

**Homework 3**  
(due Friday, September 19)

**Warmup problems (Do not turn in)**

- 1.4: 1

**Turn in answers only:**

- 1.4: 13, 16 (in part c, assume the plane contains the *top* edge of the tetrahedron), 17, 18 (don't worry about the conjecture).
- 2.1: 1, 9, 11

**Turn in full solutions.**

- 1.4: 8abc, 11 (give the proofs—see me in office hours if you don't know how to do an induction proof), 20, 21
- 2.1: 2, 3 (assume the radius  $a = 1$ ), 4 (assume  $b = a = 1$ ), 12ab
- Given a point  $\mathbf{a} \in \mathbf{R}^n$  and a real number  $r > 0$ , Shifrin uses  $B(\mathbf{a}, r) := \{\mathbf{x} \in \mathbf{R}^n : \|\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{a}\| < r\}$  to denote the *open ball* of radius  $r$  about  $\mathbf{a}$ . For two such balls  $B(\mathbf{a}, r)$  and  $B(\mathbf{b}, s)$ , one has the following tricotomy.
  - (a) If  $\|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\| + r \leq s$  then  $B(\mathbf{a}, r) \subset B(\mathbf{b}, s)$ .
  - (b) If  $\|\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b}\| \geq s + r$  then  $B(\mathbf{a}, r) \cap B(\mathbf{b}, s) = \emptyset$ .
  - (c) Otherwise  $B(\mathbf{a}, r)$  intersects both  $B(\mathbf{b}, s)$  and the complement of  $B(\mathbf{b}, s)$ .

Prove the first two of these statements.

Remember in both parts that your argument should begin '*Given*  $\mathbf{x} \in B(\mathbf{a}, r) \dots$ ', and that the triangle inequality is your friend.

**Remark** Up to three extra points for generating mathematica plots that verify your answers to problems 2, 4 and 9 in section 2.1.