

## Homework Assignment 1.

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### Exercise 1.2)

Let  $n$  be a composite integer. Show that there exists a prime  $p$  dividing  $n$ , with  $p \leq n^{1/2}$

Composite integer: if  $n > 1$  is not prime | Prime: positive integer  $n$ , 1 and  $n$  are only divisor of  $n$

$n$  is a composite integer that means there is a integer  $> 1$  divides  $n$ .

By the Fundamental theorem of arithmetic, every non-zero integer  $n$  can be expressed as  $n = \pm p_1^{e_1} \cdots p_r^{e_r}$ , where  $p_1 \dots p_r$  are distinct primes and  $e_1 \dots e_r$  are positive integers.

we can say  $n = p \cdot q$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  are divisor of  $n$ . Either  $p$  or  $q$  has to be prime since  $n$  is a composite #. they can be both prime too.

By the theorem of arithmetic,  $n$  is composed with prime numbers. Let's say smallest prime of  $p$  is  $p'$ , smallest prime of  $q$  is  $q'$ . By Induction Axiom of natural number there is a smallest positive number is  $p$  and  $q$ .

Let's  $p'$  and  $q'$  are both bigger than  $n^{1/2}$ ,  $p' > n^{1/2}$ ,  $q' > n^{1/2}$   
the multiplication  $p'$  and  $q'$   $p'q'$  has to be bigger than  $n^{1/2} \times n^{1/2} = n$ , But this is a contradiction. so there exist a prime  $p$  dividing  $n$ , with  $p \leq n^{1/2}$

Problem 2 Show that The Theorem 1.5 in the textbook also holds for the interval  $(x, x+b]$ . Does it hold in general for the intervals  $[x, x+b]$  or  $(x, x+b)$ ?

Theorem 1.5 in the textbook is "Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $b > 0$ , and let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then there exist unique  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a = bq + r$  and  $r \in [x, x+b]$ ."

Theorem 1.5 is derived from theorem 1.4 "Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $b > 0$ . Then there exist unique  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a = bq + r$  and  $0 \leq r < b$ ."

Let  $x$  be any real number, and consider the interval  $(x, x+b]$ . This interval also contains  $b$  integers, same as  $[x, x+b)$ ,  $[x], [x+1], \dots, [x]+b-1$ . So apply Theorem 1.4 "with  $a = [x]$  in place of  $a$ , it works."

For  $[x, x+b]$ , it would not work. Since it loses uniqueness. Let's say  $r \in [x, x+b]$  for any real number  $x$ . Suppose that  $a = bq + r$  and  $a = bq' + r'$  where  $r, r' \in [x, x+b]$ . Subtracting these two we get  $r' - r = b(q - q')$  so  $r' - r$  is a multiple of  $b$ . However  $x \leq r' \leq x+b$ ,  $x \leq r \leq x+b$  implies  $a = bq + x$  and  $a = bq + x+b$  are both right.  $a = bq + x+b$  means  $a = b(q+1) + x$  so  $q$  is not unique.

For  $(x, x+b)$ , it would not work. Let's say  $r \in (x, x+b)$ ,  $x$  be any real number. This interval contains  $b-1$  integers when  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $x+1, \dots, x+b-1$ . It is equal to when  $a$  divided by  $b$ , the remainder will fall into the range  $(0, b-1)$ . For example when  $a = 5$ ,  $b = 3$  the remainder  $r$  will be 2 but it does not in  $(0, b-1)$  which is  $(0, 2)$  so it is false.

Problem 3 Let  $n$  be an integer. Show that if  $a, b$  are relatively prime integers, each of which divides  $n$ , then  $ab$  divides  $n$ .

$n$  is an integer  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a, b$  are relatively prime integers, so  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .  
each of  $a, b$  divides  $n$  so  $a|n, b|n$ . if  $ab|n$  prove is done.

Since  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$   $as + bt = 1$   $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$  if we multiply both side by  $n$   $asn + btn = n$   $ab$  divides  $asn$  because  $a$  divides  $a$ ,  $n$  is divided by  $n$ ,  $ab$  also divides  $btn$  because  $b$  divides  $b$ , and  $a$  divides  $n$ .

So when  $a, b$  are relatively prime,  $a$  divides  $n$ ,  $b$  divides  $n$  then  $ab$  divides  $n$ .

Problem 4 Let  $p$  be a prime and  $k$  an integer, with  $0 < k < p$ . Show that the binomial coefficient  $\binom{p}{k} = \frac{p!}{k!(p-k)!}$  which is an integer is divisible by  $p$ .

From Appendix 2 " Binomial coefficient is  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$ ,  $\binom{n}{n} = \binom{n}{0} = 1$

and for  $0 < k < n$ , we have pascal's identity  $\binom{n}{k} = \binom{n-1}{k-1} + \binom{n-1}{k}$  "

Since  $p$  is a prime and  $k$  is an integer  $k \nmid p$  so  $\gcd(k, p) = 1$ .

$\binom{p}{k} = \frac{p!}{k!(p-k)!}$  so we can say  $\frac{p \times (p-1) \times (p-2) \times \dots \times 1}{k \times (k-1) \times (k-2) \times \dots \times 1 \times (p-k) \times (p-k-1) \times \dots \times 1}$  then this would be

$\frac{p \times (p-1) \times \dots \times (p-k+1)}{k \times (k-1) \times (k-2) \times \dots \times 1}$  since  $(p-k)!$  would be a part of  $p$ , it can be removed.

When we multiply  $k$  on the  $\binom{p}{k}$ ,  $k \cdot \binom{p}{k}$  would be  $\frac{p \times (p-1) \times \dots \times (p-k+1)}{(k-1) \times (k-2) \times \dots \times 1}$



binomial coefficient  $\binom{p}{k}$  is an integer so  $kx \binom{p}{k}$  would be also an integer.

Since  $kx \binom{p}{k}$  is  $\frac{px(p-1)x \dots (p-k+1)}{(k-1)x(k-2)x \dots 1}$  it is divisible by  $p$  so  $p \mid k \cdot \binom{p}{k}$

Since  $p$  and  $k$  are relatively prime,  $\binom{p}{k}$  is divisible by  $p$ .