

Algebra I  
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## CHAPTER 1 INTEGERS

### 1.1 Divisors

1. Let  $m, n, r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $m^2 + n^2 = r^2 + s^2 = mr + ns$ , prove that  $m = r$  and  $n = s$ .

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We select  $m, n, r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$ , given  $m^2 + n^2 = r^2 + s^2 = mr + ns$  which can write as  $m^2 + n^2 - mr - ns = r^2 + s^2 - mr - ns$ . From here we can simplify:

$$m^2 + n^2 - mr - ns = r^2 + s^2 - mr - ns \Rightarrow m(m - r) + n(n - s) = r(r - m) + s(s - n)$$

$$\Rightarrow m(m - r) + n(n - s) - r(r - m) - s(s - n) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m(m - r) + r(m - r) + n(n - s) + s(n - s) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m - r)(m + r) + (n - s)(n + s) = 0$$

from here we can see that in order for  $(m - r)(m + r) + (n - s)(n + s) = 0$  to be true

$m = r$  and  $n = s$ .



5. Use the Euclidean algorithm to find the following greatest common divisors

a (6643, 2873)

b (7684, 4148)

c (26460, 12600)

d (6540, 1206)

e (12091, 8439)

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(a) (6643, 2873)

$$6643 = 2873 * 2 + 897$$

$$2873 = 897 * 3 + 182$$

$$897 = 182 * 4 + 169$$

$$182 = 169 * 1 + 13$$

$$169 = 13 * 13$$











9. let  $a, b, c$  be integers such that  $a + b + c = 0$ . Show that if  $n$  is an integer which is a divisor of two of the three integers, then it is also a divisor of the third.

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Select  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$  to satisfy  $a + b + c = 0$ , WLOG let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $n|a$  and  $n|b$ . Since  $(a + b) + c = 0$  it must be that  $(a + b) = -c$ . From here we must show  $n|(a + b)$ , or  $a + b = nq$ . Since  $n|a$  and  $n|b$  we may write  $a = nq_1$  and  $b = nq_2$ , yielding,  $nq_1 + nq_2 = n(q_1 + q_2) = nq$  thus  $n|c$ , as desired.  $\square$

13. Show that if  $n$  is any integer, then  $(10n+3, 5n+2) = 1$

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We begin with the Euclidean algorithm,

$$10n + 3 = (5n + 2) 1 + (5n + 1)$$

$$5n + 2 = (5n + 1) 1 + 1$$

from here we have  $(10n + 3, 5n + 2) = (5n + 2, 5n + 1) = 1$ , as desired.

15. For what positive integers  $n$  is it true that  $(n, n + 2) = 2$ ? Prove your claim.

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The conjecture is that the statement is true for even values of  $n$ . We begin with rewriting  $n$  in terms of  $k$ ,  $n = 2k$  the Euclidean algorithm,

$$(2k) + 2 = (2k) 1 + (2)$$

$$2k = (2) k$$

from here we have  $(n + 2, n) = (2k + 2, 2k) = 2$ , as desired.

17. Show that the positive integer  $k$  is the difference of two odd squares if and only if  $k$  is divisible by 8.

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We begin by writing  $k = a^2 - b^2$ , since  $a$  and  $b$  are odd we can write,

$$a = 2r + 1$$

$$b = 2s + 1$$

from here we have  $a^2 - b^2 = 4(r + s + 1)(r - s)$ . Since  $k > 0$  we must consider two cases  $r - s = 2m + 1$  and  $r - s = 2m$ .

$$r - s = 2m:$$

In this case we have  $a^2 - b^2 = 4(r + s + 1)2m = 8(r + s + 1)m$  and we are done.

$$r - s = 2m + 1:$$



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