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### Exercise 1.5.13

a.

$$y_1^n = y_1 \cdot y_1 \cdot \dots \cdot y_1 = x$$

$$y_2^n = y_2 \cdot y_2 \cdot \dots \cdot y_2 = x$$

$$y_1^n + (-y_2^n) = 0 \quad (\text{Inv}^+)$$

$$y_1 (y_1^{n-1} + (-y_2^n) \cdot y_1^{-1}) = 0 \quad (D), (\text{Inv} \cdot)$$

$$z \cdot 0 = 0 \quad (\text{proposition})$$

$$\begin{aligned} z + 0 &= z(1+0) \quad (\text{Id}^+) (\text{Id} \cdot) \\ z + 0 &= z \cdot 1 + z \cdot 0 \\ z + 0 &= z + z \cdot 0 \quad (\text{Id} \cdot) \\ \text{so } 0 &= z \cdot 0 \quad (\text{cancellation}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x + z &= x + y \Rightarrow z = y \\ z &= z + x + (-x) \quad (\text{Id}^+) (\text{Inv}^+) \\ z &= (z+x) + (-x) \\ z &= (x+y) + (-x) \quad (\text{assumption}) \\ z &= y \quad (\text{Inv}^+) \end{aligned}$$

$$y_1^{n-1} + (-y_2^n) \cdot y_1^{-1} = 0$$

$$\text{let } (-y_2^n) \cdot y_1^{-1} = \alpha \cdot y_1^{-1}$$

$$\alpha = y_1 \cdot \beta \quad (\text{uniqueness of Inv} \cdot)$$

$$\beta = y_1^{n-1} \quad (\text{uniqueness of Inv}^+)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore -y_2^n &= y_1^{n-1} \cdot y_1 \\ &= y_1^n \end{aligned}$$

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Lemma:

prove if  $x < y \Rightarrow xz < zy$  for  $z > 0$

$$(y - x) > 0 \text{ (proposition)}$$

$$z \cdot (y - x) > 0 \text{ (OF}\cdot\text{)}$$

$$zy - zx > 0 \text{ (D)}$$

$$zy - zx + zx > zx + 0 \text{ (OF+)}$$

$$zy > zx \text{ (Inv+)} \text{ (Id+)}$$

Base case:

$$x(x+1)^{-1} \leq x$$

$$x^{-1} \cdot x \cdot (x+1)^{-1} \leq x \cdot x^{-1} \text{ (above)}$$

$$(x+1)^{-1} \leq 1 \text{ (Inv}\cdot\text{)}$$

$$(x+1)^{-1} \cdot (x+1) \leq 1 \cdot (x+1) \text{ (above)}$$

$$1 \leq x+1 \text{ (Inv}\cdot\text{)}$$

$$1 + (-1) \leq x+1 \text{ (-1)} \text{ (OF+)}$$

$$0 \leq x \text{ (Inv+)}$$

which is fine because we have that  $x > 0$  in the proposition

## Inductive step

$$(x(x+1)^{-1})^{n+1} < (x(x+1))^n$$

if we multiply both sides  
by  $((x(x+1))^n)^{-1}$   $n$  times  
we get

$$(x(x+1)^{-1}) < 1$$

$$x^{-1} \cdot x(x+1)^{-1} < x^{-1} \cdot 1 \text{ (above)}$$

$$(x+1)^{-1} < x^{-1} \text{ (Inv.) (Id.)}$$

$$(x+1)^{-1} \cdot (x+1) < x^{-1} \cdot (x+1) \text{ (above)}$$

$$1 < x^{-1} \cdot x + x^{-1} \text{ (D) (Inv.)}$$

$$1 < 1 + x^{-1} \text{ (Inv.)}$$

$$1 + (-1) < 1 + x^{-1} + (-1) \text{ (OF+)}$$

$$0 < x^{-1} \text{ (Inv+)}$$

if  $x > 0 \Rightarrow x^{-1} > 0$  (proposition)

thus if  $x > 0$ ,  $x(x+1)^{-1}$  is  
always an element of  $A$

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c.  $u$  is an upper bound of  $A$  iff

$$a \in A (a \leq u) \text{ (definition)}$$

$$u = x + 1 > x$$

$$x + 1 + (-x) > x + (-x) \text{ (OP+)}$$

$$1 > 0 \text{ (Inv+)}$$

$$1 \cdot 1 > 0 \text{ (OF\cdot)}$$

$$1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1^{-1} > 0 \cdot (1^{-1}) \text{ (above)}$$

$$1 > 0 \text{ (} x \cdot 0 = 0, \text{ proposition)}$$

if  $x + 1 > x$  (which it is as shown),

and  $z < x \Rightarrow z < x + 1$  (OP- $t$ )

if  $t^n \leq x \Rightarrow t^1 \leq x$   
by transitivity  $t < x + 1$

then  $x + 1$  is an upper bound

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### Lemmas:

d.

Show that  $x \geq 1$  if

$$x \in A, \text{ and } A = \{z \in F: zy \geq y\}$$

$$xy \geq y \text{ (assumption)}$$

$$xy \cdot y^{-1} \geq y \cdot y^{-1} \text{ (proposition)}$$

$x \geq 1$   $\therefore$  elements of  $A$  are bigger than or equal to 1,

so  $1 \in A$  and when  $x = 1$

then  $zy = y$  (uniqueness of Id.)

Show that  $x > 0$  if  $x \in A$

$$\text{and } A = \{z \in F: y + x > y\}$$

$$y + x > y \text{ (assumption)}$$

$$y + x + (-x) > y + (-x) \text{ (CF+)}$$

$$x > 0 \text{ (Inv+)}$$

$\therefore$  all  $x > 0$

for  $a = 0$ :

$$b^n - a^n = (b-a)(b^{n-1})$$

we know that

$$b^n - a^n \geq (b-a)n(b^{n-1}) \quad (\text{above})$$

and that

$$b^n - a^n > (b-a)n(b^{n-1}) \quad \text{if } n \neq 1 \quad (\text{above})$$

we know that

$$b^{n-1} + \alpha > b^{n-1} \quad (\text{above}) \quad \text{if } \alpha > 0$$

$$\text{let } \alpha = b^{n-2}a + \dots + ba^{n-2} + a^{n-1}$$

$$\alpha > 0 \quad (\text{uniqueness of Inv}^+) \quad (\text{OF}^+)$$

$$\text{since } a > 0 \wedge b > 0 \leftarrow$$

so then

$$(b-a)n(b^{n-1}) < (b-a)n(b^{n-1} + \alpha)$$

$$\therefore b^n - a^n < (b-a)n(b^{n-1} + \alpha) \quad (\text{PO-t})$$

$$(5) \quad e) \quad y^n - t^n < (y - t) n y^{n-1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t &= y - k \\ &= y - \frac{y^n - x}{n y^{n-1}} \\ &= \frac{y^n - y^n - x}{n y^{n-1}} \quad (D) \end{aligned}$$

$$= y - \frac{y}{n} + \frac{x}{n y^{n-1}}$$

$$\text{so } y^n - t^n < \left( y - y + \frac{y}{n} - \frac{x}{n y^{n-1}} \right) n y^{n-1}$$

$$\therefore y^n - t^n < y^n - x$$

$$-t^n < -x \quad (\text{OF} +)$$

$$x < t^n \quad (\text{OF} +)$$

This holds because  $t < y$ :

$$t = y - k = y - \left( \frac{y^n - x}{n y^{n-1}} \right)$$

$\left( \frac{y^n - x}{n y^{n-1}} \right)$  is always positive because

$$y^n - x > 0 \quad (\text{assumption})$$

f. Assuming  $y^n > x$  leads to a contradiction net because it implies  $t$  is an upper bound

$u$  is an upper bound of  $A$  iff

$$\forall t \in A (t \leq u)$$

$t \leq t$  is an ordering axiom

The contradiction is that  $t^n > x$ , even though we initially constrained  $t^n$  to be lower than or equal to  $x$ , and found  $A$  to be non-empty.

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g. What we are doing is setting  $h$  to all of the values  $\frac{x - y^n}{n(y+1)^{n-1}}$  that are between 0 and 1.

This sets an upper bound of the set of  $h$  elements to be 1.

$s = y + h$  is always positive, so we can use the inequality from question (d)

h.  $s^n + y^n < (s - y) n s^{n-1}$

$$s^n + y^n < (h + y - y) n s^{n-1}$$

$$s^n + y^n < h n s^{n-1}$$

So  $h n s^{n-1} < h n (y+1)^{n-1}$  because  $s = y + h$  is bounded by  $s = y + 1$ , since 1 is an upper bound of  $h$ .   
  $\frac{x - y^n}{n(y+1)^{n-1}}$  always positive because  $x > y^n$

$$h n s^{n-1} < \left( \frac{x - y^n}{n(y+1)^{n-1}} \right) n (y+1)^{n-1}$$

$$h n s^{n-1} < x - y^n$$

by transitivity:

$$s^n - y^n < x - y^n$$

$$s^n < x \quad (GF+) \quad (Inv+)$$

i. This implies that a number bigger than  $y$ , namely  $s^n = (y+h)^n$  is not an upper bound of  $A$ . Since we set  $y$  as the suprema of  $A$ , we cannot have  $x > y^n$

j. Since  $y^n > x$  and  $y^n < x$  cannot be the case, and we are in a complete ordered field where  $u \leq t$  or  $u \geq t$  or  $u = t$  must be the case,  $y^n = x$ .