

# Integers

*Problems about integers.*

**Problem 1** Describe the set of integers. Give some relevant and revealing examples/nonexamples.

**Free Response:** **Hint:** Hint

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**Problem 2** Explain how to model integer addition with pictures or items. What relevant properties should your model show?

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**Problem 3** Explain how to model integer multiplication with pictures or items. What relevant properties should your model show?

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**Problem 4** Explain what it means for one integer to *divide* another integer. Give some relevant and revealing examples/nonexamples.

**Free Response:** **Hint:** Hint

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**Problem 5** Use the definition of *divides* to decide whether the following statements are true or false. In each case, an explanation must be given justifying your claim.

(a)  $5|30$  (True ✓/ False)

**Hint:**  $30 = 5 \cdot 6$ .

(b)  $7|41$  (True ✓/ False)

**Hint:** There is no integer solution to  $41 = 7k$ . But  $41 = 7 \cdot 5 + 6$ .

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(c)  $0|3$  (True/ False ✓)

**Hint:** There is no integer solution to  $3 = 0k$ .

(d)  $3|0$  (True ✓/ False)

**Hint:** The solution to  $0 = 3k$  is  $k = 0$ .

(e)  $6|(2^2 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5 \cdot 7)$ . (True ✓/ False)

(f)  $1000|(2^7 \cdot 3^9 \cdot 5^{11} \cdot 17^8)$  (True ✓/ False)

(g)  $6000|(2^{21} \cdot 3^{17} \cdot 5^{89} \cdot 29^{20})$ . (True ✓/ False)

**Hint:**  $6 = 2 \cdot 3$ ,  $1000 = 2^3 \cdot 5^3$ , and  $6000 = 2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^3$ . In each case, the primes appear enough times in the second number.**Problem 6** Factor the following integers:

(a)  $111$   $3 \cdot 37$

(b)  $1234$   $2 \cdot 617$

(c)  $2345$   $5 \cdot 7 \cdot 67$

(d)  $4567$  *prime*

(e)  $111111$   $3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 37$

*In each case, how large a prime must you check before you can be sure of your answers? Explain your reasoning.***Problem 7** Find the greatest common divisors below:

(a)  $\gcd(462, 1463) =$   $77$

**Hint:**  $462 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$ ;  $1463 = 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 19$ .

(b)  $\gcd(541, 4669) =$   $1$ .

**Hint:**  $541$  is prime.  $4669 = 7 \cdot 23 \cdot 29$ 

(c)  $\gcd(10000, 2^5 \cdot 3^{19} \cdot 5^7 \cdot 11^{13}) =$   $10000$

**Hint:**  $10000 = 2^5 \cdot 5^5$ .

(d)  $\gcd(11111, 2^{14} \cdot 7^{21} \cdot 41^5 \cdot 101) = \boxed{41}$

**Hint:**  $11111 = 41 \cdot 271$

(e)  $\gcd(437^5, 8993^3) = \boxed{23^5}$

**Hint:**  $437 = 19 \cdot 23$ , and  $8993 = 17 \cdot 23^2$ .

**Problem 8** Consider the following:

$$20 \div 8 = 2 \text{ remainder } 4,$$

$$28 \div 12 = 2 \text{ remainder } 4.$$

Is it correct to say that  $20 \div 8 = 28 \div 12$ ? (Yes/ No ✓)

Explain your reasoning.

**Free Response:** **Hint:** The answer “2 remainder 4” is not a single number but rather a pair of numbers that play different roles. Calling this pair of numbers “equal” is questionable. Furthermore, in the division problems, the 2 is about different things: groups of 8 versus groups of 12.

**Problem 9** Give a formula for the  $n$ th even number:  $\boxed{2n}$

**Problem 10** Give a formula for the  $n$ th odd number:  $\boxed{2n - 1}$ .

**Problem 11** Give a formula for the  $n$ th multiple of 3:  $\boxed{3n}$

**Problem 12** Give a formula for the  $n$ th multiple of  $-7$ .  $\boxed{-7n}$

**Problem 13** Give a formula for the  $n$ th number whose remainder when divided by 5 is 1.

If the first such number is 1, the formula is  $\boxed{5n - 4}$ .

If the first such number is 6, the formula is  $\boxed{5n + 1}$ .