

# Worksheet 6 Review 2

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## Question 1

a.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, P(123) \wedge P(x) \Rightarrow x \leq 123$

**Correct Solution:**

$$P(123) \wedge (\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, P(x) \Rightarrow x \leq 123)$$

b.  $IsCD(x, y, d) : d \mid x \wedge d \mid y$ , where  $x, y, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$IsGCD(x, y, d) : \forall n \in \mathbb{N}, IsCD(x, y, n) \Rightarrow \exists d \in \mathbb{N}, IsCD(x, y, d) \wedge n \leq d$$

**Correct Solution:**

$$IsCD(x, y, d) : d \mid x \wedge d \mid y, \text{ where } x, y, d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$IsGCD(x, y, d) : (x = 0 \wedge y = 0 \Rightarrow d = 0) \wedge (x \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 0 \Rightarrow IsCD(x, y, d) \wedge (\forall d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, IsCD(x, y, d_1) \Rightarrow d_1 \leq d)), \text{ where } x, y, d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

**Notes:**

- Realized the definition of  $IsGCD$  extends from previous question
- Noticed professor defines if...else conditions in a predicate logic the following way

$$(\text{case 1} \Rightarrow \text{statement 1}) \wedge (\text{case 2} \Rightarrow \text{statement 2})$$

- Hm... I feel puzzled about  $\wedge$  operator used in between cases ( i.e.  $(x = 0 \wedge y = 0 \Rightarrow d = 0) \wedge (x \neq 0 \wedge y \neq 0 \Rightarrow IsCD(x, y, d) \wedge (\forall d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, IsCD(x, y, d_1) \Rightarrow d_1 \leq d))$ ). At glimpse, I felt  $\vee$  is more appropriate since if this case is not true, then we want other case should be true.

c. **Statement:**  $IsCD(x, 0, x) \wedge (\forall d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, IsCD(x, 0, d_1) \Rightarrow d_1 \leq x)$

*Proof.* Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

We need to prove  $x$  is a common divisor to both 0 and  $x$ , and we need to prove all common divisors  $d_1$  of 0 and  $x$  is less than or equal to  $x$ .

First, we need to show there is  $k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x = k_1 \cdot x$  and we need to show  $k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $0 = k_2 \cdot x$ .

Let  $k_1 = 1$  and  $k_2 = 0$ .

Then, we can calculate that

$$x = 1 \cdot x = k_1 \cdot x \quad (1)$$

$$0 = 0 \cdot x = k_2 \cdot x \quad (2)$$

Now, we need to show all integers  $d_1$  that is a common divisor to both 0 and  $x$  is less than equal to  $x$ .

Let  $d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and assume  $d_1 \mid x$  and  $d_1 \mid 0$ .

We need to show  $d_1 \leq x$ .

The hint tells us

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall d \in \mathbb{Z}, d \mid n \Rightarrow d \leq n \quad (3)$$

Because we know from assumption that  $d_1 \mid x$ , by using the hint, we can conclude

$$d_1 \leq x \quad (4)$$

□

**Pseudoproof:**

Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

We need to prove  $x$  is a common divisor to both 0 and  $x$ , and we need to prove all common divisors  $d_1$  of 0 and  $x$  is less than or equal to  $x$ .

1. Show  $IsCD(x, 0, x)$

We need to show there is  $k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x = k_1 \cdot x$  and we need to show  $k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $0 = k_2 \cdot x$ .

Let  $k_1 = 1$  and  $k_2 = 0$ .

- Show  $x = k_1 \cdot x$  and  $0 = k_2 \cdot 0$

Then, we can calculate that

$$x = 1 \cdot x = k_1 \cdot x \quad (5)$$

$$0 = 0 \cdot x = k_2 \cdot x \quad (6)$$

2. Show  $\forall d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, IsCD(x, 0, d_1) \Rightarrow d_1 \leq x$

Let  $d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and assume  $d_1 \mid x$  and  $d_1 \mid 0$ .

We need to show  $d_1 \leq x$ .

1. Use fact ' $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall d \in \mathbb{Z}, d \mid n \Rightarrow d \leq n$ ' to show  $d_1 \leq x$ .

The hint tells us

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall d \in \mathbb{Z}, d \mid n \Rightarrow d \leq n \quad (7)$$

Because we know from assumption that  $d_1 \mid x$ , by using the hint, we can conclude

$$d_1 \leq x \quad (8)$$

d.  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, (a \neq 0) \vee (b \neq 0) \Rightarrow \exists p, q \in \mathbb{Z}, pa + qb = \gcd(a, b)$

## Question 2

a. *Proof.* Assume  $Even(n)$ . That is  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k$ .

We need to show there is an integer  $k_1$  such that  $n^2 - 3n = 2k_1$ .

Let  $k_1 = (2k^2 - 3k)$ .

The assumption tells us  $n = 2k$ .

Then, by using this fact, we can write

$$n^2 - 3n = (2k)^2 - 3(2k) \tag{1}$$

$$= 4k^2 - 6k \tag{2}$$

$$= 2(2k^2 - 3k) \tag{3}$$

$$= 2k_1 \tag{4}$$

□

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Assume  $Even(n)$ . That is  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k$ .

We need to show there is an integer  $k_1$  such that  $n^2 - 3n = 2k_1$ .

Let  $k_1 = (2k^2 - 3k)$ .

- Show  $n^2 - 3n = 2k_1$  by using assumption.

The assumption tells us  $n = 2k$ .

Then, by using this fact, we can write

$$n^2 - 3n = (2k)^2 - 3(2k) \tag{5}$$

$$= 4k^2 - 6k \tag{6}$$

$$= 2(2k^2 - 3k) \tag{7}$$

$$= 2k_1 \tag{8}$$

- b. *Proof.* In this case, assume  $Odd(n)$ . That is  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k - 1$ .

We need to show there is an integer  $k_1$  such that  $n^2 - 3n = 2k_1$ .

Let  $k_1 = (2k^2 - 5k + 2)$ .

The assumption tells us  $n = 2k - 1$ .

Then, by using this fact, we can write

$$n^2 - 3n = (2k - 1)^2 - 3(2k - 1) \quad (1)$$

$$= 4k^2 - 4k + 1 - 6k + 3 \quad (2)$$

$$= 4k^2 - 10k + 4 \quad (3)$$

$$= 2(2k^2 - 5k + 2) \quad (4)$$

$$= 2k_1 \quad (5)$$

□

### Pseudoproof:

Assume  $Odd(n)$ . That is  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k - 1$ .

We need to show there is an integer  $k_1$  such that  $n^2 - 3n = 2k_1$ .

Let  $k_1 = (2k^2 - 5k + 2)$ .

- Show  $n^2 - 3n = 2k_1$  by using assumption.

The assumption tells us  $n = 2k - 1$ .

Then, by using this fact, we can write

$$n^2 - 3n = (2k - 1)^2 - 3(2k - 1) \quad (6)$$

$$= 4k^2 - 4k + 1 - 6k + 3 \quad (7)$$

$$= 4k^2 - 10k + 4 \quad (8)$$

$$= 2(2k^2 - 5k + 2) \quad (9)$$

$$= 2k_1 \quad (10)$$

### Notes:

- Noticed professor uses predicate logic when expanding definition in assumption.

Assume that  $n$  is odd, i.e.  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, n = 2k - 1$ .

## Question 3

a.  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}, Prime(b) \Rightarrow 1 \geq gcd(a, b) \vee gcd(a, b) \geq b$

b. **Statement (Contrapositive):**  $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{N}, \text{Prime}(b) \Rightarrow 1 \geq \gcd(a, b) \vee \gcd(a, b) \geq b$

*Proof.* Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume  $\text{Prime}(b)$ . That is,  $p > 1 \wedge (\forall d \in \mathbb{N}, d \mid p \Rightarrow d = 1 \vee d = p)$ .

We will prove  $1 \geq \gcd(a, b)$  or  $\gcd(a, b) \geq b$  using proof by cases.

**Case 1** ( $b \mid a$ ):

In this case, assume  $b$  divides  $a$ . That is,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, a = kb$ .

We need to prove  $b \geq \gcd(a, b)$ .

First, we need to show  $b$  is the greatest common divisor to both  $a$  and  $b$ . That is,  $\text{IsCD}(a, b, b) \wedge (\forall d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{IsCD}(a, b, d_1) \Rightarrow d_1 \leq b)$

Starting with showing  $\text{IsCD}(a, b, b)$ , the assumption tells us  $b \mid a$ , and we know  $b \mid b$ .

Then, it follows from these facts that  $b$  is a common divisor to both  $a$  and  $b$ .

Next for showing  $(\forall d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{IsCD}(a, b, d_1) \Rightarrow d_1 \leq b)$ , the definition of prime number tells us  $b$  has two non-negative divisors 1 and  $b$ .

Because we know  $1 \mid a$  and  $b \mid a$ , we can conclude 1 and  $b$  are the only non-negative common divisor to both  $a$  and  $b$ .

Since  $1 < b$ ,  $b = b$  and all other common divisors are less than 0, we can conclude all common divisors to both  $a$  and  $b$  are less than or equal to  $b$ .

Now, we need to show  $b \leq \gcd(a, b)$ .

The hint from question 1.c tells us

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall d \in \mathbb{Z}, d \mid n \Rightarrow d \leq n \quad (1)$$

Since we know  $b$  divides  $b$ , by using this fact, we can write

$$b \leq b \quad (2)$$

Because we know  $b = \gcd(a, b)$ , we can conclude

$$b \leq \gcd(a, b) \tag{3}$$

**Case 2** ( $b \nmid a$ ):

In this case, assume  $b$  doesn't divide  $a$ .

We need to prove  $1 \geq \gcd(a, b)$ .

First, we need to show 1 is the greatest common divisor to both  $a$  and  $b$ .

The assumption tells us  $b$  is a prime number, and so, from definition, we know  $b$  has two non-negative divisors 1 and  $b$ .

Because we know  $b \nmid a$  from assumption and  $1 \mid a$ , we can conclude 1 is the only non-negative common divisor to both  $a$  and  $b$ .

Because we know all common divisors to both  $a$  and  $b$  are less than or equal to 1, we can conclude  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

Now, we need to show  $1 \geq \gcd(a, b)$ .

The hint from question 1.c tells us

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall d \in \mathbb{Z}, d \mid n \Rightarrow d \leq n \tag{4}$$

Since we know 1 divides 1, by using this fact, we can write

$$1 \geq 1 \tag{5}$$

Because we know  $1 = \gcd(a, b)$ , we can conclude

$$1 \geq \gcd(a, b) \tag{6}$$

□

**Pseudoproof:**

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ . Assume  $Prime(b)$ . That is,  $p > 1 \wedge (\forall d \in \mathbb{N}, d \mid p \Rightarrow d = 1 \vee d = p)$ .

We will prove  $1 \geq gcd(a, b)$  or  $gcd(a, b) \geq b$  using proof by cases.

**Case 1 ( $b \mid a$ ):**

In this case, assume  $b$  divides  $a$ . That is,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, a = kb$ .

We need to prove  $gcd(a, b) \geq b$ .

1. Show  $IsGCD(a, b, b)$ , i.e.  $IsCD(a, b, b) \wedge (\forall d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, IsCD(a, b, d_1) \Rightarrow d_1 \leq b)$

First, we need to show  $b$  is the greatest common divisor to both  $a$  and  $b$ . That is,  $IsCD(a, b, b) \wedge (\forall d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, IsCD(a, b, d_1) \Rightarrow d_1 \leq b)$

- Show  $IsCD(a, b, b)$

Starting with showing  $IsCD(a, b, b)$ , the assumption tells us  $b \mid a$ , and we know  $b \mid b$ .

Then, it follows from these facts that  $b$  is a common divisor to both  $a$  and  $b$ .

- Show  $\forall d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, IsCD(a, b, d_1) \Rightarrow d_1 \leq b$

Next for showing  $(\forall d_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, IsCD(a, b, d_1) \Rightarrow d_1 \leq b)$ , the definition of prime number tells us  $b$  has two non-negative divisors 1 and  $b$ .

Because we know  $1 \mid a$  and  $b \mid a$ , we can conclude 1 and  $b$  are the only non-negative common divisor to both  $a$  and  $b$ .

Since  $1 < b$ ,  $b = b$  and all other common divisors are less than 0, we can conclude all common divisors to both  $a$  and  $b$  are less than or equal to  $b$ .

2. Show  $b \leq gcd(a, b)$  by using the fact  $b \mid b$  and  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall d \in \mathbb{Z}, d \mid n \Rightarrow d \leq n$ .



Now, we need to show  $b \leq \gcd(a, b)$ .

The hint from question 1.c tells us

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall d \in \mathbb{Z}, d \mid n \Rightarrow d \leq n \quad (7)$$

Since we know  $b$  divides  $b$ , by using this fact, we can write

$$b \leq b \quad (8)$$

Because we know  $b = \gcd(a, b)$ , we can conclude

$$b \leq \gcd(a, b) \quad (9)$$

**Case 2 ( $b \nmid a$ ):**

In this case, assume  $b$  doesn't divide  $a$ .

We need to prove  $1 \geq \gcd(a, b)$ .

1. Show  $\text{IsGCD}(a, b, 1)$

First, we need to show 1 is the greatest common divisor to both  $a$  and  $b$ .

- Find all possible common divisors to both  $a$  and  $b$ .

The assumption tells us  $b$  is a prime number, and so, from definition, we know  $b$  has two non-negative divisors 1 and  $b$ .

- Show 1 is the only common divisor to  $a$  and  $b$ .

Because we know  $b \nmid a$  from assumption and  $1 \mid a$ , we can conclude 1 is the only non-negative common divisor to both  $a$  and  $b$ .

- Conclude  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

Because we know all common divisors to both  $a$  and  $b$  are less than or equal to 1, we can conclude  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

2. Show  $\gcd(a, b) \leq 1$  by using the fact  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall d \in \mathbb{Z}, d \mid n \Rightarrow d \leq n$ .

Now, we need to show  $1 \geq \gcd(a, b)$ .

The hint from question 1.c tells us

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \forall d \in \mathbb{Z}, d \mid n \Rightarrow d \leq n \quad (10)$$

Since we know 1 divides 1, by using this fact, we can write

$$1 \geq 1 \quad (11)$$

Because we know  $1 = \gcd(a, b)$ , we can conclude

$$1 \geq \gcd(a, b) \quad (12)$$

### Notes:

- $\text{Prime}(p) : p > 1 \wedge (\forall d \in \mathbb{N}, d \mid p \Rightarrow d = 1 \vee d = p)$
- I struggled so much with this problem (4+ hours).
- I struggled when trying to make the logic to flow in nested ‘shows’ in a ‘show’ (see case 1). Some of the thoughts I had are ‘should I use or here? Next? Finally? So?’ what phrases do I need to use when proving statements with  $\wedge$  operators? Should I use sub-headers like ‘part 1’ or ‘part 2’? But I am already using ‘case 1’ and ‘case 2’ up here.
- I re-read and re-read the paragraphs.
- The whole process feels like trying to write an essay with disconnected thoughts. I am trying to make it flow, but I don’t know how to make them connect and flow.
- What strategies are available to improve the flow of logics in nested shows?
- I tried to bundle up phrases and logics, because I felt like I was losing control.