

Math 300 E - Winter 2019
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- You have 50 minutes to complete the exam.

1. Let a and b be integers. Write useful contrapositives of the following statements.

(a) If ab is even, then a is even or b is even.

(b) If $a > 0$ and $b > 0$, then $ab > 0$ and $a + b > 0$.

(c) If $a > 0$, and $b > 0$ or $b < 0$, then $ab^2 > 0$.

2. Prove the following theorem.

Theorem: Let a be an integer and let r be an irrational number.
Suppose $a \neq 0$ and $r \neq 0$.
Then ar is irrational.

3. Prove the following theorem.

Theorem: Let a and b be positive integers.

If $a - 1$ is divisible by 4, and $b - 1$ is divisible by 4, then $ab - 1$ is divisible by 4.

4. Prove the following theorem.

Theorem: For all integers m , there exists a unique integer n such that $2m(m+1) - 4n = 0$.

5. Prove the following theorem.

Theorem: Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then $|a| = 0$ iff $a = 0$.

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 $a \leq b.$