

### Exercises 3.5

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Prove the following theorems:

1. **Theorem.** Let  $a, b$  be real numbers. If  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ , then  $(a + b)^2 > a^2 + b^2$ .
2. **Theorem.** Let  $a, b$  be real numbers. If  $a < 0$  and  $b < 0$ , then  $(a + b)^2 > a^2 + b^2$ .
3. **Theorem.** For all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $x$  and  $y$  are rational, then  $x + y$  is rational.
4. **Theorem.** For all integers  $a, b$ , and  $c$ , if  $c | a$  and  $c | b$ , then  $c | (a + b)$ ,  $c | (a - b)$ , and  $c | (ai)$  for any integer  $i$ .
5. **Theorem.** Let  $n$  be an integer. If  $21 | n$ , then  $3 | n$  and  $7 | n$ .
6. **Theorem.** Suppose  $n$  is an integer. If  $3 | n$  and  $7 | n$ , then  $21 | n$ .
7. **Theorem.** For every integer  $n$ , if  $n$  is odd, then  $4 | (n^2 - 1)$ .
8. **Theorem.** Suppose  $m, n$  are positive integers. If  $m | n$ , then  $m \leq n$ .
9. **Theorem.** For all positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $a | b$  and  $b | a$ , then  $a = b$ .
10. **Theorem.** Let  $a, b, x, y$  be negative integers. If  $a < b$  and  $x < y$ , then  $ax > by$ .
11. **Theorem.** Let  $a > 0$  and  $b < -4$  be real numbers. Then  $ab + b < -4(a + 1)$ .
12. **Theorem.** For all integers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $a | b$ , then  $a^2 | b^2$ .
13. **Theorem.** Suppose  $m, a, b, c, d$  are integers. If  $m | (a - b)$  and  $m | (c - d)$ , then  $m | ((a + c) - (b + d))$ .
14. **Theorem.** Let  $m, a, b, c, d$  be integers. If  $m | (a - b)$  and  $m | (c - d)$ , then  $m | (ac - bd)$ .
15. **Theorem.** Let  $a, b, d$  be real numbers. If  $0 \leq a < d$  and  $0 \leq b < d$ , then  $a - b < d$  and  $b - a < d$ .
16. **Theorem.** If  $0 \leq a < d$  and  $0 \leq b < d$ , then  $-d < a - b < d$  where  $a, b, d \in \mathbb{R}$ .
17. **Theorem.** For all integers  $a, b, c, d$ , if  $a \neq c$  and  $ad \neq bc$ , then there exists a unique rational number  $x$  such that  $\frac{ax+b}{cx+d} = 1$ .

Exercise Notes: For Exercises 1 and 2, one should review the substitution properties of inequality 3.3.3. For Exercise 6, use the identity  $n = 7n - 6n$ . For Exercise 17, after you identify  $x$  in your proof, you must prove that  $cx + d \neq 0$ .

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### 3.6 Statements of the Form $P \vee Q$

Consider the statement “ $P$  or  $Q$ .” To show that this statement is true, we must verify that either  $P$  is true or that  $Q$  is true. So we can try to prove  $P$  or try to prove  $Q$ . This direct approach can sometimes be difficult, as we may then have to work with an inadequate set of assumptions. Fortunately, logic offers us an easier approach. We know that  $(P \vee Q)$ ,  $(\neg P \rightarrow Q)$ , and  $(\neg Q \rightarrow P)$  are all logically equivalent. Thus, to prove  $(P \vee Q)$ , we can either prove  $(\neg P \rightarrow Q)$  or prove  $(\neg Q \rightarrow P)$ . In either case, we obtain a new assumption that we can use in our proof. We can now introduce a proof strategy for such “or” statements.