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Let  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  be real numbers.  
Consider the four statements below:

- (i)**  $1/x = y$  iff  $x = 1/y$
- (ii)**  $\sqrt{x} = y$  iff  $x = y^2$
- (iii)**  $|x| = |y|$  iff  $x = y$
- (iv)**  $xz = yz$  iff  $x = y$

How many of these statements are correct?

- A.** 0
- B.** 1
- C.** 2
- D.** 3
- E.** 4

Consider the four statements below:

- (i)  $13 = 3 \times 2^2 + 0 \times 2^1 + 1 \times 2^0$
- (ii)  $13 = (301)_2$
- (iii)  $13 = 1 \times 3^2 + 1 \times 3^1 + 1 \times 3^0$
- (iv)  $13 = (111)_3$

How many of these statements are correct?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4

Consider two positive integers  $m$  and  $n$ .

- (i) Knowing the base 3 expansion of  $m$ , it is "easy" to calculate its base 6 expansion (i.e., no need to calculate its base 10 expansion)
- (ii) Knowing the base 3 expansion of  $m$ , it is easy to calculate its base 9 expansion
- (iii) Knowing the base 3 expansions of  $m$  and  $n$ , it is easy to calculate the base 3 expansion of  $m+n$
- (iv) Knowing the base 3 expansions of  $m$  and  $n$ , it is easy to calculate the base 3 expansion of  $mn$

How many of the four statements above are correct?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4

Consider the addition  $+$  of real numbers.

- (i) It is idempotent.
- (ii) It is commutative.
- (iii) It is associative.
- (iv) There is a neutral element for it.
- (v) There is an absorbing element for it.

How many of these five statements are correct?

- A. 0
  - B. 1
  - C. 2
  - D. 3
  - E. 4
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Consider the multiplication  $\times$  of real numbers.

- (i) It is idempotent.
- (ii) It is commutative.
- (iii) It is associative.
- (iv) There is a neutral element for it.
- (v) There is an absorbing element for it.

How many of these five statements are correct?

- A. 0
  - B. 1
  - C. 2
  - D. 3
  - E. 4
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Consider the subtraction  $-$  of real numbers.

- (i) It is idempotent.
- (ii) It is commutative.
- (iii) It is associative.
- (iv) There is a neutral element for it.
- (v) There is an absorbing element for it.

How many of these five statements are correct?

- A. 0
  - B. 1
  - C. 2
  - D. 3
  - E. 4
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Consider *min* (as in “minimum”).  
It is a binary operation on the set of real numbers.

- (i) It is idempotent.
- (ii) It is commutative.
- (iii) It is associative.
- (iv) There is a neutral element for it.
- (v) There is an absorbing element for it.

How many of these five statements are correct?

- A. 0
  - B. 1
  - C. 2
  - D. 3
  - E. 4
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- (i) + is distributive over  $\times$
- (ii)  $\times$  is distributive over +
- (iii) *min* is distributive over *max*
- (iv) *max* is distributive over *min*

How many of the four statements above are correct?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3
- E. 4

Let  $\star$  and  $\diamond$  be two binary operations on a set  $S$ .  
 $\star$  is **distributive** over  $\diamond$  iff for any  $(u,v,w)$  in  $S^3$  we have:

- (i)  $u\star(v\diamond w)=(u\star v)\diamond(u\star w)$
- (ii)  $u\diamond(v\star w)=(u\diamond v)\star(u\diamond w)$
- (iii)  $u\star(v\diamond w)=(u\star v)\diamond(u\star w)$  and  $u\diamond(v\star w)=(u\diamond v)\star(u\diamond w)$

How many of the three statements above are correct?

- A. 0
- B. 1
- C. 2
- D. 3

Let  $\star$  be a binary operation on a set  $S$ .

An element  $u$  of  $S$  is a **neutral element** for  $\star$  iff:

- (i) for any element  $v$  of  $S$  we have  $u\star v=u$
- (ii) for any element  $v$  of  $S$  we have  $u\star v=v$
- (iii) for any element  $v$  of  $S$  we have  $u\star v=0$

How many of the three statements above are correct?

- A. 0
  - B. 1
  - C. 2
  - D. 3
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Let  $\star$  be a binary operation on a set  $S$ .

- (i) There may be no neutral element for  $\star$
- (ii) There may be one and exactly one neutral element for  $\star$
- (iii) There may be two and exactly two neutral elements for  $\star$

How many of the three statements above are correct?

- A. 0
  - B. 1
  - C. 2
  - D. 3
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Let  $S$  be a set (not necessarily a set of real numbers),  
let  $-$  be a unary operation on  $S$ ,  
and let  $+$  and  $\times$  be two binary operations on  $S$ .  
For any elements  $u$ ,  $v$  and  $w$  of  $S$ , we have:

- (i)  $(u+v)+w = u+(v+w)$
- (ii)  $(u+v)\times w \neq u+(v\times w)$
- (iii)  $-(u+v) = (-u)+(-v)$

How many of the three statements above are correct?

- A.** 0
  - B.** 1
  - C.** 2
  - D.** 3
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