

Algebraic Proofs

Algebraic Properties of Equality

Addition Property - If $a = b$, then $a + c = b + c$.

Subtraction Property - If $a = b$, then $a - c = b - c$.

Multiplication Property - If $a = b$, then $a \cdot c = b \cdot c$

Division Property - If $a = b$ and $c \neq 0$, then $a \div c = b \div c$

Distributive Property - For all numbers a , b and c , $a(b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$.

Reflexive Property - For any real number a , $a = a$.

Symmetric Property - If $a = b$, then $b = a$.

Transitive Property - If $a = b$ and $b = c$, then $a = c$.

Substitution Property - If $a = b$, then a can be substituted for b in any equation or expression.

Properties of Equality for Segment Length and Angle Measure

	<u>Segment Length</u>	<u>Angle Measure</u>
Reflexive -	$AB = AB$	$m\angle A = m\angle A$
Symmetric -	If $AB = CD$, then $CD = AB$.	If $m\angle A = m\angle B$, then $m\angle B = m\angle A$.
Transitive -	If $AB = CD$ and $CD = EF$, then $AB = EF$.	If $m\angle A = m\angle B$ and $m\angle B = m\angle C$, then $m\angle A = m\angle C$.

Directions: Name the property of equality that justifies each statement.

1. If $LM = NO$ and $NO = PQ$, then $LM = PQ$.

Transitive Property

2. If $m\angle A = 10^\circ$, then $12^\circ + m\angle A = \underline{22^\circ}$.

$$12^\circ + 10^\circ = 22^\circ$$

$$22^\circ = 22^\circ$$

Addition Property of Equality

3. If $AB=5$ and $AC=AB+8$ then $AC=13$.

$$AC = 5 + 8$$

$$AC = 13$$

Substitution Property

4. If $m\angle C = m\angle D$, then $m\angle D = m\angle C$.

Symmetric Property

5. If $5(m\angle A) = 90^\circ$, then $m\angle A = 18^\circ$.

$$\frac{5}{5} \quad \frac{90^\circ}{5}$$

$$m\angle A = 18^\circ$$

Division Property

Directions: Write an algebraic proof for each.

6. Given: $5x - 18 = 3x + 2$

Prove: $x = 10$

$$* 5x - 18 = 3x + 2$$

$$-3x \quad -3x$$

$$* 2x - 18 = 2$$

$$+18 \quad +18$$

$$* \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{20}{2}$$

$$* x = 10$$

Statements	Reason
1) $5x - 18 = 3x + 2$	1) Given
2) $2x - 18 = 2$	2) Subtract. Prop. of Equality
3) $2x = 20$	3) Addit. Prop. of Equality
4) $x = 10$	4) Division Prop. of Equality.

7. Given: $2(3x+1)=4x+8$

Prove: $x=3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 * & \quad 2(3x+1) = 4x+8 \\
 * & \quad 6x+2 = 4x+8 \\
 & \quad -4x \quad -4x \\
 * & \quad 2x+2 = 8 \\
 & \quad -2 \quad -2 \\
 * & \quad 2x = 6 \\
 & \quad \frac{2x}{2} = \frac{6}{2} \\
 * & \quad x = 3
 \end{aligned}$$

Statements	Reason
1) $2(3x+1)=4x+8$	1) GIVEN
2) $6x+2=4x+8$	2) Distributive Prop.
3) $2x+2=8$	3) Subt. Prop. of Equal.
4) $2x=6$	4) Subt. Prop. of Equal.
5) $x=3$	5) Div. Prop. of Equal.

8. Given: $5x-3(9x+12)=8$

Prove: $x=-2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 * & \quad 5x-3(9x+12)=8 \\
 * & \quad 5x-27x-36=8 \\
 * & \quad -22x-36=8 \\
 & \quad \quad +36 \quad +36 \\
 * & \quad -22x = 44 \\
 & \quad \frac{-22x}{-22} = \frac{44}{-22} \\
 * & \quad x = -2
 \end{aligned}$$

Statement	Reason
1) $5x-3(9x+12)=8$	1) GIVEN
2) $5x-27x-36=8$	2) Distributive Property
3) $-22x-36=8$	3) Simplify
4) $-22x=44$	4) Addition Prop. of Equality
5) $x=-2$	5) Division Prop. of Equality