

These *Practice Problems* are a sampling of the type of problems which could be on the final. These practice problems are, in no way, meant as a comprehensive review for the cumulative final.

1. **Theorem 1.** For all real numbers x and y , if x is rational, $x \neq 0$ and $y \notin \mathbb{Q}$, then xy is irrational.

1.1. Complete the following definitions.

A real number x is rational provided _____ .

A real number y is irrational provided _____ .

1.2. Symbolically write Theorem 1.

1.3. Prove Theorem 1. (You may use the closure properties of \mathbb{Q} .)

2. **Theorem 2.** There does not exist an integer x such that

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{9} \quad \text{and} \quad x \equiv 5 \pmod{6}.$$

2.1. Explain why we cannot apply modulo arithmetic to the congruences as they are written in Thm. 2.

2.2. Prove Theorem 2.

3. **Theorem 3.** There is a unique natural number n such that n and $n + 1$ are both primes.

3.1. Complete the following definition.

A natural number n is prime provided _____ .

3.2. Symbolically write Theorem 3.

3.3. Prove Theorem 3.

4. **Theorem 4.** Let I be a nonempty arbitrary indexing set and $\{A_i : i \in I\}$ be a collection of subsets of some universal set U . Then

$$\left[\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \right]^C = \bigcup_{i \in I} (A_i)^C .$$

4.1. Clearly explain why Thm. 4 is true. Use complete sentences. You may (and are encouraged to) use symbolic notation in your explanation. Hint: Write out equivalent statements for $x \in \left[\bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \right]^C$.

5. **Theorem 5.** For all integers x and y ,

$$(x + y)^7 \equiv (x^7 + y^7) \pmod{7}.$$

5.1. Symbolically write Theorem 5. (Hint. Do not forget your quantifiers.)

5.2. Pascal's Triangle (and the Binomial Theorem) are helpful in expanding $(x+y)^n$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. We used Pascal's Triangle in ER 3.1.6c. If you need a review, here is a link: [Algebra 2](#).

5.3. Prove Theorem 5.

6. **Theorem 6.** For every (strictly) positive real number ε there is a (strictly) positive real number δ such that for each real number x , if $0 \leq x < 3 + \delta$ then $x^2 < 9 + \varepsilon$.

6.1. Fill in the two blanks as so to symbolically write Theorem 6.

$$(\forall \varepsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{>0}) (\exists \delta \in \mathbb{R}^{>0}) (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) [(\text{_____}) \implies (\text{_____})]$$

6.2. Prove Theorem 6. Hint. Your δ will have a ε in it, i.e., δ is a function of ε .

7. **Theorem 7.** Each point on or inside the circle whose equation is

$$(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 4$$

is also inside the circle whose equation is

$$(x - 4)^2 + y^2 = 42 .$$

hint. **Definition.** The point $(x_0, y_0) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is:

- inside the circle whose equation is $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ provided $(x_0 - h)^2 + (y_0 - k)^2 < r^2$
- on the circle whose equation is $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ provided $(x_0 - h)^2 + (y_0 - k)^2 = r^2$
- outside the circle $(x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$ provided $(x_0 - h)^2 + (y_0 - k)^2 > r^2$.

▷. Compare to ER 3.6.1.

hint. Symbolically looks: $(\forall (x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2) [P(x, y) \implies Q(x, y)]$. The open sentences $P(x, y)$ and $Q(x, y)$ will be inequalities.

7.1. Symbolically write Theorem 7.

7.2. Prove Theorem 7.

8. **Lemma 8.** The product of two consecutive integers is even.

Theorem 8. If u is an odd integer, then the equation $x^3 - x - u = 0$ (in the variable x) does not have a solution that is an integer.

hint. A solution in \mathbb{R} to the equation $x^3 - x - u = 0$ (in the variable x) is any $n \in \mathbb{R}$ satisfying $n^3 - n - u = 0$.

hint. The product of 2 consecutive integers can be expressed as $n(n + 1)$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

⊗. On Problem 8, you may and are encouraged to use the Previously Shown Results which we refer to as Lemma POO and friends (rather than the definition of even/odd).

8.1. Prove Lemma 8.

8.2. Symbolically write Theorem 8.

8.3. Prove Theorem 8

9. **Theorem 9.** Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. If y is irrational then $(x + y)$ is irrational or $(x - y)$ is irrational.

9.1. Symbolically write Theorem 9.

9.2. Prove Theorem 9.

10. **Theorem 10.** For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n \geq 2$,

$$1 + 2^n < 3^n . \tag{10.1}$$

Symbolically write Theorem 10. Prove Theorem 10.

11. **Theorem 11.** Consider a sequence $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ recursively defined by $a_1 = a_2 = a_3 = 1$ while for $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$$a_{n+3} = a_{n+2} + a_{n+1} + a_n . \tag{11.1}$$

For each $n \in \mathbb{N}$ with $n > 1$,

$$a_n \leq 2^{n-2} . \tag{11.2}$$

Symbolically write Theorem 11. Prove Theorem 11.