

MATH 430  
HOMEWORK 4: DUE FRIDAY FEB. 12

From Enderton: Section 1.5 (p52): 1, 4.

Section 1.7 (p65): 1, 4, 5.

1. Let  $\preceq$  be a partial order defined on a *finite* set  $X$ . Show that there is a  $\preceq$ -minimal element  $m \in X$ ; that is, an  $m \in X$  so that for all  $x \neq m$  in  $X$ ,  $x \not\preceq m$ .

2. Suppose  $\{S_n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  is a collection of *finite* subsets of  $\mathbb{N}$ , such that whenever  $F \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is finite, there is a set  $K_F \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  so that  $|K_F \cap S_n| = 1$  for all  $n \in F$ .

(a) Show there is a set  $K$  so that  $|K \cap S_n| = 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . (Use compactness.)

(b) Show that the conclusion in (a) can fail if we do not assume the sets  $S_n$  are finite.