

1) Division Algorithm

Well Ordering Axiom

every nonempty subset of the set of non-negative integers contains a smallest element

Theorem: Division Algorithm

Let a, b be integers with $b > 0$.

Then $\exists q$ and $\exists r \in \mathbb{Z}$ (both q and r are unique) such that

$$a = bq + r$$

(2) Divisibility

Definition

Let a and b be integers with $b \neq 0$ then $b|a$ if and only if $a = bc$ for $c \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

In symbols:

- $b|a$ writes out "b divides a"
- $b \nmid a$ writes out "b does not divide a"

Remarks

- every divisor of the nonzero integer a is less than or equal to $|a|$
- a nonzero integer has only finitely many divisors

Greatest Common Divisors (GCD)

Let a and b be both integers, both not 0. The gcd of a and b is the largest integer d that divides both a and b .

- $d|a$ and $d|b$
- if $c|a$ and $c|b$ then $c \leq d$
- usually denoted as (a, b)

Theorem 1.2

Let a and b be integers not 0 and let d be the GCD. Then there exists a u and v (not necessarily unique) such that

$$d = (au + bv)$$

Warning Does not imply that $(a, b) = d$ (check exercise 25)

Corollary 1.3

Let a and b be integers, both not 0, then d is a GCD of a and b if and only if

- $d|a$ and $d|b$
- if $c|a$ and $c|b$ then $c|d$

Theorem 1.4

If $a|bc$ and $(a, b) = 1$ then $a|c$

(3) Primes and Unique Factors

Prime

an integer is prime if the only divisors are ± 1 and \pm itself

- p is prime if and only if $-p$ is prime
- if p and q are prime and $p|q$, then $p = \pm q$

Theorem 1.5

Let p be an integer with $p \neq 0, \pm 1$ then p is prime if and only if whenever $p|bc$ then $p|b$ or $p|c$

Corollary 1.6

If p is prime and $p|a_1a_2a_3\dots a_n$ then p divides at least one of the

Theorem 1.7

Every integer n except $0, \pm 1$ is a product of primes.

Theorem 1.8 Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Every integer n except 0 and ± 1 is a product of primes.

Prime factorization is unique in the following: if

$$n = p_1p_2p_3\dots p_r$$

and

$$n = q_1q_2\dots q_s$$

with p_i, q_j prime then $r = s$ and after reordering

$$p_1 = \pm q_1 \dots p_r = \pm q_r$$

Corollary 1.9

Every integer $n > 1$ can be written in one and only one way in the form

$$n = p_1p_2, \dots, p_r$$

where the p are positive primes such that

$$p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_r$$

Theorem 1.10

Let $n > 1$ if n has no positive prime factors less than or equal to \sqrt{n} then n is prime.