

Math 13 - Week 7: Number Theory

1. Prove that $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.

2. Solve the following equations.
 - (a) $3x \equiv 4$ in \mathbb{Z}_{11} .
 - (b) $4x - 8 \equiv 9$ in \mathbb{Z}_{11} .
 - (c) $3x + 8 \equiv 1$ in \mathbb{Z}_{10} .

3. Solve the following equations. How are these problems different from the previous ones. Find *all* solutions.
 - (a) $2x \equiv 4$ in \mathbb{Z}_{10} .
 - (b) $2x \equiv 3$ in \mathbb{Z}_{10} .
 - (c) $9x \equiv 4$ in \mathbb{Z}_{12} .
 - (d) $9x \equiv 6$ in \mathbb{Z}_{12} .

4. Let x be an integer. Prove that $2 \mid x$ and $3 \mid x$ if and only if $6 \mid x$.

5. Let a and b be positive integers. Prove that a and b are relatively prime if and only if there is no prime p such that $p \mid a$ and $p \mid b$.