Problem Set 4

Due Date: March 19, 11:59 pm, EST

For full credit, please adhere to the following:

• Unsupported answers receive no credit.

All of the following questions are in the textbook for the course, *Discrete Mathematics with Applications (Fifth Edition)*, by Susanna Epp.

- 1. (10 points) Exercise Set 4.3, Question 10 Assume that m and n are both integers and that $n \neq 0$. Explain why $\frac{(5m+12n)}{(4n)}$ must be a rational number.
- 2. (10 points) Exercise Set 4.3, Question 28 Suppose a, b, c, and d are integers and $a \neq c$. Suppose also that x is a real number that satisfies the equation

$$\frac{ax+b}{cx+d} = 1$$

Must x be rational? If so, express x as a ratio of two integers.

- 3. (12 points) Exercise Set 4.3, Question 11 & 30
 - (a) (4 points) Exercise Set 4.3, Question 11
 Prove that the negative of any rational number is rational.
 - (b) (8 points) Exercise Set 4.3, Question 30 Use the statement you proved in part (a) to prove that if one solution for a quadratic equation of the form $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ is rational (where b and c are rational), then the other solution is also rational. (Use the fact that if the solutions of the equation are r and s, then $x^2 + bx + c = (x - r)(x - s)$).
- 4. (10 points) Exercise Set 4.4, Question 5 Is 6m(2m + 10) divisible by 4? Give reasoning for your answer. Assume m is an integer.
- 5. (12 points) Exercise Set 4.4, Question 29
 Determine whether the following statement is true or false. If true, prove the statement directly from definitions. If false, give a counterexample.

For all integers a and b, if a|b then $a^2|b^2$.

6. (12 points) Exercise Set 4.4, Question 45 Prove that if n is any nonnegative integer whose decimal representation ends in 5, then 5|n.

- 7. (10 points) Exercise Set 4.5, Question 18(a)
 Prove that the product of any two consecutive integers is even.
- 8. (12 points) Exercise Set 4.5, Question 35
 Prove the following statement:
 The fourth power of any integer has the form 8m or 8m + 1 for some integer m.
- 9. (12 points) Exercise Set 4.5, Question 50 Prove that if m, d, and k are integers and d > 0, then $(m + dk) \mod d = m \mod d$.