

MT241P FINITE MATHEMATICS

2. ASSIGNMENT

Upload your solutions to the following questions by Friday 4pm, 28.10.2022:

Q.2.1, Q.2.3(1), Q.2.4(1),(2), Q.2.5, Q.2.6(1), Q.2.7, Q.2.8

Question 2.1. Give a proof for Euclid's Lemma.

Question 2.2.

- (1) Let $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$. Use the Division algorithm to show that if $pq = 1$, then $p, q \in \{\pm 1\}$.
- (2) Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Show $a \mid b$ and $b \mid a$ if and only if $b = \pm a$

Question 2.3. Use Euclid's Algorithm to find the greatest common divisor of the two given integers a and b . Furthermore express $\gcd(a, b)$ as a linear combination of a and b , that is, find integers x and y such that $\gcd(a, b) = ax + by$.

- (1) $a = 1841$, $b = -392$
- (2) $a = 23427$, $b = 26049$
- (3) $a = -1931$, $b = 4722$

Question 2.4. Determine all positive integer solutions (if any exist) of the following Linear Diophantine Equations:

- (1) $172x + 20y = 1000$
- (2) $123x + 360y = 91$
- (3) $158x - 57y = 7$

Question 2.5. A farmer bought 100 livestock for a total cost of 4000 Euro. Calves cost 120 Euro each, Lambs 50 each and Piglets 25 Euro each. If the farmer obtained an even number of animals of each type, how many did he buy?

Question 2.6. (1) Alcuin of York (775 ad): A hundred bushels of grain are distributed among 100 persons in such a way that each man receives 3 bushels, each woman 2 bushels, and each child $\frac{1}{2}$ a bushel. How many men, women and children are there?

(2) Mahaviracarya (850 ad): There were 63 equal piles of plantain fruit put together and 7 single fruit. They were divided equally amongst 23 travelers. What is the minimal number of fruits in each pile?

(3) Christoff Rudolff (1526 ad): Find the number of men, women and children in a company of 20 persons if together they pay 20 coins, each man paying 3, each woman 2 and each child $\frac{1}{2}$.

(4) Leonhard Euler (1770 ad): Divide 100 into two positive summands such that one is divisible by 7 and the other by 11.

Question 2.7. Find an example for integers a, b, c and an integer $n \geq 1$ such that $ac \equiv bc \pmod{n}$, but $a \not\equiv b \pmod{n}$.

Question 2.8. Let a, b, c, d, n be integers, with $n \geq 1$. Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$. Show that

- (1) $ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$
- (2) $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n}$, for all integers $k \geq 0$