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HW 9: 2.25-2.31

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**2.25 Theorem.** *Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $n$  be integers. If  $a \mid n$ ,  $b \mid n$ , and  $(a, b) = 1$ , then  $ab \mid n$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $n$  be integers where  $a \mid n$ ,  $b \mid n$ , and  $(a, b) = 1$ . We will show that  $ab \mid n$ . Let  $p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \cdots p_m^{r_m}$  be the unique prime factorization of  $a$ ,  $q_1^{r_1} q_2^{r_2} \cdots q_s^{r_s}$  be the unique prime factorization of  $b$ , and  $x_1^{y_1} x_2^{y_2} \cdots x_z^{y_z}$  be the unique prime factorization of  $n$ . Now, since  $a$  and  $b$  are coprime, there cannot be any  $i$  and  $j$  such that  $p_i = q_j$ , because if there were,  $(a, b)$  would be  $p_i$ . This means that the unique prime factorization of  $ab$  is  $p_1^{r_1} q_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} q_2^{r_2} \cdots p_m^{r_m} q_s^{r_s}$ , with  $s$  and  $m$  possibly being different and none of these terms combining. However, by theorem 2.12, we have that for all integers  $i \leq m$  there exists a  $u \leq z$  such that  $p_i = x_u$  and  $r_i \leq y_u$ , and for all integers  $j \leq s$  there exists an integer  $v \leq z$  such that  $q_j = x_v$  and  $r_j \leq y_v$ . Therefore given the unique prime factorization of  $ab$  and theorem 2.12, this means that  $ab \mid n$ .

OR

This is just theorem 1.42, restated exactly. □

**2.26 Theorem.** *Let  $p$  be prime and let  $a$  be an integer. Then  $p$  does not divide  $a$  if and only if  $(a, p) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $p$  be prime and let  $a$  be an integer.

First, assume that  $p \nmid a$ . Since  $p$  is prime, the only divisors that  $p$  has are 1 and itself. And since  $p \nmid a$ , the only divisor  $p$  and  $a$  could possibly share is 1. Therefore  $(a, p) = 1$ .

Now, assume that  $(a, p) = 1$ . Since all numbers divide themselves, if  $p \mid a$ , then  $(a, p)$  would be  $p$ . Therefore  $p \nmid a$ . □

**2.27 Theorem.** *Let  $p$  be prime and let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers. If  $p \mid ab$ , then  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $p$  be prime and let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers with  $p \mid ab$ . We will show that  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$ . Assume by way of contradiction that  $p \nmid a$  and  $p \nmid b$ . Since  $p$  is prime, the unique prime factorization of  $p$  is just  $p$ . By theorem 2.12 and our assumption, this means that  $p$  is not a member of the unique prime factorizations of either  $a$  or  $b$ . This means in turn that  $p$  is not a member of the unique prime factorization of  $ab$ . And by theorem 2.12, this implies that  $p \nmid ab$ , so we have our contradiction. Therefore  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$ .  $\square$

**2.28 Theorem.** *Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be integers. If  $(b, c) = 1$ , then  $(a, bc) = (a, b) \cdot (a, c)$ .*

*Solution.* Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be integers with  $(b, c) = 1$ . By definition,  $(a, b) \mid a$ , and by theorem 1.6  $(a, b) \mid bc$ . Similarly,  $(a, c) \mid a$  and  $(a, c) \mid bc$ . Now by definition of gcd,  $((a, b), (a, c))$  will be the greatest of all the divisors common to  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ , which since  $(b, c) = 1$ , is 1. So  $(a, b) \cdot (a, c)$  is a divisor of both  $a$  and  $bc$ . //TODO Finish  $\square$

**2.29 Theorem.** *Let  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  be integers. If  $(a, b) = 1$  and  $(a, c) = 1$ , then  $(a, bc) = 1$ .*

*Solution.* Let  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  be integers with  $(a, b) = 1$  and  $(a, c) = 1$ . We will show that  $(a, bc) = 1$ . Let  $A$  be the set of primes in the unique prime factorization of  $a$ ,  $B$  for  $b$  and  $C$  for  $c$ . So we can say that there is no prime  $p$  which is a common element of either the sets  $A$  and  $B$  or the sets  $A$  and  $C$ , because if there was, we would have  $(a, b) = p$  or  $(a, c) = p$ . Therefore  $A \cap (B \cup C)$  is empty. Now consider any integer  $k$  which is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $bc$ . Let  $K$  be the set of primes in the unique prime factorization of  $k$ . By theorem 2.12, since  $k \mid a$  and  $k \mid bc$ , every element of  $K$  must be an element of both  $A$  and  $(B \cup C)$ . That is  $K$  is a subset of  $A \cap (B \cup C)$ . However,  $A \cap (B \cup C)$  is empty, so  $K$  must also be empty. Therefore  $k$  must be 1, that is the only common divisor of  $a$  and  $bc$  is 1, so  $(a, bc) = 1$ .  $\square$

**2.30 Theorem.** *Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers. If  $(a, b) = d$ , then  $(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $D$  be prime factorizations of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $d$  respectively. Theorem 2.12 assures us that there is no prime  $p$  that is a part of  $D$  but not  $A$  or  $B$ . So  $\frac{a}{d}$  will be  $\frac{A}{D}$ , which can be found by subtracting exponents of common primes. The same is true for  $b$  and  $d$ . //TODO finish  $\square$

**2.31 Theorem.** *Let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $u$ , and  $v$  be integers. If  $(a, b) = 1$  and  $u \mid a$  and  $v \mid b$ , then  $(u, v) = 1$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $u$ , and  $v$  be integers with  $(a, b) = 1$  and  $u \mid a$  and  $v \mid b$ . We will show  $(u, v) = 1$ . Let  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $U$ , and  $V$  represent the sets of primes in the unique prime factorizations of  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $u$ , and  $v$  respectively. Let  $p$  be any element of  $A$ . If  $p$  was also in  $B$ , then  $(a, b)$  would be greater than or equal to  $p$ . So  $A \cap B$  is empty. However, by theorem 2.12,  $U$  is a subset of  $A$  and  $V$  is a subset of  $B$ , so  $U \cap V$  must also be empty. Therefore  $(u, v) = 1$ .  $\square$