

Ex. 1.1, (I2).

$$(\forall z)L(z) \implies (\exists x)(\exists y)(I(x, z) \wedge I(y, z) \wedge x \neq y)$$

Ex. 2.2 (1) It is easy to verify that a function of the form  $g(x) = ax + b$  is affine, by computing the value of both sides of (3). In the other direction, let  $f : F \rightarrow F$  be affine. Let  $b = f(0), a = f(1) - b$ . Let  $g(x) = ax + b$ . We have to show that  $f = g$ . In equation (3), substitute  $x = 1, y = 0, \beta = 1 - \alpha, \gamma = 0$  to obtain:

$$f(\alpha) = \alpha f(1) + \beta f(0) = \alpha(a + b) + (1 - \alpha)b = a\alpha + b = g(\alpha)$$

*Another proof.*

(a) If  $h$  is affine and  $h(0) = 0$  then  $h$  is linear.

(b) If  $f, g$  are affine then  $f - g$  is linear.

(c) If  $h$  is linear and  $h(1) = 0$ , then  $h = 0$ .

Using (b) and (c) it follows that above,  $h = f - g$  is 0, so  $f = g$ .

(3) Let  $f : F \rightarrow F^2$  be a nonconstant affine function. Write  $f(x) = (f_1(x), f_2(x))$ . Then  $f_1, f_2$  are also affine. Indeed  $f_i$  is the composition of  $f$  with the projection  $F^2 \rightarrow F, (x_1, x_2) \mapsto x_i$ , which is affine. Hence by (1), for  $i = 1, 2$  we have:  $f_i(x) = a_i x + b_i$ . So  $a_2 f_1(x) - a_1 f_2(x) - d = 0$ , where  $d = a_2 b_1 - a_1 b_2$ . Let  $l$  be the line with equation:  $a_2 x_1 - a_1 x_2 - d = 0$  (note that  $a_1, a_2$  can't both be zero.) Then we have shown that  $f(x) \in l$ . Conversely, given  $(c_1, c_2) \in l$ , we have to find  $x$  with  $f(x) = (c_1, c_2)$ . Say  $a_1 \neq 0$ . Find  $a$  such that  $f_1(a) = c_1$ . Check that  $f_2(a) = c_2$ . This shows that the image of  $f$  is the line  $l$ .

Conversely, let  $l$  be a line, say with equation  $ax_1 + bx_2 + c = 0$ . Then not both  $a, b$  are zero. Say  $b \neq 0$ ; then we can assume  $b = 1$ . Let  $f(x) = (x, -c - ax)$ ; check that this works.

(4) Let  $f^{-1}$  denote the inverse function to  $f$  (viewed as a function  $F \rightarrow l$ .) Then  $f^{-1} : l \rightarrow F$  is affine. Hence so is  $h := f^{-1} \circ g$ . We have  $h(x') = x, h(y') = y, h(z') = z$  so (2) applies.

(5) Fix any non-constant affine function  $f_0 : F \rightarrow l$ ; it exists by (3). Let  $f_0^{-1} : l \rightarrow F$  be the inverse function. Define, for  $u, v, w \in l$ :  $u * v * w$  iff  $f_0^{-1}(u) * f_0^{-1}(v) * f_0^{-1}(w)$ . Then  $f_0$  is an isomorphism between  $(F, *)$  and  $(l, *)$ , so all the axioms B1-B3 are valid for  $(l, *)$ . Let  $f : F \rightarrow l$  be any nonconstant affine function. Then by (4) (or (2)) we have  $f(x) * f(y) * f(z)$  iff  $f_0^{-1} f(x) * f_0^{-1} f(y) * f_0^{-1} f(z)$  iff  $x * y * z$ .

Ex. 2.3 See Hartshorne, p. 138.

Note that the incidence geometry, with notion of congruence, over the rational field should not be called a Hilbert plane, since C1 does not hold.

*Proof of B4* First consider a

**Special case.** Let  $l$  be a line through the origin  $(0, 0)$ , but not one of the axes. Let  $a < 0 < b$ . Then  $l$  intersects the segment  $[(0, a), (1, 0)]$  or the segment  $[(0, b), (1, 0)]$ , but not both.

*Proof of special case* The line  $l$  must contain some  $(c, d) \neq (0, 0)$ . Since  $l$  is not one of the axes, we have  $c \neq 0$  and  $d \neq 0$ . Replacing  $(c, d)$  by  $(-c, -d)$  if necessary, we may assume  $c > 0$ . If  $d > 0$ , then  $l$  intersects the segment  $[(0, b), (1, 0)]$  in the point  $(tc, td)$ , where  $t = b/(cb + d)$ . Also any point  $(x, y) \neq (0, 0)$  of  $l$  has the form  $t(c, d)$  and hence if  $x > 0$  then  $y > 0$ , so  $(x, y)$  cannot lie on the segment  $[(0, a), (1, 0)]$ . The case  $d < 0$  is similar.

The general case can be done by computation, but instead we will use 2.2. Using 2.2, any invertible affine transformation  $T : F^2 \rightarrow F^2$  preserves  $*$ . Thus (B4) is true of  $A, B, C, l$  iff it is true of  $T(A), T(B), T(C), T(l)$ . We will use this to simplify the problem.

First let  $T_1$  be the transformation subtracting the vector  $D$ . So  $T_1(D) = (0, 0)$ . Transforming the problem with  $T_1$ , we may assume  $D = (0, 0)$ . By assumption,  $A, B, C$  are not colinear, but  $A * D * B$  are, so  $D, B, C$  are not colinear; hence  $B, C$  are a basis for  $F^2$ .

Next let  $T_2$  be an invertible linear transformation, with  $T_2(B) = (0, 1)$  and  $T_2(C) = (1, 0)$ . Transforming using  $T_2$ , we now have  $B = (0, 1), C = (1, 0)$ . Since  $A * D * B$ , the point  $A$  must have the form  $(0, a)$  for some  $a < 0$ . Let  $b = 1$ , and apply the special case.

Ex. 2.4 (C3). Let  $A * B * C$  and  $D * E * F$ . Assume that  $AB \cong DE$  and  $BC \cong EF$ . We have to show that  $AC \cong DF$ .

Write  $ls(AB)$  for the length-squared of  $AB$ . We know that  $ls(AB) = ls(DE)$  and also  $ls(BC) = ls(EF)$ . We have to show that  $ls(AC) = ls(DF)$ .

View  $A, B, \dots$  as vectors in  $F^2$ . Since  $A, B, C$  lie on a line, we have  $C - B = \alpha(B - A)$  for some  $\alpha \in F$ ; since  $A * B * C$  we have  $\alpha > 0$ . Similarly  $F - E = \beta(E - D)$  for some  $\beta > 0$ . It follows that  $ls(DE) = \alpha^2 ls(AB)$  and  $ls(EF) = \beta^2 ls(BC)$ . So  $\alpha^2 = \beta^2$ , hence  $(\alpha - \beta)(\alpha + \beta) = 0$ , so  $\alpha = \pm\beta$ . Since  $\alpha, \beta > 0$  we have  $\alpha = \beta$ .

Say  $B - A = (u, v)$ . Then  $C - B = (\alpha u, \alpha v)$ , and  $C - A = ((1 + \alpha)u, (1 + \alpha)v)$ . Hence  $ls(AC) = (1 + \alpha)^2(u^2 + v^2) = (1 + \alpha)^2 ls(AB)$ .

Similarly  $ls(DF) = (1 + \beta)^2 ls(DE)$ .

Since  $\alpha = \beta$  and  $ls(AB) = ls(DE)$ , we have  $ls(AC) = ls(DF)$ .

**Note** We did not define congruence of angles here (though it is possible to do so); the question was intended to ask about congruence of segments only, (C1-C3).

Ex. 2.6: Assume  $F$  is an ordered field such that every positive element has a square root. Show that (E2) holds.

This involves some algebraic manipulations, and it helps to show first:

2.6(1): The line  $Ax + By = C$  intersects the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$  in  $F^2$ , provided that  $C^2 \leq A^2 + B^2$ .

[Proof: We may assume here that either  $B = 0$  or, dividing through by  $B$  to obtain  $(A/B)x + y = (C/B)$ , that  $B = 1$ . In each case compute the point of intersection using the quadratic formula, and check that you are taking the square root of a non-negative element.]

If  $a, b \in F^2$ , write  $d(a, b)$  for the “length” of a segment  $[ab]$ , defined near Ex. 2.3. It is easy to see that  $d(a, c) \leq d(a, b) + d(b, c)$  (“triangle inequality”).

Returning to 2.6:

Let  $C_1$  be a circle with center  $a_1$ , radius  $r_1$ , and similarly  $C_2$ . Assume  $C_1$  has a point  $b_1$  in the interior of  $C_2$ ; thus  $d(b, a_1) = r_1$  and  $d(b, a_2) < r_2$ . By the “triangle inequality” above, it follows that  $d(a_1, a_2) < r_1 + r_2$ , and also that  $r_1 < r_2 + d(a_1, a_2)$ . Similarly using a point  $b_2$  on  $C_2$  and in the interior of  $C_1$ , we obtain from the hypothesis of (E2):

$$(1) \quad |r_1 - r_2| < d(a_1, a_2) < r_1 + r_2$$

Thus we have to show that if Equation (1) holds, then the circles  $C_1, C_2$  intersect. Say  $r_2 \leq r_1$ . We can simplify the computation a little by assuming  $a_1 = (0, 0)$ ; this is legitimate since we may apply the transformation  $(x, y) \mapsto (x, y) - a_1$  without changing the problem. We can then rescale (apply the map  $(x, y) \mapsto (x/r_1, y/r_1)$ ) so we may assume  $r_1 = 1$ . Say  $a_2 = (b, c)$ , and let  $d = d(a_1, a_2) = b^2 + c^2$ . We have to solve:

$$(2) \quad x^2 + y^2 = 1$$

$$(3) \quad (x - b)^2 + (y - c)^2 = r_2^2$$

Subtracting, we can replace (3) by :

$$2bx + 2cy = 1 - r_2^2 + d^2$$

Using (2.6(1)) above, this has a solution provided  $4d^2 \geq (1 - r_2^2 + d^2)^2$ , or equivalently  $2d \geq |1 - r_2^2 + d^2|$ , or (taking both possibilities of the absolute value)

$$(d + 1)^2 \geq r_2^2 \geq (d - 1)^2$$

This follows from Equation (1).