

# MH1812 Tutorial

## Chapter 1: Elementary Number Theory

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Q1: Show that 2 is the only prime number which is even.

Q2: Show that if  $n^2$  is even, then  $n$  is even, for  $n$  an integer.

Q3: The goal of this exercise is to show that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational. We provide a step by step way of doing so.

1. Suppose by contradiction that  $\sqrt{2}$  is rational, that is  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{m}{n}$ , for  $m$  and  $n$  integers with no common factor. Show that  $m$  has to be even.
2. Compute  $m^2$ , and deduce that  $n$  has to be even too, a contradiction.

Q4: Show the following two properties of the integers modulo  $n$ :

1.  $(a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n) \equiv a + b \pmod{n}$ .
2.  $(a \bmod n) \cdot (b \bmod n) \equiv a \cdot b \pmod{n}$ .

Q5: Compute the addition table and the multiplication tables for integers modulo 4.

Q6: Show that  $\frac{p(p+1)}{2} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  for  $p$  an odd prime.

Q7: Find the last digit of  $7^{9999}$ .

Q8: Find the last digit of  $8^{9999}$ .

Q9: Consider the following sets  $S$ , with respective operator  $\Delta$ .

1. Let  $S$  be the set of odd integers and  $\Delta$  be the multiplication. Is  $S$  closed under  $\Delta$ ? Justify your answer.
2. Let  $S$  be the set of nonzero rational numbers  $\mathbb{Q} \setminus \{0\}$  and  $\Delta$  be the division. Is  $S$  closed under  $\Delta$ ? Justify your answer.
3. Let  $S$  be the set of positive integers  $\mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $\Delta$  be the subtraction. Is  $S$  closed under  $\Delta$ ? Justify your answer.
4. Let  $S$  be the set of irrational numbers and  $\Delta$  be the addition. Is  $S$  closed under  $\Delta$ ? Justify your answer.