

Sec. 1-4 Identity and Equality Properties

Additive Identity: For any number a , the sum of a and 0 is a .

ex. $5 + 0 = 5$

ex. $0 + x = x$

Additive Inverses: Two numbers with a sum of zero.

ex. $6 + (-6) = 0$

ex. $(-x) + x = 0$

Multiplicative Identity: For any number a , the product of a and 1 is a .

ex. $x \cdot 1 = x$

ex. $8 \cdot 1 = 8$

Multiplicative Property of Zero: For any number a , the product of a and 0 is 0 .

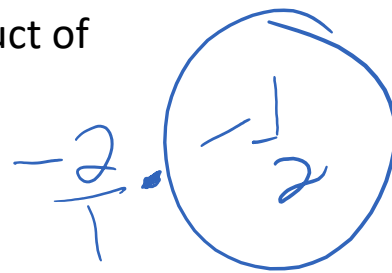
ex. $7 \cdot 0 = 0$

ex. $0(x) = 0$

Multiplicative Inverses or Reciprocals: For every number $\frac{a}{b}$, where $a, b \neq 0$, there is exactly one number $\frac{b}{a}$ such that the product of $\frac{a}{b}$ and $\frac{b}{a}$ is 1 .

ex. $\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{b}{a} = 1$

ex. $\frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{4} = 1$



Reflexive: Any quantity is equal to itself.

ex. $a = a$

ex. $2 + 3 = 2 + 3$

Symmetric: If one quantity equals a second quantity, then the second quantity equals the first quantity.

ex. If $a = b$, then $b = a$.

ex. If $3 + 5 = 8$, then $8 = 3 + 5$

Transitive: If one quantity equals a second quantity and the second quantity equals a third quantity, then the first quantity equals the third quantity.

ex. If $a = b$ and $b = c$, then $a = c$.

ex. If $2 + 4 = 6$ and $6 = 1 + 5$, then $2 + 4 = 1 + 5$

Substitution: A quantity may be substituted for its equal in any expression.

ex. If $a = b$, then a may be replaced by b in any expression

ex. If $n = 15$, then $3n = 3(15)$

Evaluate:

$$\begin{array}{ll} 2(3 \cdot 2 - 5) + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} & \text{Name the property used in each step.} \\ 2(6 - 5) + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} & \text{SUBSTITUTION Prop} \\ 2(1) + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} & \text{SUBSTITUTION Prop} \\ 2 + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} & \text{MULT. IDENTITY} \\ 2 + 1 & \text{MULT. INVERSE} \\ 3 & \text{SUBSTITUTION} \end{array}$$

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SUBSTITUTION

Evaluate:

$$6 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 5(12 \div 4 - 3)$$

$$6 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 5(3 - 3) \quad \text{SUBSTITUTION}$$

$$6 \cdot \frac{1}{6} + 5(0) \quad \text{ADDITIVE INVERSE}$$

$$1 + 5(0) \quad \text{MULT. INVERSE}$$

$$1 + 0 \quad \text{MULT. PROPERTY OF ZERO}$$

$$1 \quad \text{ADDITIVE ID}$$

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