

Proving Closure Practice

1. Is the set of irrational numbers closed under multiplication? Prove or disprove it.

Pf: The set of irrational numbers is not closed under multiplication as the following counter example proves.

$$\sqrt{2} \cdot \sqrt{2} = 2, \text{ 2 is not irrational } \square$$

2. Is the set of multiples of 5 closed under addition? Prove or disprove it.

Pf: Let x, y be any integer. Therefore $5x$ and $5y$ are any multiples of 5. $5x + 5y = 5(x+y)$. Since integers are closed under addition, $x+y$ is an integer. Therefore, $5(x+y)$ is a multiple of 5. Multiples of 5 are closed under addition. \square

3. If \odot is a made up operation so that $a \odot b = a^b$, is the set of integers closed under the operation \odot ? Prove or disprove it.

Pf: The set of integers is not closed under the operation \odot as the following counter example proves.

$$2 \odot -2 = 2^{-2} = \frac{1}{2^2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$\frac{1}{4}$ is not an integer \square

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4. Is the set $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ closed under multiplication? Prove or disprove it.

PF: The set $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ is closed under multiplication because

$$\begin{array}{lll} -1 \cdot -1 = 1 \checkmark & 0 \cdot -1 = 0 \checkmark & 1 \cdot -1 = -1 \checkmark \\ -1 \cdot 0 = 0 \checkmark & 0 \cdot 0 = 0 \checkmark & 1 \cdot 0 = 0 \checkmark \\ -1 \cdot 1 = -1 \checkmark & 0 \cdot 1 = 0 \checkmark & 1 \cdot 1 = 1 \checkmark \end{array}$$

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* This is an example of proof by exhaustion. *

5. Is the set $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ closed under division? Prove or disprove it.

PF: The set $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ is not closed under division as the following counter example proves.

$1 \div 0$ does not exist

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6. Is the set of fractions with a numerator of 1 (ex. $\{\dots, -\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots\}$) closed under multiplication? Is it closed under division? Prove or disprove it.

PF: Let x, y be integers. So $\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{y}$ are in the set of fractions with a numerator of 1.

$\frac{1}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1 \cdot 1}{x \cdot y} = \frac{1}{xy}$ Since integers are closed under multiplication, xy is an integer. Therefore, the set of fractions with a numerator of 1 is closed under multiplication.

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7. Is the set of rational numbers closed under addition? Prove or disprove it.

Pf: Let x, y, a, b be integers. So $\frac{x}{y}, \frac{a}{b}$ are rational numbers.
 $\frac{x}{y} + \frac{a}{b} = \frac{xb}{yb} + \frac{ay}{yb} = \frac{xb+ay}{yb}$. Since integers are closed under multiplication and addition, $(xb+ay)$ and (yb) are integers. So $\frac{xb+ay}{yb}$ is a rational number. Therefore, rational numbers are closed under addition. \square

8. If \odot is a made up operation so that $a \odot b = a^2 - b^2$, is the set of negative integers closed under the operation \odot ? Prove or disprove it.

Pf: The set of negative integers is not closed under the operation \odot as proves the counter example:

$$-4 \odot -2 = (-4)^2 - (-2)^2 = 16 - 4 = 12$$

12 is not a negative integer. \square

9. Is the set of even integers closed under addition? Prove or disprove it.

Pf: Let x, y be integers. So $2x, 2y$ are even integers.
 $2x + 2y = 2(x+y)$ Since integers are closed under addition, $x+y$ is an integer. Therefore $2(x+y)$ is an even integer. Even integers are closed under addition. \square

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10. Is the set of odd integers closed under the following operations? Prove or disprove it for each operation.

a. Addition

Pf: The set of odd integers is not closed under addition, as proves the following counter example:

$$3 + 5 = 8 \quad \square$$

b. Subtraction

Pf: The set of odd integers is not closed under subtraction, as proves the following counter example:

$$9 - 3 = 6 \quad \square$$

c. Multiplication

Pf: Let x, y be integers so that $2x+1$ and $2y+1$ are odd integers.

	$2x$	1
$2y$	$4xy$	$2y$
1	$2x$	1

$4xy + 2x + 2y + 1 = 2(2xy + x + y) + 1$. Since $2xy + x + y$ is an integer, $2(2xy + x + y) + 1$ is an odd integer.

Therefore the set of odd integers is closed under multiplication. \square

d. Division

Pf: The set of odd integers is not closed under division, as proves the following counter example:

$$3 \div 5 = .6 \quad \square$$