

Proof Division of Fractions

Prove: $\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad}{bc}$

STATEMENTS

REASONS

$$\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a/b}{c/d}$$

Rewrite division as a complex fraction

$$\frac{d}{c} \in \text{Real Numbers}$$

Multiplicative Inverse

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} * \mathbf{1} = \frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} * \frac{d}{d}$$

Multiplication by 1/Substitution

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{\frac{c}{d}} * \frac{d}{d} = \frac{\frac{ad}{bc}}{1}$$

Multiplicative Inverse

$$\frac{\frac{ad}{bc}}{1} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

Identity Multiplication

$$\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

Transitive Property