

**Handout**  $1\frac{1}{2}$   
 The Lemmas We Need for Basic Proofs  
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Let our universe be  $\mathbb{R}$ .

You may assume:

Lemma 1:  $0 < 1$ .

Lemma 2: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  It is the case that  $x \cdot 0 = 0$ .

Lemma 3:  $(-1) \cdot (-1) = 1$ .

Lemma 4: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is the case that  $(-1) \cdot x = -x$

Lemma 5: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is the case that  $x - y = x + (-y) = x + -y$ .

Definition 1: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is the case that  $x \cdot x = x^2$ .

Definition 2: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R} \wedge n \in \mathbb{N}$ . It is the case that  $x \cdot x = x^2$  whilst  $\underbrace{x \cdot \dots \cdot x}_{n \text{ times}} = x^n$ .

Law of Exponents: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}, a \in \mathbb{R},$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

$$(1) x^a \cdot x^b = x^{(a+b)}$$

$$(2) x^a \cdot b^a = (x \cdot b)^a$$

$$(3) x^a \div x^b = x^{(a-b)} \text{ when } x^b \neq 0$$

$$(4) (x^a)^b = x^{a \cdot b}$$

Definition S.1: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is the case that  $x$  is positive if and only if  $x > 0$ .

Definition S.2: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is the case that  $x$  is non-negative if and only if  $x \geq 0$ .

Definition S.3: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is the case that  $x$  is non-positive if and only if  $x \leq 0$ .

Definition S.4: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is the case that  $x$  is negative if and only if  $x < 0$ .

FOR NUMBER THEORETIC CLAIMS  
 PROPERTIES OF NATURAL, INTEGERS, OR RATIONAL NUMBERS THAT YOU MAY  
 ASSUME:

Closure of addition in  $\mathbb{N}$ : Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(m + n) \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Closure of multiplication in  $\mathbb{N}$ : Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then  $(m \cdot n) \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Closure of addition in  $\mathbb{Z}$ : Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $(a + b) \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Closure of subtraction in  $\mathbb{Z}$ : Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $(a - b) \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Closure of multiplication in  $\mathbb{Z}$ : Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $(m \cdot n) \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Closure of addition in  $\mathbb{Q}$ : Let  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $(p + q) \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Closure of subtraction in  $\mathbb{Q}$ : Let  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $(p - q) \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Closure of multiplication in  $\mathbb{Q}$ : Let  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $(p \cdot q) \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

Closure of non-zero division in  $\mathbb{Q}$ : Let  $p \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $q \in \mathbb{Q}$  where  $q \neq 0$ , then  $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

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Definition 3: Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $m$  is even if and only if it is the case that there is some natural number  $j$  (meaning  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ) such that  $m = 2 \cdot j$ .

Definition 4: Let  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $m$  is odd if and only if it is the case that there is some natural number  $j$  (meaning  $j \in \mathbb{N}$ ) such that  $m = 2 \cdot j - 1$ .

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Definition 5: Let  $w \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $w$  is even if and only if it is the case that there is some integer  $p$  (meaning  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) such that  $w = 2 \cdot p$ .

Definition 6: Let  $w \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $w$  is odd if and only if it is the case that there is some integer  $p$  (meaning  $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) such that  $w = 2 \cdot p + 1$ .

Definition 6 version 2: Let  $w \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $w$  is odd if and only if it is the case that there is some integer  $q$  (meaning  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) such that  $w = 2 \cdot q - 1$ .

You may not assume (start trying to prove):

Lemma 6: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R} \ni x \geq 0$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R} \ni y \geq 0$ .

It is the case that  $\sqrt{x}$  exists,  $\sqrt{y}$  exists,  $\wedge \sqrt{x} \cdot \sqrt{y} = \sqrt{x \cdot y}$ .

Lemma 7: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R} \ni x \geq 0$ . It is the case that  $\sqrt{x} \geq 0$ .

Lemma 8: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is the case that  $x = 0 \wedge y = 0 \implies x = 0 \vee y = 0$ .

Lemma 9: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is the case that  $x \cdot y = 0 \implies x = 0 \wedge y = 0$ .

Lemma 10: Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $y \in \mathbb{R}$ . It is the case that  $x \cdot y \neq 0 \implies x \neq 0 \vee y \neq 0$ .

If there are **any other** seemingly ‘obvious’ definitions, lemmas, theorems, corollaries, laws, etc. *you wish to cite for a proof for class, please ask about it as soon as possible.*