

## 1 Section 2.1 - 10, 13, 14, 20, 22

1. (a) If  $a < b$  and  $c < d$ , prove that  $a + c < b + d$ .

*Proof.* We will show two cases:

i.  $c < d$

To show this, if  $a < b$ , then by 2.1.6(a),  $b - a \in P$ . Likewise, if  $c < d$ , then  $d - c \in P$ . By 2.1.5(i),  $(b - a) + (d - c) \in P$ . This implies  $(b + d) - (a + c) \in P$ , which by definition 2.1.6(a) means  $b + d > a + c$ .

ii.  $c = d$

By 2.1.7(b), if  $a < c$  and  $c = d$ , we have  $a + c < b + c$  or  $a + c < b + d$ .

□

- (b) If  $0 < a < b$  and  $0 \leq c \leq d$ , prove  $0 \leq ac \leq bd$ .

*Proof.* By 2.1.7(c), if  $0 < a < b$  then  $c \cdot 0 \leq ac \leq bc$  or  $0 \leq ac \leq bc$ . We need the  $\leq$  because  $c$  could equal zero. To finish, by 2.1.7(c) and  $c \leq d$ ,  $0 \leq ac \leq bd \leq db$  or  $0 \leq ac \leq bd$ . □

2. If  $a, b \in \mathfrak{R}$ , show  $a^2 + b^2 = 0$  iff  $a = 0$  and  $b = 0$ .

*Proof.* ( $\Leftarrow$ ) Assume  $a = 0$  and  $b = 0$ , then  $(0)^2 + (0)^2 = 0 + 0 = 0$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Now assume  $a^2 + b^2 = 0$  and  $a \neq 0$  and  $b \neq 0$ . This implies  $a^2 = -b^2$ . By 2.1.8(a),  $a^2 \in P$ . Therefore,  $-b^2 \in P$  or that  $b^2 \notin P$ . But this contradicts 2.1.8(a) unless both  $a$  and  $b$  are zero. □

3. (a) If  $0 \leq a < b$ , show that  $a^2 \leq ab < b^2$ .

*Proof.* If  $0 \leq a < b$ , then multiplying through by  $a$  yields  $a^2 \leq ab$ . The inequality is a result of the case that  $a = 0$ . So  $a^2 \leq ab < b \cdot b = b^2$  (by 2.1.7(c)). □

- (b) Show by example that it does not follow that  $a^2 < ab < b^2$ .

If you let  $a = 0$ , then we have  $0^2 < 0 < b^2$  and we have a false statement since  $0 \not< 0$ .

4. (a) If  $0 < c < 1$ , show that  $0 < c^2 < c < 1$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1 > c & \text{by assumption} \\ = c \cdot 1 & \text{2.1.1(M3)} \\ > c \cdot c & \text{assumption and 2.1.7(c)} \\ = c^2 & \\ > 0 & \text{2.1.8(a)} \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $0 < c^2 < c < 1$ . □

(b) If  $1 < c$ , show that  $1 < c < c^2$ .

*Proof.*

$$\begin{array}{ll} 1 < c & \text{by assumption} \\ = c \cdot 1 & \text{2.1.1(M3)} \\ < c \cdot c & \text{assumption and 2.1.7(c)} \\ = c^2 & \end{array}$$

Therefore,  $1 < c < c^2$ . □

5. (a) If  $c > 1$ , show  $c^n \geq c \forall n \in N$  and  $c^n > c$  for  $n > 1$ .

*Proof.* This is an induction proof where you have shown the first case in Ex. 20(b). So assume true for  $n = k$  ( $c^k \geq c$ ) and prove true for  $n = k + 1$ . If  $c^k \geq c \Rightarrow c \leq c^k = 1 \cdot c^k \leq c \cdot c^k = c^{k+1}$ . The last statement is due to the fact that  $n = 1$  is not included. □

(b) If  $0 < c < 1$ , show that  $c^n \leq c \forall n \in N$  and that  $c^n < c$  for  $n > 1$ .

I leave this proof to the reader since it follows exactly the same way as the previous part.