

Algebraic Proofs

Warm Up

Solve each equation.

1. $3x + 5 = 17$ $x = 4$

2. $r - 3.5 = 8.7$ $r = 12.2$

3. $4t - 7 = 8t + 3$ $t = -\frac{5}{2}$

4. $\frac{n+8}{5} = -6$ $n = -38$

5. $2(y - 5) - 20 = 0$ $y = 15$

Objectives

Review properties of equality and use them to write algebraic proofs.

Identify properties of equality and congruence.

Vocabulary

proof

A **proof** is an argument that uses logic, definitions, properties, and previously proven statements to show that a conclusion is true.

An important part of writing a proof is giving justifications to show that every step is valid.

Properties of Equality

Addition Property of Equality

If $a = b$, then $a + c = b + c$.

Subtraction Property of Equality

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

Multiplication Property of Equality

If $a = b$, then $ac = bc$.

Division Property of Equality

If $a = b$ and $c \neq 0$, then $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{b}{c}$.

Reflexive Property of Equality

$a = a$

Symmetric Property of Equality

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

Transitive Property of Equality

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

Substitution Property of Equality

If $a = b$, then b can be substituted for a in any expression.

Remember!

The Distributive Property states that

$$a(b + c) = ab + ac.$$

Example 1: Solving an Equation in Algebra

Solve the equation $4m - 8 = -12$. Write a justification for each step.

$$4m - 8 = -12$$

Given equation

$$\underline{\quad +8} \quad \underline{\quad +8}$$

Addition Property of Equality

$$4m = -4$$

Simplify.

$$\frac{4m}{4} = \frac{-4}{4}$$

Division Property of Equality

$$m = -1$$

Simplify.

Check It Out! Example 1

Solve the equation $\frac{1}{2}t = -7$. Write a justification for each step.

$$\frac{1}{2}t = -7 \quad \text{Given equation}$$

$$2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)t = 2(-7) \quad \text{Multiplication Property of Equality.}$$

$$t = -14 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$



Example 2: Problem-Solving Application

What is the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit F when it is 15°C ? Solve the equation $F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$ for F and justify each step.

Example 2 Continued

1 Understand the Problem

The answer will be the temperature in degrees Fahrenheit.

List the important information:

$$F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32 \quad C = 15$$

Example 2 Continued

2 Make a Plan

Substitute the given information into the formula and solve.

Example 2 Continued

3 Solve

$$F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32 \quad \text{Given equation}$$

$$F = \frac{9}{5}(15) + 32 \quad \text{Substitution Property of Equality}$$

$$F = 27 + 32 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$F = 59 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$F = 59^\circ$$

Example 2 Continued

4 Look Back

Check your answer by substituting it back into the original formula.

$$F = \frac{9}{5}C + 32$$

$$59 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{9}{5}(15) + 32$$

$$59 = 59 \checkmark$$



Check It Out! Example 2

What is the temperature in degrees Celsius C when it is 86°F ? Solve the equation $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$ for C and justify each step.

Check It Out! Example 2 Continued

1 Understand the Problem

The answer will be the temperature in degrees Celsius.

List the important information:

$$C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32) \quad F = 86$$

Check It Out! Example 2 Continued



Make a Plan

Substitute the given information into the formula and solve.

Check It Out! Example 2 Continued

3 Solve

$$C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32) \quad \text{Given equation}$$

$$C = \frac{5}{9}(86 - 32) \quad \text{Substitution Property of Equality}$$

$$C = \frac{5}{9}(54) \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$C = 30 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$C = 30^\circ$$

Check It Out! Example 2 Continued

4 Look Back

Check your answer by substituting it back into the original formula.

$$C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$$

$$30 \stackrel{?}{=} \frac{5}{9}(86 - 32)$$

$$30 = 30 \checkmark$$

Like algebra, geometry also uses numbers, variables, and operations. For example, segment lengths and angle measures are numbers. So you can use these same properties of equality to write algebraic proofs in geometry.

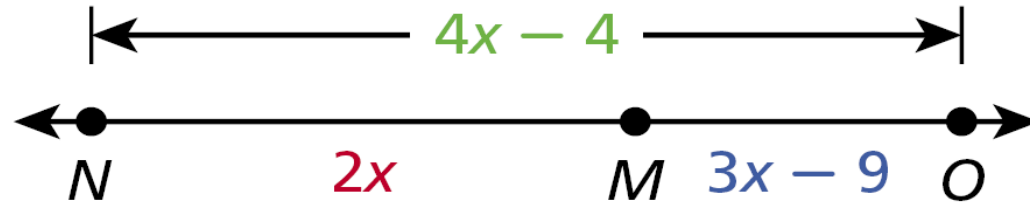
Helpful Hint



AB represents the length \overline{AB} , so you can think of AB as a variable representing a number.

Example 3: Solving an Equation in Geometry

Write a justification for each step.



$$NO = NM + MO \quad \text{Segment Addition Post.}$$

$$4x - 4 = 2x + (3x - 9) \quad \text{Substitution Property of Equality}$$

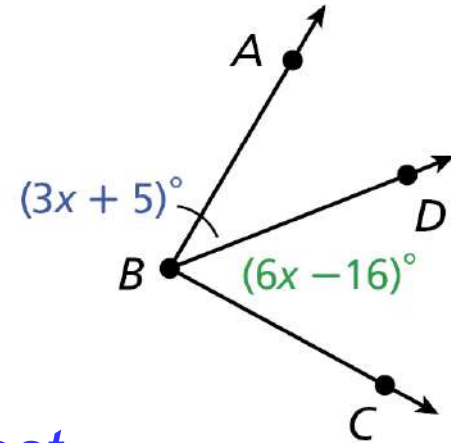
$$4x - 4 = 5x - 9 \quad \text{Simplify.}$$

$$-4 = x - 9 \quad \text{Subtraction Property of Equality}$$

$$5 = x \quad \text{Addition Property of Equality}$$

Check It Out! Example 3

Write a justification for each step.



$$m\angle ABC = m\angle ABD + m\angle DBC$$

∠ Add. Post.

$$8x^\circ = (3x + 5)^\circ + (6x - 16)^\circ$$

Subst. Prop. of Equality

$$8x = 9x - 11$$

Simplify.

$$-x = -11$$

Subtr. Prop. of Equality.

$$x = 11$$

Mult. Prop. of Equality.

$$m\angle ABC = 8x^\circ$$

You learned in Chapter 1 that segments with equal lengths are congruent and that angles with equal measures are congruent. So the Reflexive, Symmetric, and Transitive Properties of Equality have corresponding properties of congruence.

Properties of Congruence

SYMBOLS	EXAMPLE
Reflexive Property of Congruence figure $A \cong$ figure A (Reflex. Prop. of \cong)	$\overline{EF} \cong \overline{EF}$
Symmetric Property of Congruence If figure $A \cong$ figure B , then figure $B \cong$ figure A . (Sym. Prop. of \cong)	If $\angle 1 \cong \angle 2$, then $\angle 2 \cong \angle 1$.
Transitive Property of Congruence If figure $A \cong$ figure B and figure $B \cong$ figure C , then figure $A \cong$ figure C . (Trans. Prop. of \cong)	If $\overline{PQ} \cong \overline{RS}$ and $\overline{RS} \cong \overline{TU}$, then $\overline{PQ} \cong \overline{TU}$.

Remember!

Numbers are equal ($=$) and figures are congruent (\cong).

Example 4: Identifying Property of Equality and Congruence

Identify the property that justifies each statement.

A. $\angle QRS \cong \angle QRS$ Reflex. Prop. of \cong .

B. $m\angle 1 = m\angle 2$ so $m\angle 2 = m\angle 1$ Symm. Prop. of $=$

C. $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$ and $\overline{CD} \cong \overline{EF}$, so $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{EF}$. Trans. Prop. of \cong

D. $32^\circ = 32^\circ$ Reflex. Prop. of $=$

Check It Out! Example 4

Identify the property that justifies each statement.

4a. $DE = GH$, so $GH = DE$. Sym. Prop. of =

4b. $94^\circ = 94^\circ$ Reflex. Prop. of =

4c. $0 = a$, and $a = x$. So $0 = x$. Trans. Prop. of =

4d. $\angle A \cong \angle Y$, so $\angle Y \cong \angle A$ Sym. Prop. of \cong

Lesson Quiz: Part I

Solve each equation. Write a justification for each step.

1. $\frac{z-5}{6} = -2$

$$\frac{z-5}{6} = -2 \quad \text{Given}$$

$$z - 5 = -12 \quad \text{Mult. Prop. of } =$$

$$z = -7 \quad \text{Add. Prop. of } =$$

Lesson Quiz: Part II

Solve each equation. Write a justification for each step.

2. $6r - 3 = -2(r + 1)$

$6r - 3 = -2(r + 1)$ Given

$6r - 3 = -2r - 2$ Distrib. Prop.

$8r - 3 = -2$ Add. Prop. of =

$8r = 1$ Add. Prop. of =

$r = \frac{1}{8}$ Div. Prop. of =

Lesson Quiz: Part III

Identify the property that justifies each statement.

3. $x = y$ and $y = z$, so $x = z$. Trans. Prop. of =

4. $\angle DEF \cong \angle DEF$ Reflex. Prop. of \cong

5. $AB \cong CD$, so $CD \cong AB$. Sym. Prop. of \cong