

MATH2710

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Exam 1

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You are required to show your work on each problem on this exam. The following rules apply:

- **Organize your work**, in a reasonably neat and coherent way, in the space provided. Work scattered all over the page without a clear ordering will receive very little credit.
- **Mysterious or unsupported answers will not receive full credit.** A correct answer, unsupported by calculations, explanation, or algebraic work will receive no credit; an incorrect answer supported by substantially correct calculations and explanations might still receive partial credit.
- If you need more space, ask for an extra sheet of paper to continue the problem on; clearly indicate when you have done this.

Problem	Points	Score
1	6	
2	4	
3	5	
4	4	
5	6	
Total:	25	

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1. (a) (1 point) State the definition of the  $\text{lcm}(a, b)$  for positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ .

The least common multiple of two positive integers  $a, b$  is the smallest positive integer that is divisible by both  $a$  and  $b$ .

- (b) (2 points) State the GCD Characterization theorem.

If  $d$  is a non-negative common divisor of integers  $a$  and  $b$  and there exists integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $ax + by = d$  then  $d = \text{gcd}(a, b)$

- (c) (3 points) Complete the following theorem:

**Theorem.**

- (i) The linear Diophantine equation

$$ax + by = c$$

has a solution  $\text{gcd}(a, b) \mid c$

- (ii) If  $\text{gcd}(a, b) = d \neq 0$  and  $x = x_0$  and  $y = y_0$  is one particular solution, then the complete integer solution is

$$\underline{x = x_0 + n(b/d)}, \quad \underline{y = y_0 - n(a/d)} \quad \underline{\text{for all } n \in \mathbb{Z}}$$

2. (4 points) Solve the following linear Diophantine equation.

$$44x + 16y = 20$$

1	0	44	-	-
0	1	16	-	-
1	-2	12	2	$44 = 2(16) + 12$
-1	3	4	1	$16 = 1(12) + 4$
4	-11	0	3	$12 = 3(4) + 0$

$$44(-1) + 16(3) = 4$$

$$44(-5) + 16(15) = 20$$

$x_0 = -5$   $y_0 = 15$  is a solution

3. (5 points) If  $3p^2 = q^2$  for some integers  $p$  and  $q$  show that 3 is a common divisor of  $p$  and  $q$ .

Since  $3p^2 = q^2$  then  $3|q^2$  so  $3|q$ .

If  $3|q$ ,  $\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $3m = q$

So  $3p^2 = 9m^2$  i.e.  $p^2 = 3m^2$ .

So  $3|p^2$  and thus  $3|p$ .

4. (4 points) Prove the following theorem

**Theorem.** If  $p$  is a prime and  $p \mid ab$ , then  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$ .

Suppose  $p \mid ab$  but  $p \nmid a$ .

The only divisors of  $p$  are  $p$  and  $1$

Since  $p \nmid a$  the  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ .

So  $p \mid ab$  and  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$  so  $p \mid b$ .

5. (6 points) Prove the following distributive law.

$$A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$$

We must show  $A \cup (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$

and  $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \subseteq A \cup (B \cap C)$ . To show

$A \cup (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  suppose  $x \in A \cup (B \cap C)$  is arbitrary. Then  $x \in A$  or  $x \in B \cap C$ . If  $x \in A$  then  $x \in A \cup B$  and  $x \in A \cup C$ . If  $x \in B \cap C$  then  $x \in B$  and  $x \in C$ . So  $x \in A \cup B$  and  $x \in A \cup C$ .

In either case  $x \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ . So

$A \cup (B \cap C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ , since  $x$  was arbitrary.

To show  $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \subseteq A \cup (B \cap C)$ , let  $y \in (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  be arbitrary. So  $y \in (A \cup B)$  and  $y \in A \cup C$ .

If  $y \in A \cup B$  then  $y \in A$  or  $y \in B$ . If  $y \in A$  then  $y \in A \cup (B \cap C)$ . If  $y \notin A$  then  $y \in B$ .

In addition  $y \in A \cup C$ . If  $y \notin A$  then  $y \in C$ . So  $y \in B \cap C$  and thus  $y \in A \cup (B \cap C)$ .

Since  $y$  was arbitrary  $(A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C) \subseteq A \cup (B \cap C)$ .

BONUS 2pts: Find all the prime numbers under 60. (all or nothing)

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~~10~~, ~~12~~, 13, ~~14~~, ~~15~~, ~~16~~, 17, ~~18~~, 19, ~~20~~,  
~~21~~, ~~22~~, 23, ~~24~~, ~~25~~, ~~26~~, ~~27~~, ~~28~~, 29, ~~30~~,  
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41, ~~42~~, 43, ~~44~~, ~~45~~, ~~46~~, 47, ~~48~~, ~~49~~, ~~50~~,  
~~51~~, ~~52~~, 53, ~~54~~, ~~55~~, ~~56~~, ~~57~~, ~~58~~, 59, ~~60~~

Primes  
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60

<sup>.</sup>2, <sup>.</sup>3, <sup>.</sup>5, <sup>.</sup>7, <sup>.</sup>11, <sup>.</sup>13, <sup>.</sup>17, <sup>.</sup>19,  
<sup>.</sup>23, <sup>.</sup>29, <sup>.</sup>31, <sup>.</sup>37, <sup>.</sup>41, <sup>.</sup>43, <sup>.</sup>47,  
<sup>.</sup>53, <sup>.</sup>59.