



INTRO TO ABSTRACT MATH  
FALL 2009

HOMEWORK 5  
DUE SEPTEMBER 14

**Exercise 13.** Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that if  $xy$  is odd then  $x$  and  $y$  are both odd.

**Exercise 14.** Prove that all prime numbers greater than 2 are odd.

**Exercise 15.** Show that  $\log_2(3)$  is irrational.

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**Notation:** For  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  if  $a$  divides  $b$  we write  $a|b$ .

**Definition:** An natural number  $p \geq 2$  is called *prime* if the only natural numbers that divide  $p$  are 1 and  $p$ .

**Theorem:** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $p \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $p$  is prime and  $p|ab$  then  $p|a$  or  $p|b$ .

**Recall:**  $\log_a(x) = y$  if and only if  $a^y = x$ .