## Assignment # 2. Due Sept. 25, 13:00

**Problem 1.** Using the induction principle prove that **a.** for every integer  $n \ge 1$  one has

$$1^{3} + 2^{3} + 3^{3} + \dots + n^{3} = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^{2};$$

**b.**  $8^n - 3^n$  is divisible by 5 for every integer  $n \ge 1$ ; **c.** for every integer  $n \ge 2$  one has

$$1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot \ldots \cdot (2n+1) < n^{2n}.$$

**Problem 2.** Using only definitions and axioms A1 – A4 prove that **a.** -0 = 0; **b.** 0 - 1 = -1

**Problem 3.** Using only definitions and axioms A1 – A9 prove that **a.** for every  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$  one has (-a)b = -(ab); **b.** for every  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  one has (-1)a = -a.

(In this problem you may also use the fact saying that x0 = 0 for every  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ).