

## Midterm Test – Solutions

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1. (Multiple choice – each 5 pts.) (Circle the correct capital letter.)

(a) Which of these statements is **false**? A right angle

- (A) is congruent to its supplement.
- (B) has angle measure  $90^\circ$ .
- (C) is defined as the space between two perpendicular rays.
- (D) is congruent to every other right angle.
- (E) can be constructed by straightedge and compass at any given point on a given line.

C

(b) In the simplest incidence geometries, the lines are the sets containing exactly 2 points. The smallest geometry of this type that displays the *hyperbolic* parallelism property has

- (A) 2 points.
- (B) 3 points.
- (C) 4 points.
- (D) 5 points.
- (E) 6 points.

D

(c) Axiom C-4 authorizes us to construct an angle  $\angle B'A'C'$  congruent to a given angle  $\angle BAC$  adjacent to a given ray  $\overrightarrow{A'B'}$ . The result is unique provided that

- (A) the *side* of the line  $\overleftrightarrow{A'B'}$  on which the new angle appears is prescribed.
- (B) segment AB is congruent to segment  $A'B'$ .
- (C) the Euclidean parallel postulate holds.
- (D)  $\angle BAC$  is a right angle.
- (E) congruence of angles is an equivalence relation.

A

(d) Which of these is **true**?

- (A) The crossbar theorem implies that every point in the interior of an angle lies on a segment joining a point on one side of the angle to a point on the other side.
- (B) Pasch's theorem is roughly equivalent to Euclid's 4th postulate.
- (C) Pappus's short proof that an isosceles triangle has equal angles is invalid, because flipping a triangle through the third dimension goes beyond the reasoning allowed by the Hilbert axioms.
- (D) Unlike segment addition, angle addition is *not* a Hilbert axiom, because it can be proved from the SAS axiom.
- (E) If D is in the interior of  $\angle CAB$ , then so is every other point on ray  $\overrightarrow{DA}$  except A.

D

- (e) The exercises in Chapter 1 showed how to define all of the following **except**
- (A) vertical angles.
  - (B) the length of a segment.
  - (C) the midpoint of a segment.
  - (D) the bisector of an angle.
  - (E) the perpendicular bisector of a segment.

B

2. (15 pts.) Express in logical notation (quantifiers and connectives, plus a bare minimum of English):

Taxpayer Smith may claim his daughter as a dependent, provided that she is not married and filing a joint return, if he provides more than half of her support, or if he and another person together provide more than half of her support and he paid over 10% of her support.

(Let  $S$  be the name Smith, so that it is not necessary to put  $S$  inside a quantifier. Let  $P(x, d, z)$  mean that  $x$  pays more than  $z$  percent of  $d$ 's support.)

Oops, I forgot to define a notation for “ $x$  and  $y$  together pay more than  $z$  percent of  $d$ 's support.” Many students improvised something such as  $P(x + y, d, z)$  or  $P(x \cup y, d, z)$ . I'll use the latter.

There are many acceptable answers, since the rules of how much to put into symbols are not clear. I was hoping for something like this:

$$\begin{aligned} &\forall d \{d \text{ is daughter of } S \wedge d \text{ is not married and filing a joint return} \\ &\quad \wedge [P(S, d, 50) \vee \exists y (P(S \cup y, d, 50) \wedge P(S, d, 10))]\} \\ &\quad \Rightarrow S \text{ may claim } d \text{ as a dependent} \end{aligned}$$

3. (15 pts.) State the three *betweenness* axioms that do not involve the concept “side”.  
[See B-1, B-2, B-3 in Chapter 3.]

4. (20 pts.) Prove **ONE** of these: (At most 10 points extra credit for both.)

- (A) The SSS triangle congruence theorem (which you should state).
- (B) Proposition 3.3(b): If  $A * B * C$  and  $A * C * D$ , then  $A * B * D$ .

To give a self-contained proof of 3.3(b) you have to reprove 3.3(a) first; see pp. 112–113 and the team paper on the Fall 2009 web page. (I didn't remember that when I chose this problem for the test.)

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5. (*Essay – 25 pts.*) Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be a set. Recall that an *equivalence relation* on  $\mathcal{S}$  is a binary relation  $\sim$  with the properties (for all  $A, B, C$  in  $\mathcal{S}$ )

(1) reflexivity:  $A \sim A$ ,

(2) symmetry:  $A \sim B \Rightarrow B \sim A$ ,

(3) transitivity:  $A \sim B \wedge B \sim C \Rightarrow A \sim C$ .

Recall also that a *partition* of  $\mathcal{S}$  is a collection  $\{S_i\}$  of subsets of  $\mathcal{S}$  with the properties

(4) disjointness:  $S_i \cap S_j = \emptyset$  if  $i \neq j$ ,

(5) exhaustiveness:  $\mathcal{S} = \bigcup_i S_i$ .

Show how every equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{S}$  determines a partition of  $\mathcal{S}$ , and how every partition of  $\mathcal{S}$  determines an equivalence relation on  $\mathcal{S}$ . (In each of the two cases, explain how the new entity is defined from the old one and prove that it satisfies all the clauses in the definition.)