

Math 181 Honors Quiz 2 Version A

3. Write $x^2 + 6x - 8$ in the form $(x + h)^2 + k$ by completing the square.

4. The field axioms are

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| (1) $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$ | (2) $a(bc) = (ab)c$ |
| (3) $a + b = b + a$ | (4) $ab = ba$ |
| (5) $a(b + c) = ab + ac$ | (6) $(a + b)c = ac + bc$ |
| (7) $a + 0 = a$ | (8) $a \cdot 1 = a$ |
| (9) $a + (-a) = 0$ | (10) $a \cdot \frac{1}{a} = 1$ if $a \neq 0$. |

Use the axioms to prove that $a \cdot 0 = 0$. Carefully state which axiom is being used at each step of your argument.