

1.a Show by using the axioms of the real numbers that $z^2 \geq 0$ for each real z .

Proof of question 1.a:

It is necessary to break this proof up into two cases: I) $z \geq 0$ and II) $z < 0$.

Case I: $z \geq 0$

$$z \geq 0 \Rightarrow zz \leq 0z \quad \text{Axiom O5}$$

Claim 1: $0z = 0$

Proof of claim 1:

$$0z + 0 = 0z \quad \text{Axiom P3}$$

$$0z = (0 + 0)z \quad \text{Axiom P3}$$

$$(0 + 0)z = z(0 + 0) \quad \text{Axiom P5}$$

$$z(0 + 0) = z0 + z0 = 0z + 0z \quad \text{Axioms P9 and P5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0z + 0 = 0z + 0z \quad \text{Transitivity}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0z = 0 \quad \text{Proposition 1.1.1.a}$$

Thus, we have: $z^2 = zz > 0z = 0$. Q.E.D.

Case II: $z < 0$

$$z < 0 \Rightarrow -z > 0 \quad \text{Proposition 1.1.1.d}$$

$$-z > 0 \Rightarrow (-z)(-z) > 0(-z) \quad \text{Axiom O5}$$

$$(-z)(-z) = zz = z^2 \quad \text{Proposition 1.1.1.c}$$

$$0(-z) = 0 \quad \text{Claim 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 = (-z)(-z) > 0(-z) = 0 \quad \text{Transitivity}$$

$$\Rightarrow z^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{Q.E.D.}$$

1.b Define $2 \equiv 1 + 1$, and use the notation x^2 to denote the multiplication $x \cdot x$. Show by using the axioms of the real numbers and part (a), that $2 \cdot (x \cdot y) \leq x^2 + y^2$ for each $x, y \in \mathbf{R}$.

Proof of question 1.b:

From part (a), we know that $z^2 \geq 0 \forall z \in \mathbf{R}$. Let $z = x + (-y)$

$$\Rightarrow (x + (-y))^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow (x + (-y))(x + (-y)) \geq 0 \quad \text{Definition of } ^2.$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x + (-y)) + (-y)(x + (-y)) \geq 0 \quad \text{Axiom P9}$$

$$\Rightarrow xx + x(-y) + (-y)x + (-y)(-y) \geq 0 \quad \text{Axiom P9}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x(-y) + x(-y) + yy \geq 0 \quad \text{Proposition 1.1.1.c and Axiom P5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1x(-y) + 1x(-y) + y^2 \geq 0 \quad \text{Axioms P7 and P5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + (1+1)x(-y) \geq 0 \quad \text{Axioms P1, P5, and P9}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2x(-y) \geq 0 \quad \text{Definition of } 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 2x(-y) + -(2x(-y)) \geq 0 + -(2x(-y)) \quad \text{Axiom O4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + 0 \geq -(2x(-y)) \quad \text{Axiom P3}$$

Claim 2: $-(2x(-y)) = 2xy$

Proof of claim 2:

$$2x(-y) + (-(2x(-y))) = 0$$

$$2x(-y) + 2xy = 2x(y + (-y))$$

$$2x(y + (-y)) = 2x(0) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x(-y) + (-(2x(-y))) = 2x(-y) + 2xy$$

$$\Rightarrow -2x(-y) = 2xy$$

$$\text{Thus, } x^2 + y^2 \geq 2xy \Leftrightarrow 2 \cdot (x \cdot y) \leq x^2 + y^2$$

Axiom P4

Axiom P9

Axiom P4 and claim 1

Transitivity

Proposition 1.1.1.a

Q.E.D.