## Group 1 (Wed 17/11, 17–19), Group 2 (Thu 18/11, 12–14), Group 3 (Fri 19/11, 8–10)

**1.** An integer k with n = ak:

(a) 
$$20 = 4 \cdot 5$$

(b) 
$$-25 = 5 \cdot (-5)$$

(c) 
$$9 = -3 \cdot -3$$

(d) 
$$-27 = -9 \cdot 3$$

(e) 
$$23 = 1 \cdot 23$$

(f) 
$$17 = -1 \cdot (-17)$$

(g) 
$$0 = -5 \cdot 0$$

(h) 
$$75 = 75 \cdot 1$$

**2.** a|b if there is k such that  $b=a\cdot k$ .

(a) 
$$x|0$$
, because  $0 = x \cdot 0$ 

(b) 
$$1|x$$
, because  $x = 1 \cdot x$ 

(c) 
$$x|x$$
, because  $x = x \cdot 1$ 

**3.** We have that

$$\frac{2n+3}{n} = 2 + \frac{3}{n}.$$

The result is an integer if and only if  $\frac{3}{n}$  is an integer. This happens exactly when  $n \in \{-3, -1, 1, 3\}$ .

(b) By definition  $a \in \langle b \rangle \iff b|a$ .

 $(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose that m|n. If  $a \in \langle n \rangle$ , then n|a. We have by Lemma 1(b) that m|a. This means that  $a \in \langle m \rangle$ . We have proved  $\langle n \rangle \subseteq \langle m \rangle$ 

 $(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose  $\langle n \rangle \subseteq \langle m \rangle$ . Because  $n \in \langle n \rangle \subseteq \langle m \rangle$ , we have m|n.

**4.** We have that gcd(2016, 323) = 1, because

$$2016 = 6 * 323 + 78$$

$$323 = 4 * 78 + 11$$

$$78 = 7 * 11 + 1$$

$$11 = 11 * 1 + 0$$

We can now write

$$1 = 78 - 7 * 11 = (2016 - 6 * 323) - 7 * (323 - 4 * 78)$$

$$= 2016 - 13 * 323 + 28 * 78 = 2016 - 13 * 323 + 28 * (2016 - 6 * 323)$$

$$= 29 * 2016 - (13 + 28 * 6) * 323 = \boxed{29} * 2016 - \boxed{181} * 323$$

**5.** (a) lcm(8, 12) = 24, lcm(20, 30) = 60, lcm(51, 68) = 204, lcm(23, 18) = 414

(b) For instance, gcd(51, 68) = 17 and lcm(51, 68) = 204.

Now 51 \* 68 = 3468 and 17 \* 204 = 3468. It seems to be that

$$a * b = lcm(a, b) * gcd(a, b)$$

(c) By (b), we have that

$$lcm(a,b) = \frac{a * b}{\gcd(a,b)}$$

We have gcd(301337, 307829) = 541, because

$$301337 = 0 * 307829 + 301337$$

$$307829 = 1 * 301337 + 6492$$

$$301337 = 46 * 6492 + 2705$$

$$6492 = 2 * 2705 + 1082$$

$$2705 = 2 * 1082 + 541$$

$$1082 = 2 * 541 + 0$$

We can now solve

$$lcm(301337, 307829) = (301337 * 307829)/541 = 171460753$$

**6.** First we see that

$$\frac{ab}{\gcd(a,b)} = a \frac{b}{\gcd(a,b)} = b \frac{a}{\gcd(a,b)}$$

This means that  $\frac{ab}{\gcd(a,b)}$  is a common multiple of a and b. Because  $\operatorname{lcm}(a,b)$  is the smallest common multiple of a and b, we have

$$\frac{ab}{\gcd(a,b)} \ge \operatorname{lcm}(a,b) \tag{1}$$

On the other hand, by Theorem 2 (Division Theorem), we can write

$$ab = q \operatorname{lcm}(a, b) + r$$
, where  $0 < r < \operatorname{lcm}(a, b)$ .

Because  $\operatorname{lcm}(a,b) = sa$  and  $\operatorname{lcm}(a,b) = tb$  for some s and t, we have ab = qsa + r. If we divide by a, we get  $b = qs + \frac{r}{a}$ . Similarly, we have ab = qtb + r and dividing by b we obtain  $a = qt + \frac{r}{b}$ . Suppose that  $r \neq 0$ . Then the above mean that a|r and b|r. Therefore, there are  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  such that  $r = k_1a = k_2b$ , and r is a common multiplier of a and b. On the other hand  $r < \operatorname{lcm}(a,b)$ , which contradicts the minimality of  $\operatorname{lcm}(a,b)$ . Hence, we must have r = 0 and  $\operatorname{lcm}(a,b)$  divides ab. Notice that

$$\frac{ab}{\operatorname{lcm}(a,b)} = \frac{a}{\operatorname{lcm}(a,b)/b} = \frac{b}{\operatorname{lcm}(a,b)/a}$$

is a common divisor of a and b. By the maximality of the  $\gcd(a,b),$ 

$$\frac{ab}{\operatorname{lcm}(a,b)} \le \gcd(a,b),$$

which directly gives

$$\frac{ab}{\gcd(a,b)} \le \operatorname{lcm}(a,b) \tag{2}$$

Combining (1) and (2), we get

$$ab = \operatorname{lcm}(a, b) \gcd(a, b)$$