

Using only the definition and facts about rings below, prove the theorems below.

**Definition D1:** A ring is a set of elements with two binary operations, called addition and multiplication, such that:

- Addition is closed
- Addition is commutative
- Addition is associative
- There exists an additive identity. (Do NOT call it 0 unless we have the uniqueness theorem)
- There exist additive inverses (Do NOT call them  $-a$  unless we have the uniqueness theorem)
- Multiplication is closed
- Multiplication is associative
- Multiplication distributes over addition

**Definition D2:** Let  $R$  be a ring and  $S \subseteq R$ .  $S$  is said to be a subring of  $R$  if  $S$  is itself a ring with the same operations as  $R$ .

1) Let  $a, b$ , and  $c$  be elements of a ring  $R$ . Assume  $a + b = a + c$ , and prove that  $b = c$ .

(This is theorem T1. You cannot use theorems T2+ on this problem)

**Theorem T2:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be elements of a ring  $R$ . Then  $a + x = b$  always has a unique solution.

**Theorem T3:** Let  $R$  be a ring. If  $a + 0_1 = a$  and  $a + 0_2 = a$  for all elements  $a \in R$ , then  $0_1 = 0_2$ .

**Theorem T4:** For each element  $a$  in a ring  $R$ , its additive inverse is unique.

**Theorem T5:** Let  $a$  be an element of a ring  $R$  and denote the additive identity as 0. Then  $a \cdot 0 = 0 \cdot a = 0$ .

**Theorem T6:** Let  $R$  be a ring and let  $a, b \in R$ . Denote the additive inverse of each element  $c \in R$  as  $-c$ , no matter what  $c$  is. Then  $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$ .

**Theorem T7:** Let  $R$  be a ring, and  $S$  a subset of  $R$ .  $S$  is a subring if and only if all of the following are satisfied for all elements  $a, b \in S$ :

1.  $S \neq \emptyset$
2.  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a + b \in S$
3.  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a \cdot b \in S$
4.  $a \in S \Rightarrow -a \in S$

2) Prove that  $2\mathbb{Z}$  is a ring.