

Mathematics 52 Handout 2 Fall 2016 Professor: Mohammed Kaabar Course ID: (27488) and (27501)

Note: This handout covers important notes from the real numbers operations and properties. <u>Important Notes 1: GENERAL</u>

+ - = -- += -- -= + + += +

• Same signs are always **POSITIVE**, while different signs are always **NEGATIVE**.

Important Notes 2: MULTIPLICATION

+ number1 · - number2 = -(number1 · number2)
- number1 · + number2 = -(number1 · number2)
+ number1 · + number2 = +(number1 · number2)
- number1 · - number2 = +(number1 · number2)

• Same signs are always **<u>POSITIVE</u>**, while different signs are always **<u>NEGATIVE</u>**.

Important Notes 3: DIVISION

$$\frac{+ number 1}{- (non - zero number 2)} = -\frac{number 1}{(non - zero number 2)}$$
$$\frac{- number 1}{+ (non - zero number 2)} = -\frac{number 1}{(non - zero number 2)}$$
$$\frac{+ number 1}{+ (non - zero number 2)} = +\frac{number 1}{(non - zero number 2)}$$
$$\frac{- number 1}{- (non - zero number 2)} = +\frac{number 1}{(non - zero number 2)}$$

• Same signs are always **<u>POSITIVE</u>**, while different signs are always **<u>NEGATIVE</u>**.

Important Notes 4: Order of Operation

To simplify (evaluate) any math expression, you need to follow the following order:

STEP 1: Evaluate anything inside brackets.

STEP 2: Evaluate powers (exponents).

STEP 3: Evaluate <u>multiplication</u> and <u>division</u> from <u>LEFT</u> to <u>RIGHT</u>.

STEP 4: Evaluate <u>addition</u> and <u>subtraction</u> from <u>LEFT</u> to <u>RIGHT</u>.

Important Notes 5: General

- Any number to the power (exponent) zero is always 1 such as: $2^0 = 1$ and $e^0 = 1$.
- Any number divided by zero is <u>undefined.</u>
- Zero divided by any <u>non-zero number is always zero</u>.
- Zero divided by zero is indeterminate (we cannot determine the answer).
- Negative of a negative number *is always positive*.



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