

Exam 1, Number Systems

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Axioms for the integers:

Axiom 1. For all integers m , n , and p :

- (i) $m + n = n + m$.
- (ii) $(m + n) + p = m + (n + p)$.
- (iii) $m(n + p) = mn + mp$.
- (iv) $mn = nm$.
- (v) $(mn)p = m(np)$.

Axiom 2 There is an integer $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $m + 0 = m$.

Axiom 3 There is an integer $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $1 \neq 0$ and for all $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $m1 = m$.

Axiom 4 For each $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ there exists an integer, denoted $-m$, such that $m + (-m) = 0$.

Axiom 5 For all integers m , n , and p , if $m \neq 0$ and $mn = mp$, then $n = p$.

Axiom for the natural numbers:

Axiom 1 There is a subset $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ with the following properties:

- (i) $1 \in \mathbb{N}$.
- (ii) If $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $n + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$.
- (iii) $0 \notin \mathbb{N}$.
- (iv) For every $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $n \neq 0$, we have $n \in \mathbb{N}$ or $-n \in \mathbb{N}$.
- (v) If a subset $A \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$ satisfies (i) and (ii), then $\mathbb{Z} \subseteq A$.

PROBLEMS

1. Prove the following: If $m, x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfy the equations $m + x_1 = 0$ and $m + x_2 = 0$, then $x_1 = x_2$.
2. Prove the following: For all integers m and n , $(-m)(-n) = mn$.
3. What is the contrapositive of the statement "If I am a little teapot, then I am short and stout"?
4. For two integers n and m , what does it mean to say that n is divisible by m ?
5. Prove that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $n^3 - n$ is divisible by 3.
6. How did we define the notation $m < n$ for two integers m and n ?
7. For two sets A and B , what does $A \subseteq B$ mean?