

# MULTIPLICATION AXIOMS



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**CLOSURE LAW:** This law indicates that the product of two real numbers ( $\mathbb{R}$ ) will result in a real number. Hence:

$$\forall a \wedge b \in \mathbb{R}; a \cdot b \in \mathbb{R}$$

**COMMUTATIVE LAW:** This law indicates that the product of two numbers a·b is equivalent to multiply b·a.

Hence:  $\forall a \wedge b \in \mathbb{R}; a \cdot b = b \cdot a$

**ASSOCIATIVE LAW:** indicates that, given three Real numbers ( $\mathbb{R}$ ), we can group two of those numbers (with grouping symbols) to multiply them; and the result is multiplied with the remaining number. Hence:

$$a, b \wedge c \in \mathbb{R}; (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) = b \cdot (a \cdot c)$$

**EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF THE MULTIPLICATIVE NEUTRAL ELEMENT:** there is one and only one element denoted as 1 such that, the product of that multiplicative neutral element with any real number results in the same real number. Hence: "1" /  $\forall a \in \mathbb{R}; a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a$

**EXISTENCE AND UNIQUENESS OF THE MULTIPLICATIVE INVERSE:** For each real number "a", there is one and only one element denoted by " $a^{-1} = \frac{1}{a}$ " in such a way that multiplying results in one. Hence:

$$\forall a \in \mathbb{R} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} / a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1 = \frac{1}{a} \cdot a$$

**DISTRIBUTIVE LAW:** For every number a, b, c that belongs to the set of Real numbers, the product between a real number and the sum of real numbers, is equal to the sum of the products of each addend by that number. Hence:

$$\forall a, b \wedge c \in \mathbb{R}; a(b + c) = ab + ac$$



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