

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)

d (6540, 1206)

b (7684, 4148)

e (12091, 8439)

c (26460, 12600)

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(a) (6643, 2873)

$$6643 = 2873 * 2 + 897$$

$$2873 = 897 * 3 + 182$$

$$897 = 182 * 4 + 169$$

$$182 = 169 * 1 + 13$$

$$169 = 13 * 13$$

(b) (7684, 4148)

$$7684 = 4148 * 1 + 3536$$

$$4148 = 3536 * 1 + 612$$

$$3536 = 612 * 5 + 476$$

$$612 = 476 * 1 + 136$$

$$476 = 136 * 3 + 68$$

$$136 = 68 * 2$$

(c) (26460, 12600)

$$26460 = 12600 * 2 + 1260$$

$$12600 = 1260 * 10$$





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.

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



## 1.2 Primes

1. Find the prime factorizations of each of the following numbers, and use them to compute the greatest common divisor and least common multiple of the given pairs of numbers.

(a) (35, 14)

(c) (252, 11)

(e) (6643, 2873)

(b) (15, 11)

(d) (7684, 4148)

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(a) (35, 14)	14 : 2, 7	(d) (7684, 4148)	4148 : 2, 2, 17, 61
35 : 5, 7	gcd: 7	7684 : 2, 2, 17, 113	gcd: 68
	lcm: 70		lcm: 468724
(b) (15, 11)	11 : 11	(e) (6643, 2873)	2873 : 13, 13, 17
15 : 3, 5	gcd: 1	6643 : 7, 13, 73	gcd: 13
	lcm: 165		lcm: 1468103
(c) (252, 180)	180 : 2, 2, 3, 3, 5		
252 : 2, 2, 3, 3, 7	gcd: 36		
	lcm: 1260		

2. US the sieve of Eratosthenes to find all prime numbers less than 200.

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	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110
111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120
121	122	123	124	125	126	127	128	129	130
131	132	133	134	135	136	137	138	139	140
141	142	143	144	145	146	147	148	149	150
151	152	153	154	155	156	157	158	159	160
161	162	163	164	165	166	167	168	169	170
171	172	173	174	175	176	177	178	179	180
181	182	183	184	185	186	187	188	189	190
191	192	193	194	195	196	197	198	199	200



4. Find all positive integers less than 60 and relatively prime to 60.

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60 : 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, 31, 37, 41, 43, 47, 49, 53, 59

9. (a) For which  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  is  $n^3 - 1$  a prime number?

(b) For which  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  is  $n^3 + 1$  a prime number?

(c) For which  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  is  $n^2 - 1$  a prime number?

(d) For which  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  is  $n^2 + 1$  a prime number?

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(a) We can factor  $n^3 - 1$  into  $(n - 1)(n^2 + n + 1)$ . We have then  $n - 1 | n^3 - 1$ , for  $n^3 - 1$  to be prime  $n - 1$  must be 1. This happens only for  $n = 2$ .

(b) We can factor  $n^3 + 1$  into  $(n + 1)(n^2 - n + 1)$ . We have then  $(n^2 - n + 1) | n^3 + 1$ , for  $n^3 + 1$  to be prime  $(n^2 - n + 1)$  must be 1. This happens only for  $n = 1$ .

(c) We can factor  $n^2 - 1$  into  $(n - 1)(n + 1)$ . We have then  $(n - 1) | n^2 - 1$ , for  $n^2 - 1$  to be prime  $(n - 1)$  must be 1. This happens only for  $n = 2$ . For which  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  is  $n^2 - 1$  a prime number?

(d) ????



11. Prove that  $n^4 + 4^n$  is composite if  $n > 1$ .

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We are presented with two potability's,  $n$  is even or  $n$  is odd.

$n$  even

It's obvious that  $n^4 + 4^n$  is an even not 2 and can't be prime.

$n$  odd

We begin by completing the square

$$\begin{aligned}n^4 + 4^n &= n^4 + 4^n \\&= (n^2)^2 + (2^n)^2 \\&= (n^2 + 2^n)^2 - 2n^2 2^n\end{aligned}$$

We from here we observe that  $2^n 2 = 2^{n+1}$ , since  $n$  is odd  $n + 1$  is even yielding  $2^{n+1} = 2^{2k}$ . We can see we have a difference of squares

$$\begin{aligned}(n^2 + 2^n)^2 - 2n^2 2^n &= (n^2 + 2^n)^2 - (2^n n)^2 \\&= (n^2 + 2^n + 2^n n) (n^2 + 2^n - 2^n n)\end{aligned}$$

since we are restricted to  $n > 1$  we can see that both  $(n^2 + 2^n + 2^n n) > 1$  and  $(n^2 + 2^n - 2^n n) > 1$  for all  $n$ . Making  $n^4 + 4^n$  composite as desired.

13. Let  $a, b, c$  be positive integers, and let  $d = (a, b)$ . Since  $d|a$ , there exists an integer  $h$  with  $a = dh$ . Show that  $a|bc$ , then  $h|c$ .

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14. Show that  $a\mathbb{Z} \cap b\mathbb{Z} = [a, b]$ .

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Let  $x \in (a\mathbb{Z} \cap b\mathbb{Z})$ , since  $x \in a\mathbb{Z}$  we have  $x = aq_1$ , similarly since  $x \in b\mathbb{Z}$  we have  $x = bq_2$ .

We can see that  $x = abq$ , this means  $x$  is a multiple of  $[a, b]$  putting  $x \in [a, b]$ . Next, we

let  $x \in [a, b] \mathbb{Z}$ , this means  $x$  is of the form  $x = [a, b] q$ . We can see that  $a|x$  and  $b|x$  since

$a|[a, b]$ , This makes  $x \in a\mathbb{Z}$  and  $x \in b\mathbb{Z}$ , as desired.

17. Let  $a, b$  be nonzero integers. Prove  $(a, b) = 1$  if and only if  $(a + b, ab) = 1$ .

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$\Rightarrow$  We let  $(a, b) = 1$ , then consider the  $(a + b, ab)$ . We assume  $(a + b, ab) = d$ , with  $d > 1$ . Since  $d > 1$  there must exist  $p$  a prime such that  $p|d$ . This means that  $p|a + b$  and  $p|ab$ . Consequently, either  $p|a$  or  $p|b$ . WOLOG we have  $p|a$ , and since  $p|a + b$  it must be that  $p|b$ . Finally, since  $p|a$  and  $p|b$ ,  $p|(a, b)$  a contradiction. So  $(a + b, ab) = 1$ .

$\Leftarrow$  We let  $(a + b, ab) = 1$ , then consider the  $(a, b)$ . We assume  $(a, b) = d$ , with  $d > 1$ . Since  $d > 1$  there must exist  $p$  a prime such that  $p|d$ . This means that  $p|a$  and  $p|b$ , further  $p|ab$ . Since  $p$  divides  $a$  and  $b$ , we have  $p|a + b$ . Finally, since  $p|ab$ , and  $p|a + b$ ,  $p|(a + b, ab)$ , a contradiction so  $(a, b) = 1$ .

18. Let  $a, b$  be nonzero integers with  $(a, b) = 1$ . Compute  $(a + b, a - b)$ .

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20. A positive integer  $a$  is called a square if  $a = n^2$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Show that the integer  $a > 1$  is a square if and only if every exponent in its prime factorization is even.

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Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  be a square. Since  $a$  is a square by definition there exists a  $n$  such that  $nn = a$ . Now by the fundamental theorem of arithmetic we know  $n$  has a prime factorization, written  $p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_k^{n_k}$ . If we consider  $nn$ , we have  $nn = (p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_k^{n_k})(p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_k^{n_k})$ , by combining terms we can see that  $nn = (p_1^{2n_1} \cdots p_k^{2n_k})$ , as desired.





26. Prove that if  $a > 1$ , then there is a prime  $p$  with  $a < p \leq a! + 1$ .

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29. Show that  $\log 2 / \log 3$  is not a rational number.

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