

Math 431 Homework 6  
Due 10/30

1. Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be two points and  $l$  and  $m$  two lines. What can you say about these points and lines if you know that  $\text{side}(P, l) \cap \text{side}(Q, m) = \emptyset$ ? In the event that there is a point  $L \in \{l\}$  such that  $P * L * Q$  and  $M \in \{m\}$  such that  $P * M * Q$  show that  $L * M * Q$  and  $P * L * M$ .

**Solution:** We have  $\text{side}(P, l) \cap \text{side}(Q, m) = \emptyset$ . We first note that  $P \notin \{l\}$  and  $Q \notin \{m\}$ . There are three possibilities:

1.  $l$  and  $m$  are distinct lines that share a point,
2.  $l$  and  $m$  are parallel, and
3.  $l = m$

Let us consider each case in turn.

1.  $l$  and  $m$  are distinct lines that share a point. Then either

(a)  $P$  lies on  $m$

- i.  $Q$  lies on  $l$ : Let  $R$  be a point such that  $P * R * Q$ , which exists by axiom *B-2*. By Lemma 3.2.2  $P$  and  $R$  are on the same side of  $l$  and  $R$  and  $Q$  are on the same side of  $m$ . Hence,  $P \in \text{side}(P, l) \cap \text{side}(Q, m)$ , which is a contradiction.
- ii.  $Q$  does not lie on  $l$ . First note that  $P$  and  $Q$  have to be on opposite sides of  $l$ , for if they were not then  $Q$  would belong to  $\text{side}(P, l) \cap \text{side}(Q, m)$ , which contradicts the assumption. Since  $P$  and  $Q$  are on opposite sides of  $l$  the segment  $PQ$  intersects  $l$  in a point, call it  $L$ , so that  $P * L * Q$ . By axiom *B-2* there is a point  $R$  such that  $L * R * P$ . Using Proposition 3.3, we can conclude that  $Q * R * P$ , that is  $Q$  and  $P$  are on the same side of  $m$ . Further, since  $L * R * P$  we see that  $P$  and  $R$  are on the same side of  $l$ , hence  $R \in \text{side}(P, l) \cap \text{side}(Q, m)$ , contradicting our assumption.

(b)  $P$  does not lie on  $m$

- i.  $Q$  lies on  $l$ : proof follows the proof in case of  $P \in \{m\}, Q \notin \{l\}$ .

- ii.  $Q$  does not lie on  $l$ . Take any point  $M$  on  $m$  so that  $P$  and  $M$  are on the same side of  $l$  (such point exist, because if it did not then  $m$  and  $l$  would be parallel, which contradicts our hypothesis), and take any point  $L$  on  $l$  so that  $Q$  and  $L$  are on the same side of  $m$ . By axiom  $B-2$  there is a point  $R$  such that  $L * R * M$ . By Lemma 3.2.2 and axiom  $B-4$   $R$  and  $P$  are on the same side of  $l$ . Similarly,  $Q$  and  $R$  are on the same side of  $m$ , hence  $R \in \text{side}(P, l) \cap \text{side}(Q, m)$ , once again contradicting our assumption.

Hence, this case can not happen, given our hypothesis.

- 2.  $l \parallel m$ . As in the previous case we have few possible configurations depending on where the given points lie with respect to the given lines.

- (a)  $P$  lies on  $m$

- i.  $Q$  lies on  $l$ . Let  $R$  be a point such that  $P * R * Q$ . Using Lemma 3.2.2 we conclude that  $R$  and  $P$  are on the same side of  $l$  and  $R$  and  $Q$  are on the same side of  $m$ , that is  $R \in \text{side}(P, l) \cap \text{side}(Q, m)$ .
- ii.  $Q$  does not lie on  $l$ . As we noted above  $P$  and  $Q$  must lie on opposite sides of  $l$ , so by Lemma 3.2.5 there is a point  $L \in \{l\}$  such that  $P * L * Q$ . Let  $R$  be such that  $P * R * L$  ( $B-1$ ). Then Lemma 3.2.2 and  $B-4$  give us that  $R \in \text{side}(P, l)$ . Similarly,  $R \in \text{side}(Q, m)$ . Contradiction.

- (b)  $P$  does not lie on  $m$

- i.  $Q$  lies on  $l$ . As 2(ii).
- ii.  $Q$  does not lie on  $l$ . Using the arguments above we can show that  $P$  and  $Q$  must lie on opposite sides of both  $l$  and  $m$ . Let  $L \in \{l\}$  such that  $P * L * Q$  and  $M \in \{m\}$  such that  $P * M * Q$ . By  $B-3$  one of the following happens:
  - $P * M * L$  – then  $P$  and  $M$  are on the same side of  $l$  (Lemma 3.2.5). Let  $S$  be such that  $M * S * L$ , so that  $M$  and  $S$  are on the same side of  $l$ . By  $B-4$ ,  $P$  and  $S$  are on the same side of  $l$ . Also,  $P * M * L$  and  $P * L * Q$  give us  $M * L * Q$  by Proposition 3.3, so  $L$  and  $Q$  are on the same side of  $m$  (Lemma 3.2.2). From  $M * S * L$  we conclude

that  $L$  and  $S$  are on the same side of  $m$ , so by  $B-4$  we have that  $S$  and  $Q$  are on the same side of  $m$ . Hence,  $S \in \text{side}(P, l) \cap \text{side}(Q, m)$ .

- $P * L * M$  together with  $P * M * Q$  gives, by Proposition 3.3  $L * M * Q$ , hence our claim holds.
- $M * P * L$  together with  $P * L * Q$  gives  $M * P * Q$ , so  $P$  and  $Q$  are on the same side of  $m$ , contradiction.

Note: I could have done this whole argument without using Proposition 3.3, but that would have made it much longer than it already is, so I chose not to.

3.  $l = m$ .  $P$  and  $Q$  lie on opposite sides of  $l$ , for if they did not then  $\text{side}(P, l) = \text{side}(Q, m)$ , so  $\text{side}(P, l)$  is their intersection, and that set is nonempty.

This exhaust all the possible cases.

**2.** Prove Proposition 3.8: If  $D$  is in the interior of an  $\sphericalangle CAB$  then:

1. so is every point on  $\overrightarrow{AD}$  except  $A$ ,
2. no point on the opposite ray to  $\overrightarrow{AD}$  is in the interior of  $\sphericalangle BAC$
3. if  $C * A * E$ , then  $B$  is in the interior of  $\sphericalangle DAE$

*Proof of (1).* Suppose that  $E \in \overrightarrow{AD}$  and  $E \neq A$ . Since  $D$  is in the interior of  $\sphericalangle CAB$ ,  $D$  and  $B$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AC}$ ; by Lemma 3.7.5,  $E$  and  $D$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AC}$ ; hence, by  $B-4$   $E$  and  $B$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AC}$ . By the same reasoning, since  $D$  and  $C$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ , we deduce from Lemma 3.7.5 and  $B-4$  that  $E$  and  $C$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ . Thus  $E$  is in  $\text{int}\sphericalangle CAB$ .  $\square$

*Proof of (2).* Suppose that  $E$  is on the ray opposite to  $\overrightarrow{AD}$ . Then  $E = A$  or  $E * A * D$  by definition of the ray opposite to  $\overrightarrow{AD}$  (as discussed in class). If  $E = A$ , then  $E$  lies on  $\overleftrightarrow{AC}$ , so  $E$  and  $B$  are not on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AC}$ , so  $E$  is not in the interior of  $\sphericalangle CAB$ . Suppose that  $E * A * D$ . By Lemma 3.2.4,  $E$  and  $D$  are on opposite sides of  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ . Since  $D \in \text{int}\sphericalangle CAB$ ,  $D$  and  $C$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ . Thus, by Corollary to  $B-4$   $E$  and  $C$  are on opposite sides of  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ . Thus,  $E$  is not in  $\text{int}\sphericalangle CAB$ .  $\square$

*Proof of (3).* There are two things to show: first is  $B$  and  $D$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AE}$ , and second is  $B$  and  $E$  are on the same side of line  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$ .

Since  $C * A * E$ , by *B-1* and *I-1* we have  $\overleftrightarrow{AC} = \overleftrightarrow{AE}$ . Since  $D$  is in the interior of  $\sphericalangle CAB$ ,  $B$  and  $D$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AC}$ , hence  $\overleftrightarrow{AE}$ .

To prove that  $B$  and  $E$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$ , suppose on the contrary that  $E$  and  $B$  not on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$ . Before we can say that  $B$  and  $E$  are on opposite sides of  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$ , we must first check that neither  $B$  nor  $E$  is on  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$ . Since  $D \in \text{int}\sphericalangle CAB$ ,  $D$  and  $C$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ , so  $D$  is not on  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$  (definition of same sides), so  $A, B, D$  are not collinear, so  $B$  is not on  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$ . Also, since  $D \in \text{int}\sphericalangle CAB$ ,  $D$  and  $B$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AC} = \overleftrightarrow{AE}$ , so  $D$  is not on  $\overleftrightarrow{AE}$ , so  $A, D, E$  are not collinear, so  $E$  is not on  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$ . Now that we know that  $B$  and  $E$  do not lie on  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$  and are not on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$ , they must be on opposite sides of  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$ .

By definition of opposite sides and segment, there is a point  $F$  lying on  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$  such that  $E * F * B$ . By Proposition 3.7,  $F$  is in the interior of  $\sphericalangle BAE$ . (Note that  $\sphericalangle BAE$  is an angle because  $B$  does not lie on  $\overleftrightarrow{AE}$ .) In particular  $F$  and  $B$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AE}$ . Since  $B$  and  $D$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AC} = \overleftrightarrow{AE}$ , by *B-4*  $F$  and  $D$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AE}$ . Thus, either  $D = F$ ,  $A * D * F$  or  $A * F * D$  by Lemma 3.2.3. In any case,  $D$  is on ray  $\overrightarrow{AF}$ . Thus, by Proposition 3.8(a) (applied to  $\overrightarrow{AF}$  and  $\sphericalangle BAE$ )  $D$  is in the interior of  $\sphericalangle BAE$ .

By definition of interior,  $D$  and  $E$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ . We also know that  $D$  and  $C$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$  because  $D$  is in interior of  $\sphericalangle CAB$ . Therefore, by *B-4(i)*,  $C$  and  $E$  are on same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ . But, since  $C * A * E$ , by Lemma 3.2.4  $C$  and  $E$  are on opposite sides of  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ . This is a contradiction. Therefore,  $B$  and  $E$  are on the same side of  $\overleftrightarrow{AD}$ . □

**3.** If  $B$  and  $D$  are distinct points there exists a point  $C$  such that  $B * C * D$ .

1. There exists line  $\overleftrightarrow{BD}$  through  $B$  and  $D$  – by axiom *I-1*, since  $B$  and  $D$  are distinct points.
2. There exists a point  $F$  not lying on  $\overleftrightarrow{BD}$  – by Proposition 2.3.

3. There exists a line  $\overleftrightarrow{BF}$  through  $B$  and  $F$  – by axiom *I-1*, since  $F$  does not lie on  $\overleftrightarrow{BD}$  we must have  $F \neq B$ , and also  $\overleftrightarrow{BD} \neq \overleftrightarrow{BF}$ .
4. There exists a point  $G$  such that  $B * F * G$  – by axiom *B-2*, since  $B$  and  $F$  are distinct points.
5. Points  $B, F$ , and  $G$  are collinear – by axiom *B-1* and step 4.
6.  $G$  and  $D$  are distinct points and  $D, B$  and  $G$  are not collinear –  $G$  lies on  $\overleftrightarrow{BF}$ ,  $D$  lies on  $\overleftrightarrow{BD}$ , and the intersection of those two lines is  $B$ . Since the lines are distinct (step 3), by Proposition 2.1  $B$  is the only point they have in common, hence  $G$  and  $D$  are distinct points. If  $D, B$  and  $G$  were collinear, they would have to lie on a unique line  $\overleftrightarrow{BD}$  (axiom *I-1*), so  $\overleftrightarrow{BD} = \overleftrightarrow{BF}$  which contradicts step 3.
7. There exists a point  $H$  such that  $G * D * H$  – step 6 guarantees that we can apply axiom *B-2* to points  $G$  and  $D$ .
8. There exists a line  $\overleftrightarrow{GH}$  – by axiom *I-1*.
9.  $H$  and  $F$  are distinct points – If they were the same then we would have  $B * F * G$  and  $G * D * F$ , so by axiom *B-1*  $B, G$  and  $D$  are collinear points contradicting step 6.
10. There exists a line  $\overleftrightarrow{FH}$  – previous step and axiom *I-1*.
11.  $D$  does not lie on  $\overleftrightarrow{FH}$  –  $F$  does not lie on  $\overleftrightarrow{GD}$  (step 9), so  $\overleftrightarrow{GD} \neq \overleftrightarrow{FH}$ . Since  $H$  lies on each of those lines, and since  $H \neq D$  by step 7, by Proposition 2.1,  $D$  does not.
12.  $B$  does not lie on  $\overleftrightarrow{FH}$  – If it did, then  $H$  would lie on the unique line  $\overleftrightarrow{BF}$  determined by  $B$  and  $F$  (axiom *I-1*). Lines  $\overleftrightarrow{BF}$  and  $\overleftrightarrow{GD}$  now have two points in common:  $G$  and  $H$ . By Proposition 2.1 they would have to be equal, which contradicts the previous step.
13.  $G$  does not lie on  $\overleftrightarrow{FH}$  – if it did we would have:  $G, F, H$  collinear,  $G, D, H$  collinear, hence  $G, D, B$  collinear (usinga axiom *I-1*) which contradicts step 6.

14. Points  $D, B$  and  $G$  determine  $\triangle DBG$  – step 6 and definition of a triangle,  
and  $\overleftrightarrow{FH}$  intersects side  $BG$  in a point between  $B$  and  $G$  – steps 4, 12 and 13.
15.  $H$  is the only point lying on both  $\overleftrightarrow{FH}$  and  $\overleftrightarrow{GH}$  – these two lines are distinct, eg. step 13, so by Proposition 2.1 they share exactly one point:  $H$ .
16. No point between  $G$  and  $D$  lies on  $\overleftrightarrow{FH}$  – step 7 and axiom  $B-3$ .
17. Hence,  $\overleftrightarrow{FH}$  intersects side  $BD$  in a point  $C$  between  $D$  and  $B$  – step 14, 16 and Pasch's theorem (note that it can't be point  $D$  since  $G * D * H$ ).
18. Thus, there exists a point  $C$  between points  $B$  and  $D$ .