

(1) Let  $x, y, z$  be Real numbers. Prove that

(a)  $(x+y)z = xz + yz$

(b) If  $x > y$  then  $x+z > y+z$



Pf: (a) As defined in class, let  $\mathbb{Q} = \{ \text{all rational Cauchy sequences} \}$  and the binary relation  $\sim$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that for  $c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$   $c \sim d$  iff  $c_n - d_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ . Now, let  $x, y, z$  be real numbers, i.e.  $x_n, y_n, z_n \in \mathbb{Q}$ . We want to prove that  $[(x+y)z] = [xz + yz]$  (the equivalence classes are equal). By definition:

$[(x+y)z] = \{ s \in \mathbb{Q} \mid s \sim (x+y)z \} \Leftrightarrow \{ s_n - [(x_n + y_n)z_n] \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \}$  and

$[xz + yz] = \{ s \in \mathbb{Q} \mid s \sim (xz + yz) \} \Leftrightarrow \{ s_n - (x_n z_n + y_n z_n) \rightarrow 0 \text{ as } n \rightarrow \infty \}$ .

Need to prove double contention:  $[(x+y)z] \subseteq [xz + yz]$  and  $[xz + yz] \subseteq [(x+y)z]$ .

( $\subseteq$ ) Let  $s \in [(x+y)z]$ . By definition  $s \sim (x+y)z \Leftrightarrow s_n - [(x_n + y_n)z_n] \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\Leftrightarrow$  Given  $\epsilon > 0$ :  $\exists N$   $\forall n \geq N$   $|s_n - (x_n + y_n)z_n| < \epsilon$ . Let  $\epsilon > 0$  and pick  $N$  such that the previous inequality holds. then

$|s_n - (x_n z_n + y_n z_n)| = |s_n - [(x_n + y_n)z_n]| < \epsilon$  by distribution on  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

therefore,  $s_n - (x_n z_n + y_n z_n) \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty \Leftrightarrow s \sim (xz + yz) \Leftrightarrow s \in [xz + yz]$ .

Hence,  $[(x+y)z] \subseteq [xz + yz]$ .

( $\supseteq$ ) Let  $s \in [xz + yz]$ . Note that all statements in the proof for ( $\subseteq$ ) are reversible, i.e., the direction ( $\Leftarrow$ ) is also proved. therefore  $[xz + yz] \subseteq [(x+y)z]$  which means that  $[(x+y)z] = [xz + yz]$  and so, given  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ :  $(x+y)z = xz + yz$ .

(b) Let  $x > y$ . then  $x - y > 0$  so that  $\exists \epsilon > 0$  such that  $\exists N$   $\forall n \geq N$   $x_n - y_n > \epsilon$ . Pick  $\epsilon, N$  and  $n \geq N$  such that the above inequality holds. then:

$$\begin{aligned} |x_n - y_n| &= |x_n - y_n + z_n - z_n| \\ &= |(x_n + z_n) - (y_n + z_n)| \\ &\geq \epsilon \end{aligned}$$

therefore, choosing the same  $\epsilon$  and  $N$  such that  $x > y$ , we can conclude that  $(x+z) - (y+z) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x+z > y+z$ .  $\square$