Important terms used in mathematics texts Same as postulates but sometimes used to refer to truths from a related mathematical theory Basic self-evident truths formalising properties of undefined terms in a mathematical theory Axiom Postulate New terms explained in terms of previously used terms. Definition a theorem which is not very important by itself but is useful/required to prove a more important theorem Lemma Theorem a theorem which follows as a logical consequence of another lemma or theorem. Corollary a theorem which trivially follows from a definition, axiom/postulate, or is trivail corollary. Fact All of them are actually "theorems" and hence require a "proof" Principle Law Proof/Derivation Principles of localization and static scoping. Claim: