



# Homework 2 RW1: Props 1.12-14, 1.24, 1.25(i), 1.26

## Prop. 1.12

$$(x \in \mathbb{Z}) (m \in \mathbb{Z}) m + x = m \Rightarrow x = 0$$

Proof.

Let  $x, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- $(m + x) + (-m) = m + (-m)$ , by adding the additive inverse  $(-m)$  to both sides
- $m + (x + (-m)) = m + (-m)$ , by associativity of addition
- $m + ((-m) + x) = m + (-m)$ , by commutativity of addition
- $(m + (-m)) + x = m + (-m)$ , by associativity of addition
- $0 + x = 0$ , by Axiom 1.4.
- Finally,  $x = 0$ , by Prop. 1.7.

## Prop. 1.13.

Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $x$  has the property that there exists an  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $m + x = m$ , then  $x = 0$ .

Proof.

Let  $x, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- $(m + x) + (-m) = m + (-m)$ , by adding the additive inverse  $(-m)$  to both sides
- $m + (x + (-m)) = m + (-m)$ , by associativity of addition
- $m + ((-m) + x) = m + (-m)$ , by commutativity of addition
- $(m + (-m)) + x = m + (-m)$ , by associativity of addition
- $0 + x = 0$ , by Axiom 1.4.
- Finally,  $x = 0$ , by Prop. 1.7.

## Prop. 1.14

$$(\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}) m \cdot 0 = 0 = 0 \cdot m$$

Proof.

Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- $m = m$
- $m \cdot 0 = m \cdot 0$ , by multiplying both sides by 0

We know  $0 + 0 = 0$ , from Prop. 1.7.

- $m \cdot (0 + 0) = m \cdot 0$ , by substitution
- $m \cdot 0 + m \cdot 0 = m \cdot 0$ , by Axiom 1.1(iii)

We know  $(m \cdot 0) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , due to the closure property of binary operations.

We know the additive inverse  $-(m \cdot 0) \in \mathbb{Z}$ , by Axiom 1.4.

- $(m \cdot 0 + m \cdot 0) + (-(m \cdot 0)) = m \cdot 0 + (-(m \cdot 0))$ , by adding  $-(m \cdot 0)$  to both sides
- $m \cdot 0 + (m \cdot 0 + (-(m \cdot 0))) = m \cdot 0 + (-(m \cdot 0))$ , by Axiom 1.1(ii)
- $m \cdot 0 + 0 = 0$ , by Axiom 1.4
- Finally,  $m \cdot 0 = 0$  by Axiom 1.2.

$m \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot m$ , by Axiom 1.1(iv)

$\therefore m \cdot 0 = 0 = 0 \cdot m$  by transitivity.

### Prop. 1.24

$$(x \in \mathbb{Z}) \ x \cdot x = x \Rightarrow x = 1 \vee x = 0$$

Proof.

Assume  $x \cdot x = x$ ,  $x \neq 1$  and  $x \neq 0$ .

We know  $m \cdot 1 = m$ , by Axiom 1.3. Then by substitution,  $x = x \cdot 1$ .

- $x \cdot x = x = x \cdot 1$ , AKA  $x \cdot x = x \cdot 1$  by transitivity
- $x = 1$ , by Axiom 1.5 since it is assumed  $x \neq 0$

Contradiction, we have proved that  $x = 1$  but have previously assumed  $x \neq 1$ .

$\therefore (x = 1) \vee (x = 0)$  holds true.

### Prop. 1.25 (i)

$$\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, -(m + n) = (-m) + (-n)$$

Proof.

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$-(m + n)$  is an additive inverse of  $(m + n)$ , by Axiom 1.4.

Prove  $(-m) + (-n)$  is an additive inverse of  $(m + n)$ .

- $(m + n) + ((-m) + (-n))$
- $((m + n) + (-m)) + (-n)$ , by associativity of addition
- $((m + (-m)) + n) + (-n)$ , by associativity of addition
- $(m + (-m)) + (n + (-n))$ , by associativity of addition
- $0 + 0$ , by the axiom of additive inverses.
- Finally, we reduce to 0, by prop. 1.7.

$\therefore (-m) + (-n)$  is an additive inverse of  $(m + n)$ .

$(m + n) + ((-m) + (-n)) = 0$  and  $(m + n) + (-(m + n)) = 0$  are true.

By prop. 1.9,  $(-m) + (-n) = -(m + n)$ .

### Prop. 1.26

$$(m, n \in \mathbb{Z}) \quad mn = 0 \Rightarrow m = 0 \vee n = 0$$

Proof.

Let  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Assume  $mn = 0$ ,  $m \neq 0$  and  $n \neq 0$ .

We know  $m \cdot 0 = 0$ , by Prop. 1.14.

- $mn = 0 = m \cdot 0$ , AKA  $mn = m \cdot 0$  by transitivity
- $n = 0$ , by Axiom 1.5 since it is assumed  $m \neq 0$

Contradiction, we have proved  $n = 0$ , but have previously assumed  $n \neq 0$ .

$\therefore (m = 0) \vee (n = 0)$  holds true.