

Hand-in Exercise 14 Solutions

Student Seminar on Set Theory

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Exercise 1

- (i) Because P and Q commute, P and Q^c commute and thus PQ and PQ^c commute. We then have
 $P \wedge Q = P + Q - PQ$ and $P \vee Q = PQ$
Then $(P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge Q^c) = PQ + PQ^c - PQPQ^c$ because P and Q and PQ and PQ^c commute (1 point)
 $= P(Q + Q^c) - P^2QQ^c$ because PQ and Q commute
 $= P$ because $Q + Q^c = 1$ and $QQ^c = 0$ (1 point)

- (ii) Proof of lemma:
Let P, Q commute. Then $P = (P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge Q^c)$, with $P \wedge Q \leq Q$ and $P \wedge Q^c \leq Q^c$, which proves one part of the lemma.
Now let there be P_1, P_2 such that $P = P_1 \vee P_2$, $P_1 \leq Q$ and $P_2 \leq Q^c$.
Now as $P_1 \vee P_2 \geq P_1$ and $P_2^c \wedge Q = Q$ (as $P_2^c \geq Q$) and as $P_1 \leq Q$, P_1 is compatible with Q :

$$\begin{aligned} Q \geq (Q \wedge P) \vee (Q \wedge P^c) &= (Q \wedge (P_1 \vee P_2)) \vee (Q \wedge P_1^c \wedge P_2^c) \\ &\geq (Q \wedge P_1) \vee (Q \wedge P_1^c) = Q \end{aligned}$$

Similarly:

$$\begin{aligned} P \geq (Q \wedge P) \vee (Q^c \wedge P) &= (Q \wedge (P_1 \vee P_2)) \vee (Q^c \wedge (P_1 \vee P_2)) \\ &\geq (Q \wedge P_1) \vee (Q^c \wedge P_2) \\ &= P_1 \vee P_2 = P \end{aligned}$$

which completes the proof of the lemma (3 points for a correct proof of the lemma, or alternatively if a correct proof has been given without it)

Now set (using the lemma) $Q_{i,1}$ and $Q_{i,2}$ such that $Q_{i,1} \leq P$ and $Q_{i,2} \leq P^c$ with $Q_i = Q_{i,1} \vee Q_{i,2}$.

Then $\bigvee_{i \in I} Q_i = \bigvee_{i \in I} Q_{i,1} \vee \bigvee_{i \in I} Q_{i,2}$ and $\bigvee_{i \in I} Q_{i,1} \leq P$, $\bigvee_{i \in I} Q_{i,2} \leq P^c$, so P is compatible with $\bigvee_{i \in I} Q_i$ by the proved lemma. Now as P is compatible with all Q_i , it is also compatible with all Q_i^c , so by the previous argument P is compatible with $\bigvee_{i \in I} Q_i^c$, so P is compatible with $(\bigvee_{i \in I} Q_i^c)^c = \bigwedge_{i \in I} Q_i$. (1 point to finish the proof)

Exercise 2

$\llbracket u \leq v \rrbracket = 1$, iff $\llbracket \forall x \in v x \in u \rrbracket = 1$ as u, v are defined by left Dedekind cut.

$\llbracket \forall x \in v x \in u \rrbracket = 1$ iff $\llbracket \forall x \in \mathbb{Q}(x \in v \rightarrow x \in u) \rrbracket = \bigwedge_{x \in \mathbb{Q}} \llbracket (x \in v \rightarrow x \in u) \rrbracket = 1$
as $\llbracket u, v \in \mathbb{Q} \rrbracket = 1$ (1 point).

Now this is equivalent to $\forall x \in \mathbb{Q} \llbracket \hat{x} \in v \rightarrow \hat{x} \in u \rrbracket = 1$ (1 point).

Writing this out gives $\forall x \in \mathbb{Q} E'_x \Rightarrow E_x = 1$

This is equivalent to $\forall x \in \mathbb{Q} E'_x \leq E_x$.

This is obviously implied by $\forall x \in \mathbb{R} E'_x \leq E_x$ and if $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then this implies $E'_x = \bigwedge_{x < q} E'_q \leq \bigwedge_{x < q} E_q = E_x$ (2 points). This completes the proof.