►. 1.

The symbol for the rational numbers is $\mathbb{Q}$ while the symbol for the irrational numbers is $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ .
So you can express that x is an irrational number by $x \notin \mathbb{Q}$ or by $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ .
Recall for any sets R and Q, the set <u>R</u> set minus Q is the set $R \setminus Q \stackrel{\text{def.}}{=} \{x \in R \colon x \notin Q\}.$
Note the difference in direction in the backslash for set minus $(R \setminus Q)$ and quotient of <u>numbers</u> $(1/2 = 0.5)$ .
You may use the fact we showed in class that if p is a prime then $\sqrt{p}$ is irrational.
<b>Theorem 1.</b> If x is a real number, then $(x + \sqrt{2})$ is irrational or $(-x + \sqrt{2})$ is irrational. Symbolically write Theorem 1.

2. Prove Theorem 1. Hint. You may use (without proving) Proposition 3.19 (p. 123)

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