Problem Set 2 Solution

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Question 1

a.

b. **Predicate Logic:** $\forall k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $\forall p \in \mathbb{N}$, $Prime(p) \wedge p^k < n < p^k + p \Rightarrow gcd(p^k, n) = 1$

Let $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, and $p \in \mathbb{N}$. Assume $Prime(p)$, and $p^k < n < p^k + p$.

Then, p^k can either be divided by 1 or p by fact 3.

Since, $p^k < n < p^k + p$, n cannot be written in multiples of p.

Then, it follows from the definition of divisibility that $p \nmid n$.

Since $p \nmid n$, but $1 \mid p^k$ and $1 \mid n$, $gcd(p^k, n) = 1$.

c. **Predicate Logic:** $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ $n > n_0 \wedge gcd(n, n+m) = 1$

Since there are infinitely many primes by fact 4, let $Prime(n)$ and $n > m$.

Since $Prime(n)$, by fact 3, n can either be divided by 1 or n.

Since $n \mid n$, but $n \nmid m$, $n \nmid (n+m)$, and n can't be chosen as the greatest common divisor of n and $n+m$.

Since $gcd(n, n+m) \neq n$ but $1 \mid n$ and $1 \mid (n+m)$, $gcd(n, n+m) = 1$.

Then, it follows from above that the statement $\forall m \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\forall n_0 \in \mathbb{N}$, $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ $n > n_0 \wedge gcd(n, n+m) = 1$ is true.

Question 2

Question 3