

MATH 135: Extra Practice Set 5

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Question 1. (a) Use the Extended Euclidean Algorithm to find three integers x , y and $d = \gcd(1112, 768)$ such that $1112x + 768y = d$. (b) Determine integers s and t such that $768s - 1112t = \gcd(768, -1112)$.

Question 2. Prove that for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\gcd(9a + 4, 2a + 1) = 1$.

Question 3. Let $\gcd(x, y) = d$. Express $\gcd(18x + 3y, 3x)$ in terms of d and prove that you are correct.

Question 4. Prove that if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, then $\gcd(2a + b, a + 2b) \in \{1, 3\}$.

Question 5. Prove that for every integer k , $\gcd(a, b) \leq \gcd(ak, b)$.

Question 6. Given a rational number r , prove that there exist coprime integers p and q , with $q \neq 0$, so that $r = \frac{p}{q}$.

Question 7. Prove that: if $a \mid c$ and $b \mid c$ and $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, then $ab \mid c$.

Question 8. Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ and $c \mid a$, then $\gcd(b, c) = 1$.

Question 9. Prove that if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, then $\gcd(a^m, b^n) = 1$ for all $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$. You may use the result of an example in the notes.

Question 10. Suppose a, b and n are integers. Prove that $n \mid \gcd(a, n) \cdot \gcd(b, n)$ if and only if $n \mid ab$.