

**1.2 7** Let  $m$  and  $n$  be positive integers such that  $m + n = 57$  and  $[m, n] = 680$ . Find  $m$  and  $n$ .

**Ans**  $m + n = 57$  and  $[m, n] = 680$

Let  $n$  be represented by  $m$ , such that,

$$m \cdot (57 - m) = 680$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = m^2 - 57m + 680$$

$$= \frac{57 \pm \sqrt{57^2 - 4 \cdot 680}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{57 \pm 23}{2}$$

$$m = 40, 17$$

$$\therefore m = 40, n = 17$$

□

**10** Show that  $a\mathbb{Z} \cap b\mathbb{Z} = \text{lcm}[a, b]\mathbb{Z}$ .

**Ans** Let  $x \in \text{lcm}[a, b]\mathbb{Z}$

Since,  $a \mid \text{lcm}[a, b]$  and  $b \mid \text{lcm}[a, b]$ ,

$a \mid x$  and  $b \mid x$

Therefore,  $x \in a\mathbb{Z} \cap b\mathbb{Z}$

Conversely, let  $x \in a\mathbb{Z} \cap b\mathbb{Z}$

Then,  $x \in a\mathbb{Z}$  and  $x \in b\mathbb{Z}$

Then,  $x \mid a$  and  $x \mid b$

□

**16** A positive integer  $a$  is called a **square** if  $a = n^2$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Show that the integer  $a > 1$  is an integer if and only if every exponent in its prime factorization is even.

**Ans** Suppose  $a = p_1^{r_1} \cdot p_2^{r_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{r_k}$ , where  $r_i$  is even.

Also, let  $n = p_1^{r_1/2} \cdot p_2^{r_2/2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{r_k/2}$

Then,  $a = n^2$

Conversely, suppose  $a = n^2$ .

Let  $n = p_1^{s_1} \cdot p_2^{s_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_l^{s_l}$

Then,  $a = p_1^{2s_1} \cdot p_2^{2s_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_l^{2s_l}$

Therefore, all the primes of  $a$  have even powers. □

- 20** A positive integer is called **square-free** if it is a product of distinct primes. Prove that every positive integer can be written uniquely as a product of a square and a square-free integer.

**Ans** □