff x^2+x-5=0 \iff (x+\frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{21}{4} \implies x = \frac{-1+\sqrt{21}}{2}$ . Suppose  $-2 \leq x < 1$  then  $(1-x)(x+2)=3$  which is a polynomial with complex roots thus no solutions there. Suppose  $x < -2$ , then we get the same polynomial as in the first case because  $(-1)^2=1$ , so the other root is  $x = \frac{-1-\sqrt{21}}{2}$  which is less than  $-2$  because  $\frac{-1-\sqrt{21}}{2} < \frac{-1-\sqrt{16}}{2} = \frac{-5}{2} < -2$ . To conclude  $x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{21}}{2}$

**1.12.**

- (i)  $|xy|^2 = (xy)^2 = x^2y^2 = |x|^2|y|^2 \iff |xy| = |x| \cdot |y|$
- (ii) Consider  $\left|\frac{1}{x}\right|$  for  $x \neq 0$ . This is the same as  $\sqrt{\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2} = \sqrt{\frac{1}{x^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2}} = \frac{1}{|x|}$ .
- (iii) Suppose  $y \neq 0$  then  $\left|\frac{x}{y}\right| = \sqrt{\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2}}{\sqrt{y^2}} = \frac{|x|}{|y|}$
- (iv) Suppose  $a, b$  are real numbers, then the triangle inequality is  $|a+b| \leq |a|+|b|$ . Let  $a=x$  and  $b=-y$  then  $|x-y| \leq |x|+|-y| = |x|+|y|$ . The final equality is proven by  $|-y| = \sqrt{(-y)^2} = \sqrt{(-1)^2y^2} = \sqrt{y^2}$ .
- (v) Using the triangle inequality  $|x| = |(x-y)+y| \leq |x-y|+|y| \iff |x|-|y| \leq |x-y|$
- (vi) There are two cases from the inequality,  $|x|-|y| \leq |x-y|$  and  $|y|-|x| \leq |y-x|$ , note that the last absolute value comes from the fact  $|x-y| = |y-x|$ . Both inequalities are identical to (v) (the second inequality has the variables interchanged).
- (vii) We have  $|(x+y)+z| \leq |x+y|+|z| \leq |x|+|y|+|z|$ . Doing the case work for the equality is left to the reader.

- 1.13.** We start by proving for  $\max$ , let  $x \geq y$  then  $\max(x, y) = \frac{x+y+x-y}{2} = x$ . Likewise if  $y \geq x$  then  $\max(x, y) = y$ . Similar reasoning shows that the formula for  $\min(x, y)$  is valid. Next we use substitution and get  $\max(x, y, z) = \max(x, \max(y, z)) = \frac{y+z+2x+|y-z|+|y+z+2x+|y-z||}{4}$  and  $\min(x, y, z) = \min(x, \min(y, z)) = \frac{y+z+2x+|y-z|-|y+z+2x+|y-z||}{4}$ .
- 1.14.** (a) Suppose  $a \geq 0$  then we have  $a = -(-a)$ . The case for  $a \leq 0$  is then obvious because we have  $(-a) \geq 0$  which can be used on the previously proven fact.
- (b)  $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose  $-b \leq a \leq b$ , this implies  $a \leq b$  and  $-b \leq a \iff -a \leq b$  and consequently  $|a| \leq b$ .  
 $(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose  $|a| \leq b$  then  $a \leq b$  and  $-a \leq b \iff -b \leq a$ , thus  $-b \leq a \leq b$ . Now we prove the last part. Suppose  $|a| \leq |a|$  then by the previously proven theorem we have  $-|a| \leq a \leq |a|$ .
- (c) As proven earlier, for every  $a, b$  we have  $-|a| \leq a \leq |a|$  and  $-|b| \leq b \leq |b|$ . Add these together gives  $-(|a| + |b|) \leq a + b \leq |a| + |b|$ , applying the theorem from (b) on  $(|a| + |b|)$  and  $(a + b)$  we get  $|a + b| \leq |a| + |b|$ .
- \*1.15.** We prove first that if  $x = y$  and  $x, y \neq 0$ . The inequality is then  $x^2 + x^2 + x^2 > 0 \iff x^2 > 0$  which is true because  $x \neq 0$ .  
 Suppose  $x \neq y$ , then the left side of inequality is equivalent to  $(x^2 + xy + y^2) = \frac{x^3 - y^3}{(x - y)}$ . Suppose  $x > y$  then  $x^3 - y^3 > 0$  by problem 6 (b), since both the numerator and denominator are positive we know that  $\frac{x^3 - y^3}{(x - y)} > 0$ . Next we assume  $x < y$  which implies  $x^3 - y^3 < 0$  by problem 6 (b). This means the numerator and denominator are both negative, thus  $\frac{x^3 - y^3}{(x - y)} > 0$ . In every case the inequality is positive, thus we have proven that  $x^2 + xy + y^2 > 0$ .  
 To prove that the second inequality holds we follow the same steps, suppose  $x = y$  which means the inequality is  $5x^4 > 0$ . Next suppose  $x \neq y$  then we have  $x^4 + x^3y + x^2y^2 + xy^3 + y^4 = \frac{x^5 - y^5}{x - y}$ . Suppose  $x - y > 0$  then  $x^5 - y^5 > 0$  which implies  $\frac{x^5 - y^5}{x - y} > 0$ . Assume  $x - y < 0$  then  $x^5 - y^5 < 0$  which implies  $\frac{x^5 - y^5}{x - y} > 0$ .
- \*1.16.** (a)  $(x + y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2 = x^2 + y^2 \iff xy = 0$  which implies  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . Next we have  $(x + y)^3 = x^3 + 3x^2y + 3xy^2 + y^3 = x^3 + y^3 \iff x^2y + xy^2 = 0 = xy(x + y)$ . Which implies either  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$  or  $x = -y$ .

- (b) Consider  $3(x+y)^2 = 3x^2 + 6xy + 3y^2 \geq 0$ , since  $x, y \neq 0$  we have  $x^2 > 0$  and  $y^2 > 0$ , adding these inequalities makes  $4x^2 + 6xy + 4y^2 > 0$ . If  $x, y = 0$  then the statement would be false.
- (c) Equivalently we have  $4x^3y + 6x^2y^2 + 4y^3x = xy(4x^2 + 6xy + 4y^2)$ , left side indicates that it is equal to zero when  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . Thus  $(x+y)^4 = x^4 + y^4$  when  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ .
- (d) Subtract with  $x^5 + y^5$  and since  $xy \neq 0$  we divide by  $5xy$  this makes  $x^3 + 2x^2y + 2xy^2 + y^3 = 0 \iff (x+y)^3 = x^2y + y^2x = xy(x+y)$ . Suppose  $x+y \neq 0$  then  $xy = (x+y)^2 \iff x^2 + xy + y^2 = 0$ , this implies  $x, y = 0$  by letting  $p = x^2 + xy + y^2 \iff 2p = 2x^2 + 2xy + 2y^2 = x^2 + y^2 + (x+y)^2$ , it then follows all the terms have to be zero because they are either zero or positive,  $x = 0$  and  $y = 0$ , this contradicts the fact that  $xy = 0$ , thus it must be the case that  $x = -y$ .

Assume this time that  $x = 0$  then  $(x+y)^5 = x^5 + y^5 = x^5 + 5x^4y + 10x^3y^2 + 10x^2y^3 + 5xy^4 + y^5 \iff y^5 = y^5$ . By interchanging  $x$  with  $y$  in the last sentence it follows that  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . To conclude, the solutions are  $x = -y$  or  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ . My guess is that the same solutions apply to  $(x+y)^n = x^n + y^n$  if  $n$  is odd and  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$  if  $n$  is even.

- 1.17.** (a)  $2x^2 - 3x + 4 = 2(x - \frac{3}{4})^2 + y \implies y = \frac{32}{8} - \frac{9}{8} = \frac{23}{8}$
- (b) Subtract  $2(y+1)^2$  this makes  $x^2 - 3x$ . Let  $x^2 - 3x = (x - \frac{3}{2}) + z$  then  $z = -\frac{9}{4}$ ,  $z$  is the smallest value.
- (c) Let  $m$  be the minimum number for a simple second degree polynomial, then it follows that  $x^2 + bx + c = 0 = (x + \frac{b}{2})^2 + m = x^2 + bx + \frac{b^2}{4} + m \iff m = c - \frac{b^2}{4}$
- We have  $x^2 + 4xy + 5y^2 - 4x - 6y + 7 = x^2 + (4y - 4)x + 5y^2 - 6y + 7$   
The minimum is thus  $m = 5y^2 - 6y + 7 - 4(y^2 - 2y + 1) = y^2 + 2y + 3 = (y + 1)^2 + 2$ . This implies that 2 is in fact the minimum value.

- 1.18.** (a)  $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4c}}{2} \iff (2x + b)^2 = b^2 - 4c \iff 4x^2 + 4xb + b^2 - b^2 + 4c = 0 \iff x^2 + bx + c = 0$ .
- (b) We complete the square,  $x^2 + bx + c = 0 \iff 4(x + \frac{b}{2})^2 = b^2 - 4c$  this follows that  $(x + \frac{b}{2})^2 \geq 0$ , but  $b^2 - 4c < 0$  which is a contradiction. It

also follows that  $x^2 + bx + c > 0$  which means there are no real values of  $x$  that satisfy the equation.

- (c) We complete the square  $(x + \frac{y}{2})^2 + \frac{3y^2}{4}$ . Since  $\frac{3y^2}{4} > 0$  because  $y \neq 0$  it must be the case that  $(x + \frac{y}{2})^2 + \frac{3y^2}{4} > 0$  which is the same as  $x^2 + xy + y^2 > 0$
- (d) Completing the square makes  $(x + \frac{\alpha y}{2})^2 + y^2(1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{4})$ . The left term has the property  $(x + \frac{\alpha y}{2})^2 \geq 0$  (just let  $x = -\frac{\alpha y}{2}$ ). This means the right term must be positive. Let  $1 - \frac{\alpha^2}{4} > 0$  which implies  $-2 < \alpha < 2$ .
- (e)  $ax^2 + bx + c = a(x^2 + \frac{bx}{a}) + c = a(x + \frac{b}{2a})^2 + c - \frac{b^2}{4a^2}$ . Since  $a > 0$  the minimum must be when  $x + \frac{b}{2a} = 0$ , so the minimum is  $c - (\frac{b}{2a})^2$ . (The first case is just  $a = 1$ )

**1.19.**

- (a) Suppose  $x_1 = \lambda y_1$  and  $x_2 = \lambda y_2$  then the equality holds if  $\lambda(y_1^2 + y_2^2) = \sqrt{\lambda^2(y_1^2 + y_2^2)}\sqrt{(y_1^2 + y_2^2)} \iff \lambda = |\lambda|$ . Seems to be some kind of error (edition 3) because it does not hold if  $\lambda$  is negative. Let's assume  $\lambda \geq 0$ . Then then equality holds. The equality also holds if  $y_1 = y_2 = 0$  because both factors on both sides are equal to zero.

Assume  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  is not equal to zero. Then there does not exist a  $\lambda$  such that  $x_1 = \lambda y_1$  and  $x_2 = \lambda y_2$ , the problems states that this implies  $\lambda^2(y_1^2 + y_2^2) - 2\lambda(x_1y_1 + x_2y_2) + (x_1^2 + x_2^2) > 0$ . This equation is of the form  $\lambda^2 + b\lambda + c > 0$  and since there does not exist any  $\lambda$  we have  $b^2 < 4ac$  by noticing that dividing by  $a$  in the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  you can apply problem 18 (b), that is  $(x_1y_1 + x_2y_2)^2 < (y_1^2 + y_2^2)(x_1^2 + x_2^2)$ . This follows that  $|x_1y_1 + x_2y_2| < \sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2}\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$

To conclude we have

$$x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 \leq |x_1y_1 + x_2y_2| \leq \sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2}\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}.$$

- (b) We start with  $(x - y)^2 \geq 0 \iff 2xy \leq x^2 + y^2$ . Suppose  $x_1, x_2, y_1, y_2 \neq 0$  and let  $x = \frac{x_i}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}}$ ,  $y = \frac{y_i}{\sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2}}$  for  $i = 1, 2$ . It follows that

$$\begin{cases} \frac{2x_1y_1}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}\sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2}} \leq \frac{x_1^2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} + \frac{y_1^2}{y_1^2 + y_2^2} \\ \frac{2x_2y_2}{\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}\sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2}} \leq \frac{x_2^2}{x_1^2 + x_2^2} + \frac{y_2^2}{y_1^2 + y_2^2} \end{cases}$$

Add both inequalities together, then it follows that  $x_1y_1 + x_2y_2 \leq \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}\sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2}$ .

If we assume  $x_i = 0$  or  $y_i = 0$  for  $i = 1, 2$  then either all the terms will be zero or the resulting inequality is for example  $0 \leq y_1^2$  (let  $x_1 = 0$ ).

$$\begin{aligned}
 (c) \quad & (x_1^2 + x_2^2)(y_1^2 + y_2^2) \\
 &= (x_1y_1)^2 + 2(x_1y_1)(x_2y_2) + (x_2y_2)^2 + (x_2y_1)^2 - 2(x_2y_1)(x_1y_2) + (x_1y_2)^2 \\
 &= (x_1y_1 + x_2y_2)^2 + (x_2y_1 - x_1y_2)^2 \geq (x_1y_1 + x_2y_2)^2 \\
 &\iff \sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}\sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2} \geq |x_1y_1 + x_2y_2| \geq x_1y_1 + x_2y_2
 \end{aligned}$$

(d) The problem is constructed to waste time, see (a) where we already proved it. It shows that if  $y_1 = 0$  and  $y_2 = 0$  or there exists a number  $\lambda$  such that  $x_1 = \lambda y_1$  and  $x_2 = \lambda y_2$  then the equality holds, otherwise  $|x_1y_1 + x_2y_2| < \sqrt{y_1^2 + y_2^2}\sqrt{x_1^2 + x_2^2}$ .

**1.20.** Add both inequalities,  $|x - x_0| + |y - y_0| < \varepsilon$ . We apply the triangle inequality which makes  $|(x + y) - (x_0 + y_0)| \leq |x - x_0| + |y - y_0| < \varepsilon$ . For the second inequality, notice that that  $|y - y_0| = |y_0 - y|$ . So the triangle inequality makes  $|(x - y) - (x_0 - y_0)| \leq |x - x_0| + |y_0 - y| < \varepsilon$ .

**\*1.21.** Suppose  $|x - x_0| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(|y_0|+1)}$ , then  $2|x - x_0|(|y_0| + 1) < \varepsilon$ . Now assume  $|y - y_0| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(|y_0|+1)}$  then  $2|y - y_0|(|x_0| + 1) < \varepsilon$ . Sum the two similar inequalities

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2|x - x_0|(|y_0| + 1) + 2|y - y_0|(|x_0| + 1) < 2\varepsilon \\
 & |x - x_0|(|y_0| + 1) + |y - y_0|(|x_0| + 1) < \varepsilon \\
 & |y_0||x - x_0| + |x - x_0| + |x_0||y - y_0| + |y - y_0| < \varepsilon
 \end{aligned}$$

Now suppose  $|x - x_0| < 1$  then we have  $|y - y_0||x - x_0| < |y - y_0|$ . Continuing on the expression above we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 & > |y_0||x - x_0| + |x_0||y - y_0| + |y - y_0| \\
 & > (|y_0| + |y - y_0|)(|x - x_0|) + |x_0||y - y_0| \\
 & \geq |y||x - x_0| + |x_0||y - y_0| \geq |xy - x_0y + x_0y - x_0y_0| = |xy - x_0y_0|
 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have  $|xy - x_0y_0| < \varepsilon$ .

- \*1.22.** We first prove that  $y \neq 0$ . Suppose  $|y - y_0| < \frac{|y_0|}{2}$  then by problem 12, we get  $|y_0| < 2|y|$  by problem 12. By supposing  $y = 0$  we get a contradiction because  $0 < |y_0|$  thus it must be the case that  $y \neq 0$ .

Now we prove the latter. Suppose  $|y - y_0| < \frac{\varepsilon|y_0|^2}{2}$ . Then

$$\begin{aligned} |y - y_0| &< \varepsilon|y_0||y| \\ \left| \frac{y_0 - y}{y_0 y} \right| &< \varepsilon \\ \left| \frac{1}{y_0} - \frac{1}{y} \right| &< \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

as desired.

- \*1.23.** We begin first by using problem 21. We can then state that if  $y \neq 0$ ,  $y_0 \neq 0$ ,  $\left| \frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{y_0} \right| < \frac{\varepsilon}{2(|x_0|+1)}$  and  $|x - x_0| < \min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2(\left|\frac{1}{y_0}\right|+1)}, 1\right)$  then we have  $\left| \frac{x}{y} - \frac{x_0}{y_0} \right| < \varepsilon$ . Now we need to modify the hypothesis. We have that  $y_0 \neq 0$  and  $|y - y_0| < \min\left(\frac{|y_0|}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon|y_0|^2}{2}\right)$  implies  $y \neq 0$  and the hypothesis earlier.

To conclude,  $y_0 = 0$ ,  $|y - y_0| < \min\left(\frac{|y_0|}{2}, \frac{\varepsilon|y_0|^2}{2}\right)$  and  $|x - x_0| < \min\left(\frac{\varepsilon}{2(\left|\frac{1}{y_0}\right|+1)}, 1\right)$  implies  $y \neq 0$  and  $\left| \frac{x}{y} - \frac{x_0}{y_0} \right| < \varepsilon$ .

- \*1.24.** (a) We prove the base case ( $k=2$ ) with the associative law,  $(a_1 + a_2) + a_3 = a_1 + (a_2 + a_3)$ . Next we suppose  $P(k)$ :  $(a_1 + \cdots + a_k) + a_{k+1} = a_1 + \cdots + a_{k+1}$ , then we prove for  $P(k+1)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (a_1 + \cdots + a_{k+1}) + a_{k+2} &= [(a_1 + \cdots + a_k) + a_{k+1}] + a_{k+2} \\ (a_1 + \cdots + a_k) + (a_{k+1} + a_{k+2}) &= a_1 + \cdots + a_{k+2} \end{aligned}$$

This concludes the induction.

- (b) We will prove this by induction on  $n$ , suppose  $n \geq k$  and  $(a_1 + \cdots + a_k) + (a_{k+1} + \cdots + a_n) = a_1 + \cdots + a_n$ . The base case is  $n = k+1$  which was proven in the previous problem. We will now show the equality holds for  $n+1$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& (a_1 + \cdots + a_k) + (a_{k+1} + \cdots + a_{n+1}) \\
&= (a_1 + \cdots + a_k) + ((a_{k+1} + \cdots + a_n) + a_{n+1}) \\
&= ((a_1 + \cdots + a_k) + (a_{k+1} + \cdots + a_n)) + a_{n+1} \\
&= (a_1 + \cdots + a_n) + a_{n+1} \\
&= a_1 + \cdots + a_{n+1}
\end{aligned}$$

We have now proven that for  $n \geq k$  it follows that

$$(a_1 + \cdots + a_k) + (a_{k+1} + \cdots + a_n) = a_1 + \cdots + a_n.$$

- (c) We will show that  $s(a_1, \dots, a_k) = s(a_1) + \cdots + s(a_k)$  by induction on  $k$ . Let the base case be  $k = 1$ , then we obviously have an equality. Now we assume  $s(a_1, \dots, a_k) = s(a_1) + \cdots + s(a_k)$  and now prove for the  $k + 1$  case.

$$\begin{aligned}
s(a_1, \dots, a_{k+1}) &= s(a_1, \dots, a_k) + s(a_{k+1}) \\
&= s(a_1) + \cdots + s(a_k) + s(a_{k+1})
\end{aligned}$$

Because  $s(a_1) + \cdots + s(a_k) = a_1 + \cdots + a_k$ , our proof is done.

**1.25.** We suppose the rules of addition and multiplication given in the problem we then prove it is a field.

- (i) Testing each case is tedious and will not be contained here, but we find that  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$  works.
- (ii) Suppose  $a = 0$  then  $0 + 0 = 0 + 0 = 0$ , and  $a = 1$  implies  $1 + 0 = 0 + 1 = 0$
- (iii) If  $a = 0$  then then let  $-a = 0$  and if  $a = 1$  then  $-a = 1$ .
- (iv) This works by exhaustion.
- (v) If at least one variable is zero, then  $0 = 0$ , otherwise  $1 \cdot (1 \cdot) = (1 \cdot 1) \cdot 1 \iff 1 = 1$
- (vi) Suppose  $a = 0$  then  $1 \cdot 0 = 1 \cdot 0 = 0$ , suppose  $a = 1$  then  $1 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$
- (vii)  $a = 0$  is not allowed so we only prove for the  $a = 1$  case which makes  $a^{-1} = 1$ .
- (viii) If at least one variable is equal to zero then we have  $0 = 0$ , otherwise  $1 \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot 1$
- (ix) Suppose  $a = 0$  then  $0 \cdot (b + c) = 0 \cdot b + 0 \cdot c = 0$ . Suppose  $a = 1$  then  $1 \cdot (b + c) = 1 \cdot b + 1 \cdot c = b + c$

## Chapter 2

### Numbers of various sorts