

**MAT 300 Review Problems for Chapter 3 and Sections 4.2, 4.4**  
**Exam #2 on Friday, November 8, 2019**

A proof by mathematical induction must NOT have the notations  $P(1)$ ,  $P(n)$ , or  $P(n + 1)$  appearing anywhere in the proof.

**Prove<sup>1</sup> the following theorems:**

1. **Theorem.** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be real numbers. Then  $(x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2) = x^3 - y^3$ .
2. **Theorem.** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers. If  $a < 0$  and  $b < 0$ , then  $(a + b)^2 > a^2 + b^2$ .
3. **Theorem.** Let  $n \geq 2$  be a natural number. If  $2^n > n$ , then  $2^{n+1} > n + 1$ .
4. **Theorem.** For all real numbers  $y > 0$ , there is a real number  $x < 0$  such that  $y^2 + 2xy = -x^2$ .
5. **Theorem.** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be real numbers such that  $a > 0$  and  $b < -4$ . Then  $ab + b < -4(a + 1)$ .
6. **Theorem.** Suppose  $n$  is an integer. Then  $15 \mid n$  if and only if  $3 \mid n$  and  $5 \mid n$ .
7. **Theorem.** Let  $m, a, b, c, d$  be integers where  $m > 1$ . If  $m \mid (a - b)$  and  $m \mid (c - d)$ , then  $m \mid ((a + c) - (b + d))$ .
8. **Theorem.** Let  $a, b, d$  be in  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $0 \leq a < d$  and  $0 \leq b < d$ , then  $a - b < d$  and  $b - a < d$ .
9. **Theorem.** For all integers  $a, b$ , and  $c$ , if  $c \mid a$  and  $c \mid b$ , then  $c \mid (a - b)$ .
10. **Theorem.** For every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , there is a real number  $y$  such that  $yx^2 - 3x = -2y$ .
11. **Theorem.** There is a  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ , such that  $yx + 6 = 2x + 3y$  for all real numbers  $x$ .
12. **Theorem.** For every natural number  $n \geq 1$ ,  $2 + 6 + 18 + \cdots + 2 \cdot 3^{n-1} = 3^n - 1$ .
13. **Theorem.** Let  $x$  and  $y$  be positive real numbers. Then  $\frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$ .
14. **Theorem.** The real number  $2 + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.
15. **Theorem.** For every natural number  $n \geq 1$ , we have  $\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{4k^2-1} = \frac{n}{2n+1}$ .
16. **Theorem.**  $\sum_{k=1}^n k \cdot k! = (n + 1)! - 1$ , for all natural numbers  $n \geq 1$ .<sup>2</sup>
17. **Theorem.**  $8 \mid (9^n - 1)$ , for every integer  $n \geq 1$ .
18. **Theorem.** Let  $x \geq -1$  be a real number. Then  $(1 + x)^n \geq 1 + nx$  for all integers  $n \geq 1$ .
19. **Theorem.** For every integer  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^n 2 \cdot 3^{k-1} = 3^n - 1$ .

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<sup>1</sup>On the exam, to receive full credit, your proofs must be clearly composed, logically correct, and readable.

<sup>2</sup>Recall that  $(k + 1)!(k + 2) = (k + 2)!$ .