

1. Definitions and Facts

(a) An integer n is **even** if

(b) An integer n is **odd** if

(c) Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. We say a **divides** b if

Alternate wording:

(d) A number $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is **prime** if

A number $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is **composite** if

(e) Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. The **greatest common division of a and b** (denoted $\gcd(a, b)$) is

(f) $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$. The **least common multiple of a and b** (denoted $\text{lcm}(a, b)$) is

(g) **Fact 4.1:** If $a, b, \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $a + b$, $a - b$, and ab are also in \mathbb{Z} .

Alternate wording:

(h) **The Division Algorithm** For every $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $b \in \mathbb{N} - \{0\}$, there exists unique integers q and r such that

2. Outline for a **Direct Proof**

Proposition: If P , then Q .

Proof: (direct) Suppose P (is true).

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Thus, Q (is true).

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3. Prove that for every integer m , if n is even, then $3n^2 - 5mn - 8$ is also even.

4. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Prove that if $x \leq y$, then $\sqrt{x} \leq \sqrt{y}$.

5. Rigid and Unforgiving Rules

- (a) All parts of all proofs are complete sentences which begin with a word in English and end with a period. No sentence fragments.
- (b) The following symbols never appear: $\forall, \exists, \Rightarrow, \vee, \wedge$.
- (c) **All** strings of equalities are aligned vertically, with justification.

6. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that if $a \mid b$, then $a^2 \mid b^2$.

7. Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^+$. Prove that $\sqrt{xy} \leq \frac{x+y}{2}$. (Hint at the bottom of the paper.)

Start with what you know about $(x-y)^2$.