

POSTULATES AND PROPERTIES
(THEOREMS)

- a) ___ Closure Postulate for addition
 - b) ___ Closure Postulate for multiplication
 - c) ___ Commutative Postulate for addition
 - d) ___ Commutative Postulate for multiplication
 - e) ___ Associative Postulate for addition
 - f) ___ Associative Postulate for multiplication
 - g) ___ Additive Postulate of Zero
 - h) ___ Postulate of Additive Inverses
 - i) ___ Multiplicative Postulate of One
 - j) ___ Postulate of Multiplicative Inverses
 - k) ___ Distributive Postulate of Multiplication with respect to addition
 - l) ___ Reflexive Property
 - m) ___ Symmetric Property
 - n) ___ Transitive Property
 - o) ___ Postulate of Comparison of Inequality
 - p) ___ Transitive Postulate of Inequality
 - q) ___ Additive Postulate of Inequality
 - r) ___ Multiplicative Postulate of Inequality
 - s) ___ Addition Property of Equality
 - t) ___ Subtraction Property of Equality
 - u) ___ Multiplication Property of Equality
 - v) ___ Division Property of Equality
 - w) ___ Subtraction Property of Inequality
 - x) ___ Division Property of Inequality
 - y) ___ Substitution Principle
 - z) ___ Zero-Product Property
1. if $a < b$, then $a - c < b - c$
 2. For every real number "a" except zero, there is a unique real number $1/a$ such that $a \times 1/a = 1$ and $1/a \times a = 1$
 3. the sum $a + b$ is a unique real number
 4. $a = a$
 5. if $a = b$ then $a + c = b + c$ and $c + a = c + b$
 6. if $ab = 0$, then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$
 7. the product ab is a unique real number
 8. if $a = b$, then $b = a$
 9. if $a < b$ and $0 < c$, then $ac < bc$
if $a < b$ and $c < 0$, then $bc < ac$
 10. if $a = b$, "a" may be replaced by "b" and "b" by "a" in any equation or inequality.
 11. for every real number "a" there is a unique real number "-a" such that $a + (-a) = 0$ and $(-a) + a = 0$
 12. $ab = ba$
 13. $(a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$
 14. if $a < b$, then $a + c < b + c$
 15. if $a = b$ then $ac = bc$
 16. the set of real numbers contains a unique element "1" having the property that $a \times 1 = a$ and $1 \times a = a$
 17. $a + b = b + a$
 18. if $a = b$ and $b = c$, then $a = c$
 19. if $a < b$ and $c \neq 0$, then $a/c < b/c$
 20. if $a = b$, then $a - c = b - c$ and $c - a = c - b$
 21. if $a < b$ and $b < c$, then $a < c$
 22. $a(b + c) = ab + ac$ and $(b + c)a = ba + ca$
 23. $(ab)c = a(bc)$
 24. if $a < b$ and $c > 0$, then $a/c < b/c$ and
if $a < b$ and $c < 0$, then $a/c > b/c$
 25. one and only one of the following is true: $a < b$, $a = b$, $b < a$
 26. the set of real numbers contains a unique element 0 having the property that $a + 0 = a$ and $0 + a = a$