

MATH 402 Homework 2

Due Friday 9/9/16

- (1) (10 pts.) Write down the definition of what it means for two points P, Q to be on the *same side* of a given line l . Then define what does it mean for a point in the plane to be *inside* a triangle. Finally, prove that if P is inside a given triangle $\triangle ABC$, and Q is outside $\triangle ABC$, then the *line* PQ intersects at least one side of $\triangle ABC$.

Hint: You are allowed to use the following fact without proof: Suppose $\angle XYZ$ is a given angle with vertex Y , and which is less than 180° . Let W be an interior point of $\angle XYZ$. Then the ray \overrightarrow{YW} intersects the segment \overline{XZ} . **For bonus 5 points, prove this result.**

- (2) (10 pts.) Use the exterior angle theorem to show that the sum of the angles of a triangle is always less than or equal to 180 degrees. Can you prove that the sum of the angles of a triangle must be exactly 180 degrees? What do you need to use?
- (3) (5 pts.) Solve Exercise 2.5.3 from the book.
- (4) (5 pts.) Solve Exercise 2.5.4 from the book.
- (5) (10 pts.) Show that three distinct points on a circle cannot be collinear.
- (6) (5 pts.) Read and understand the proof of Theorem 2.30. Write down the statement of the theorem, and then write the proof in *your own* words.