

## Math 220 – Homework 11

Due Friday 12/06 at the beginning of the final exam

### PART A

Problems from the textbook:

- Section 6.1 # 2, 3
- Section 6.2 # 1(a)

### PART B

1. Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a$  and  $b$  not both zero. Prove that if  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ , then  $\gcd\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$ .
2. Let  $a = -255$  and  $b = 143$ 
  - (a) Use the Euclidean Algorithm to determine  $\gcd(a, b)$ .
  - (b) Find integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$ .
3.
  - (a) Write the integer 42750 in a compact standard form.
  - (b) Determine the following, representing your answer in the compact standard form:

$$\gcd((-1)^{2020} \cdot 2^{2019} \cdot 3^4 \cdot 55 \cdot 7^2, (-1)^{2021} \cdot 6 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 77)$$

4. Prove that if  $p$  is a prime number greater than 3, then  $p$  is of the form  $3k + 1$  or  $3k + 2$ .
5. Prove that if  $p$  is a prime number, then  $\sqrt[n]{p}$  is irrational for every integer  $n \geq 2$ .
6. Prove or disprove that 3 is the only prime number of the form  $n^2 - 1$ .
7. Prove that if  $a$  is a positive integer of the form  $3n + 2$ , then at least one prime divisor of  $a$  is of the form  $3n + 2$ .