

Math 300 B - Winter 2015  
Midterm Exam Number Two  
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- Complete all 5 questions.
- You have 50 minutes to complete the exam.

1. Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be sets. Prove that  $(A \cup B) \cap C \subseteq A \cup (B \cap C)$ .

2. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Prove that  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  if and only if  $\mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B) = \{\emptyset\}$ .

3. Prove that, for all integers  $n$ , 3 does not divide  $n^2 - 5$ .

4. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets. Prove that  $\mathcal{P}(A \cap B) = \mathcal{P}(A) \cap \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

5. Define a relation  $R$  on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by

$$(x, y) \in R \Leftrightarrow 4 \mid x^2 - y^2.$$

Is  $R$  an equivalence relation? Prove your answer.

$$A = B \Leftrightarrow ((x \in A) \Leftrightarrow (x \in B))$$

$$A \subseteq B \Leftrightarrow ((x \in A) \rightarrow (x \in B))$$

$$x \in A \cup B \Leftrightarrow ((x \in A) \vee (x \in B))$$

$$x \in A \cap B \Leftrightarrow ((x \in A) \wedge (x \in B))$$

$$x \in A \setminus B \Leftrightarrow (x \in A) \wedge (x \notin B)$$

## Axioms

Suppose  $x, y,$  and  $z$  are real numbers. We will take as fact each of the following.

1.  $x + y$  and  $xy$  are real numbers. ( $\mathbb{R}$  is *closed* under addition and multiplication.)
2. If  $x = y$ , then  $x + z = y + z$  and  $xz = yz$ . (This is sometimes called *substitution of equals*.)
3.  $x + y = y + x$  and  $xy = yx$  (addition and multiplication are *commutative* in  $\mathbb{R}$ )
4.  $(x + y) + z = x + (y + z)$  and  $(xy)z = x(yz)$  (addition and multiplication are *associative* in  $\mathbb{R}$ )
5.  $x(y + z) = xy + xz$  (This is the *Distributive Law*.)
6.  $x + 0 = 0 + x = x$  and  $x \cdot 1 = 1 \cdot x = x$  ( $0$  is the *additive identity*;  $1$  is the *multiplicative identity*.)
7. There exists a real number  $-x$  such that  $x + (-x) = (-x) + x = 0$ . (That is, every real number has an *additive inverse* in  $\mathbb{R}$ .)
8. If  $x \neq 0$ , then there exists a real number  $x^{-1}$  such that  $x \cdot x^{-1} = x^{-1} \cdot x = 1$ . (That is, every non-zero real number has a *multiplicative inverse* in  $\mathbb{R}$ .)
9. If  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ , then  $x + y > 0$  and  $xy > 0$ .
10. Either  $x > 0$ ,  $-x > 0$ , or  $x = 0$ .
11. If  $x$  and  $y$  are integers, then  $-x, x + y,$  and  $xy$  are integers. (The additive inverse of an integer is an integer and  $\mathbb{Z}$  is closed under addition and multiplication.)

**NOTE:** It is not hard to prove that  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the set of rational numbers is closed under addition and multiplication and that every non-zero rational number has a multiplicative inverse in  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

## Elementary Properties of Real Numbers

The following properties of real numbers that allow us to do algebra follow from the axioms on the front page.

If  $x, y, z, u,$  and  $v$  are real numbers, then:

1.  $x \cdot 0 = 0$
2. If  $x + z = y + z$ , then  $x = y$ .
3. If  $x \cdot z = y \cdot z$  and  $z \neq 0$ , then  $x = y$ .
4.  $-x = (-1) \cdot x$
5.  $(-x) \cdot y = -(x \cdot y)$
6.  $(-x) \cdot (-y) = x \cdot y$
7. If  $x \cdot y = 0$ , then  $x = 0$  or  $y = 0$ .
8. If  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$ , then  $x = y$ .
9. If  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq z$ , then  $x \leq z$ .
10. At least one of the following is true:  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ .
11. If  $x \leq y$ , then  $x + z \leq y + z$ .
12. If  $x \leq y$  and  $0 \leq z$ , then  $xz \leq yz$ .
13. If  $x \leq y$  and  $z \leq 0$ , then  $yz \leq xz$ .
14. If  $x \leq y$  and  $u \leq v$ , then  $x + u \leq y + v$ .
15. If  $0 \leq x \leq y$  and  $0 \leq u \leq v$ , then  $xu \leq yv$ .
16. If  $x \leq y$ , then  $-y \leq -x$ .
17.  $0 \leq x^2$
18.  $0 < 1$
19. If  $0 < x$ , then  $0 < x^{-1}$ .
20. If  $0 < x < y$ , then  $0 < y^{-1} < x^{-1}$ .

And here are a couple of properties of integers.

21. Every integer is either even or odd, never both.
22. The only integers that divide 1 are  $-1$  and  $1$ .