

Midterm 1 Study Guide

1. Provide definitions for the terms and statements for the theorems:
 - a. An integer a *divides* another integer b .
 - b. Two integers a and b are *congruent modulo n* .
 - c. An integer d is a *common divisor* of a and b .
 - d. The *greatest common divisor* of a and b .
 - e. *Division Algorithm*.
 - f. *Well-ordering axiom*.
 - g. a and b are *relatively prime*.
2. State in mathematical terms and either prove or provide a counterexample:
 - a. If a number divides two other numbers then it also divides their sum.
 - b. If a number divides another number, then it also divides any multiple of that number.
 - c. If a number divides the sum of two numbers then it also divides one of them.
 - d. If a number divides the product of two numbers then it also divides one of them.
 - e. 1 divides every number.
 - f. Every number is divisible by 1.
 - g. Every number divides 1.
 - h. Every number divides 0.
 - i. Congruence is a transitive relation.
 - j. Congruence is a reflexive relation.
 - k. Congruence is a symmetric relation.
 - l. Divisibility is a symmetric relation.
 - m. Divisibility is a transitive relation.
 - n. Divisibility is a reflexive relation.
 - o. If two numbers are congruent modulo n , then so are their k -th powers.
 - p. Two numbers are relatively prime if and only if we can write 1 as a linear combination of them.
 - q. a and b are both relatively prime to n if and only if their product ab also is.
 - r. Two numbers can be relatively prime only if at least one of them is even.
 - s. Two numbers can be relatively prime only if at least one of them is odd.
 - t. If two relatively prime numbers both divide n then their product also divides n .
 - u. If two numbers both divide n then their product also divides n .
 - v. The relation of being relatively prime is reflexive.
 - w. The relation of being relatively prime is symmetric.

x. The relation of being relatively prime is transitive.

3. Prove:

- a. If a is congruent to b modulo n , then $a + c$ is congruent to $b + c$ modulo n and ac is congruent to bd modulo n .
- b. If a is congruent to b modulo n , then $a - b$ is congruent to 0 modulo n .
- c. If a is congruent to b modulo n , and c is congruent to d modulo n , then ac is congruent to bd modulo n and $a + c$ is congruent to $b + d$ modulo n .
- d. For given integers n, m with n non-zero, there is at most one pair of integers q, r with r in the range from 0 to $n - 1$ such that $m = nq + r$.
- e. If a divides bc , and a and b are relatively prime, then a must divide c .

4. Be able to follow the algorithm for finding the greatest common divisor of two numbers and express it as a linear combination of those numbers.