

Math 300 C - Spring 2016
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- Prove each of the 4 theorem statements.
- You have 50 minutes to complete the exam.
- All manipulations of integer expressions must be justified using the axioms and elementary properties of the integers, or Theorem DAS (see last page)

1. Suppose x and a are integers and $a > 0$.

For any integer y , define $|y|$ by

$$|y| = \begin{cases} y & \text{if } y \geq 0, \\ -y & \text{if } y < 0. \end{cases}$$

Then $|ax| = a|x|$.

2. Let A, B and C be sets.

Suppose $A \cup C \subseteq B \cup C$.

Then $A \setminus C \subseteq B$.

3. Let A, B and C be sets.

Suppose $A \subseteq B \cup C$ and $B \subseteq A \cup C$.

Then $A \cup B \cup C = C \cup (A \cap B)$.

4. Let a and b be integers. Then $a^2 = b^2$ if and only if $a = b$ or $a = -b$.

Axioms of the Integers (AIs)

Suppose a , b , and c are integers.

- **Closure:**

$a + b$ and ab are integers.

- **Substitution of Equals:**

If $a = b$, then $a + c = b + c$ and $ac = bc$.

- **Commutativity:**

$a + b = b + a$ and $ab = ba$.

- **Associativity:**

$(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$ and $(ab)c = a(bc)$.

- **The Distributive Law:**

$a(b + c) = ab + ac$

- **Identities:**

$a + 0 = 0 + a = a$ and $a \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot a = a$

0 is called the *additive identity*

1 is called the *multiplicative identity*.

- **Additive Inverses:**

There exists an integer $-a$ such that $a + (-a) = (-a) + a = 0$.

- **Trichotomy:**

Exactly one of the following is true:
 $a < 0$, $-a < 0$, or $a = 0$.

Sets

$A \subseteq B$ iff $x \in A$ implies $x \in B$

$A = B$ iff $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq A$

$x \in A \cup B$ iff $x \in A$ or $x \in B$

$x \in A \cap B$ iff $x \in A$ and $x \in B$

$x \in A \setminus B$ iff $x \in A$ and $x \notin B$

$\mathcal{P}(A)$ is the set of all subsets of a set A

Elementary Properties of the Integers (EPIs)

Suppose a , b , c , and d are integers.

1. $a \cdot 0 = 0$

2. If $a + c = b + c$, then $a = b$.

3. $-a = (-1) \cdot a$

4. $(-a) \cdot b = -(a \cdot b)$

5. $(-a) \cdot (-b) = a \cdot b$

6. If $a \cdot b = 0$, then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$.

7. If $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$, then $a = b$.

8. If $a < b$ and $b < c$, then $a < c$.

9. If $a < b$, then $a + c < b + c$.

10. If $a < b$ and $0 < c$, then $ac < bc$.

11. If $a < b$ and $c < 0$, then $bc < ac$.

12. If $a < b$ and $c < d$, then $a + c < b + d$.

13. If $0 \leq a < b$ and $0 \leq c < d$, then $ac < bd$.

14. If $a < b$, then $-b < -a$.

15. $0 \leq a^2$

16. If $ab = 1$, then either $a = b = 1$ or $a = b = -1$.

NOTE: Properties 8-14 hold if each $<$ is replaced with \leq .

One theorem for reference:

Theorem DAS (Divisors are Smaller): Let a and b be positive integers. Then $a|b$ implies $a \leq b$.