

- 2.) a.)  $\gcd(2, 10) = 2$ ,  $\text{lcm}(2, 10) = 10$   
 b.)  $\gcd(20, 8) = 4$ ,  $\text{lcm}(20, 8) = 40$   
 c.)  $\gcd(12, 40) = 4$ ,  $\text{lcm}(12, 40) = 120$   
 d.)  $\gcd(21, 50) = 1$ ,  $\text{lcm}(21, 50) = 1050$   
 e.)  $\gcd(p^2q^2, pq^3) = pq^2$ ,  $\text{lcm}(p^2q^2, pq^3) = p^2q^3$

- 7.) **Question:** If  $a$  and  $b$  are integers and  $n$  is a positive integer, prove that  $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \iff n \mid a - b$

**Solution:** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , thus  $a = b + kn$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $a = b + kn \implies a - b = kn \implies n \mid a - b$ , thus  $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \implies n \mid a - b$ .

Next, assume  $n \mid a - b$ , thus  $ln = a - b$  for some  $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $ln = a - b \implies a = b + ln \implies a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , thus  $n \mid a - b \implies a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ ,

Thus  $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \iff n \mid a - b$ . Q.E.D.

- 18.) **Question:** Determine  $8^{402} \pmod{5}$

**Solution:**  $8^1 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ ,  $8^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$ ,  $8^3 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ ,  $8^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ , and  $8^5 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ , thus  $8^{402} \equiv (8^4)^{100} \times 8^2 \equiv 1^{100} \times 4 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$ .

- 58.) **Question:** Let  $S$  be the set of real numbers. If  $a, b \in S$ , define  $a \sim b$  if  $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation and determine the equivalence classes of  $S$ .

**Solution:** Let  $a \in S$ . Since  $a - a = 0$  and  $0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a \sim a$  for all  $a \in S$ , thus  $\sim$  is reflexive.

Let  $a, b \in S$  and assume  $a \sim b$ , thus  $n = a - b$ , for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $n = a - b \implies -n = -(a - b) = b - a$ , thus  $b - a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , thus  $b \sim a$ , thus  $\sim$  is symmetric.

Let  $a, b, c \in S$  and assume  $a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c$ , thus  $m = a - b$  and  $n = b - c$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We see that  $m + n = a - b + b - c = a - c$ , thus  $a - c \in \mathbb{Z}$ , thus  $a \sim b \wedge b \sim c \implies a \sim c$ , thus  $\sim$  is transitive, and thus an equivalence relation. Q.E.D.

Finally, the equivalence classes for  $\sim$  are  $[x]$  where  $0 \leq x < 1$ .

60.) **Question:** Let  $S$  be the set of integers. If  $a, b \in S$ , define  $aRb$  if  $a + b$  is even. Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation and determine the equivalence classes of  $S$ .

**Solution:** Let  $a \in S$ . Since  $a + a = 2a$  is even,  $aRa$  for all  $a \in S$ , thus  $R$  is reflexive.

Let  $a, b \in S$  and assume  $a \sim b$ , thus  $a + b = 2n$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since integer addition is commutative,  $b + a = a + b = 2n$ , thus  $b + a$  is even, thus  $a \sim b \implies b \sim a$ , thus  $R$  is symmetric.

Let  $a, b, c \in S$  and assume  $a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c$ , thus  $a + b = 2m$  and  $b + c = 2n$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We see that  $2m + 2n = a + 2b + c \implies 2(m + n - b) = a + c$ , thus  $a + c$  is even, thus  $a \sim b \wedge b \sim c \implies a \sim c$ , thus  $R$  is transitive, and thus an equivalence relation. Q.E.D.

Finally, the equivalence classes for  $R$  are  $[0]$  and  $[1]$ .