MA 3110: Logic and Proof (Spring 2009)
Exam 1 (take-home portion)

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Instructions: Prove any *three* of the following theorems. If you turn in more than three proofs, I will only grade the first three that I see. I expect your proofs to be *well-written, neat, and organized*. You should write in *complete sentences*. Do not turn in rough drafts. What you turn in should be the "polished" version of potentially several drafts.

This portion of Exam 1 is worth 30 points, where each proof is worth 10 points.

The simple rules for this portion of the exam are:

1. You may freely use any theorems that we have discussed in class, but you should make it clear where you are using a previous result and which result you are using.
2. You are NOT allowed to copy someone else's work.
3. You are NOT allowed to let someone else copy your work.
4. You are allowed to discuss the problems with each other and critique each other's work.

This half of Exam 1 is due at the beginning of class on **Monday, March 2** (no exceptions). You should turn in this cover page and the three proofs that you have decided to submit.

Good luck and have fun!

Theorem 1: If $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, then $|x+y| \leq |x| + |y|$.*

*Hint: consider 4 cases.

Theorem 2: If x, y, and z are integers and $x + y$ and $y + z$ are both even, then $x + z$ is even.

Theorem 3: If a, b, and c are integers and $a \big| b$ and $b \big| c$, then $a \big| c$.[†]

[†]To prove this theorem, you should use the following definition. If x and y are integers, then we say x *divides* y (and write $x \big| y$) iff there exists $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $xk = y$. If x divides y, we may also say that y *is divisible by* x.

Theorem 4: If x is an odd integer, then 8 divides $x^2 - 1$.[‡]

[‡]Note: The definition of *divides* is at the bottom of the page containing Theorem 3.

Theorem 5: If x and y are positive real numbers, then $\dfrac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$.