

## Additional Problem Assignment 2

1. For each of the following state that the following is true or give a counter-example. You don't need to prove the truth of any of the statements.
  - (a)  $\otimes$  defined by  $a \otimes b = a^b$  is a binary operator on  $\mathbb{N}$ , the natural numbers.
  - (b)  $\otimes$  defined by  $a \otimes b = a^b$  is a binary operator on  $\mathbb{Q}^+$ , the positive rational numbers.
  - (c)  $\otimes$  defined by  $a \otimes b = 7$  is an associative binary operator on  $\mathbb{R}$ , the real numbers.
  - (d)  $\otimes$  defined by  $a \otimes b = a + b + 1$  is a commutative binary operator on the odd natural numbers.
  - (e)  $\otimes$  defined by  $a \otimes b = a$  is an associative binary operator on  $\mathbb{R}$ .