

Question 1

Find the prime factorisations of 980 and 3675. Use these factorisations to determine the greatest common denominator and least common multiple of these two numbers.

Prime factorisation

$$980 = 2^2 \times 5 \times 7^2$$

$$(2+1) \times (1+1) \times (2+1) = 18 \text{ distinct factor}$$

$$3675 = 3 \times 5^2 \times 7^2$$

$$(1+1) \times (2+1) \times (2+1) = 18 \text{ distinct factor}$$

$$\text{GCD: } 5 \times 7^2$$

$$\text{LCM: } 2^2 \times 5 \times 7^2$$

Question 2

Now use the Euclidean algorithm and Lemma 15 of the notes to find the greatest common divisor and least common multiple of 980 and 3675.

E.g

$$\text{GCD (980, 3675.) } a=980 \text{ } b=3675$$

$$3675 = (980 \times 3) + 735$$

$$980 = (735 \times 1) + 245 \text{ } \leftarrow \text{GCD}$$

$$735 = (245 \times 3) + 0$$

Therefore 245 is GCD for 980, AND 3675

$$\text{LCD (980, 3675) } a=980 \text{ } b=3675$$

$$\text{LCD} = (a \times b) / \text{gcd}$$

$$\text{LCD} = (980 \times 3675) / 245$$

$$\text{LCD} = 14700$$

Question 3

Use the Euclidean algorithm to find the greatest common divisor of a and b, then express it in the form $am + bn$ for some $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ where

$$(i) a = 55, b = 216.$$

$$216 = (55 \times 3) + 51$$

$$55 = (51 \times 1) + 4$$

$$51 = (4 \times 12) + 3$$

$$12 = (3 \times 4) + 0$$

$$\text{GCD} = 3$$

$$3 = 55m + 216n$$

$$3 = 51 - (4 \times 12)$$

$$4 = 55 - (51 \times 1)$$

$$51 = 216 - (55 \times 3)$$

$$(ii) a = 330, b = 72.$$

$$330 = (72 \times 4) + 42$$

$$72 = (42 \times 1) + 30$$

$$42 = (30 \times 1) + 12$$

$$30 = (12 \times 2) + 6$$

$$12 = (6 \times 2) + 0$$

$$\text{GCD} = 6$$

$$6=330m+72n$$

$$6=30-(12 \times 2)$$

$$12=42-(30 \times 1)$$

$$30=72-(42 \times 1)$$

$$42=330-(72 \times 4)$$

Question 4

Prove that if $a \mid b$ and $c \mid d$ then $ac \mid bd$.

If a divides b and c divides d then axc divides bxd

Question 5

A number p is called a Mersenne prime if it is prime and $p = 2^n - 1$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. For example, $7 = 2^3 - 1$ is a Mersenne prime. Prove that if $n > 2$ is even, then $2^n - 1$ cannot be prime

Question 6

Prove that if p is prime and $p \mid a^k$, then $p \mid a$

Question 7

(i) Prove that if x and y are odd, then $4 \nmid (x^2 + y^2)$

(ii) Use the previous part to show that if $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ where $x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}$, then one of x and y must be even.