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Practice Questions for Midterm Test 1

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1. Using a proof by contraposition, prove  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $3y \leq 2x$ , then  $x \leq 0$  or  $y \leq x$ .
2. Using a proof by contraposition, prove  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $2y \leq x + 1$ , then  $x \leq 1$  or  $y \leq x$ .
3. Using a proof by contradiction, prove  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $ax \neq 1$ , then  $a = 0$ .
4. Using a proof by contradiction, prove  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $xy < x + y$  and  $x < y$ , then  $x < 2$ .
5. Prove  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}, \exists b \in \mathbb{R}, b < a$ .
6. Prove  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $a < 1$ , then  $\exists b \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $a + 2b < 1$ .
7. Prove  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $a < 1$ , then  $\exists b \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $2a < b < 2$ .
8. Prove  $\forall \varepsilon \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\exists \delta \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $x - 2 < \delta$ , then  $3x - 6 < \varepsilon$ .
9. Prove  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $ax = x$ , then  $a = 1$ .
10. Prove  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $ax = a$ , then  $2x^2 + x = 2x + 1$ .
11. Prove  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\exists x \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $x < a$ , then  $\forall x \in (-\infty, 0)$ ,  $x < a$ .
12. Prove  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\forall a \in (-\infty, x]$ ,  $a < y$ , then  $\exists b \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $x + b \leq y$ .
13. Prove  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\exists x \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\forall y \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $a + x \leq y$ , then  $\exists z \in (-\infty, 0)$ ,  $a < z$ .
14. Prove  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $\exists x \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $\forall y \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $a + x \leq y$ , then  $\forall z \in (0, \infty)$ ,  $a < z$ .
15. Prove  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{B}$ , if  $y \Rightarrow \neg x$ , then  $x \wedge \neg y = x$ .
16. Prove  $\forall a, x, y \in \mathbb{B}$ , if  $(\neg x) \wedge a \Rightarrow y$ , then  $(\neg y) \wedge a \Rightarrow x$ .
17. Prove  $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{B}$ , if  $x \Rightarrow y$  and  $\neg y \Rightarrow z$ , then  $x \vee \neg z \Rightarrow y$ .
18. Prove  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $|x - y| = 0$ , then  $x = y$ .
19. Prove  $\forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|x - y| = \max(x, y) - \min(x, y)$ .
20. Prove  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $|x| = \max(x, -x)$ .
21. Prove  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $x < 1$ , then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x + \frac{2}{n} < 1$ .
22. Prove  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $2 < x$ , then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $2 < x - \frac{3}{n}$ .
23. Prove  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $1 < x$ , then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\frac{n+1}{n} < x$ .
24. Prove  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $3 < x$ , then  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\frac{3n+4}{n} < x$ .