

A yes or no answer or an answer with no justification will not be acceptable. Remember to write neatly, clearly, and in **sentences**.

1. (15) If  $n$  is an even integer, show that  $\gcd(n, n + 2) = 2$ . What can you say about the  $\gcd(n, n + 2)$ , if  $n$  is an odd integer?

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**Ans:** Let  $d$  be the greatest common divisor of  $n$  and  $n + 2$ . Then  $d$  must divide 2, since  $2 = (n + 2) - n$ . Thus,  $d$  equals 1 or 2. Since  $n$  is even we know that 2 divides both  $n$  and  $n + 2$ . Hence in the case where  $n$  is even  $d = 2$ . If  $n$  is odd, then  $d$  cannot equal 2, and in this case  $d = 1$ .

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2. (10) We have defined congruence modulo  $n$  as follows:  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if and only if  $n$  divides  $b - a$ , where  $n$  is a natural number, and  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. Show that this is equivalent to the statement that  $a$  and  $b$  have the same remainder when divided by the natural number  $n$ .

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**Ans:** Use the division algorithm to write  $a = nq_1 + r_1$  and  $b = nq_2 + r_2$ , where  $0 \leq r_i < n$ . Then  $a - b = n(q_1 - q_2) + (r_1 - r_2)$ . Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  have the same remainder. That is,  $r_1 = r_2$ . Then we have  $a - b = n(q_1 - q_2)$ , and  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $n$ . Conversely suppose that  $a$  and  $b$  are congruent to each other modulo  $n$ . Then from the above equation, we have that  $n$  must divide  $r_1 - r_2$ . However, since both  $r_1$  and  $r_2$  satisfy the inequality  $0 \leq r_i < n$ , their difference must lie strictly between  $-n$  and  $n$ . The only integer satisfying this inequality and divisible by  $n$  is zero. Thus,  $a$  and  $b$  have the same remainders when divided by  $n$ .

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3. (10) Show that 30 divides  $n^{13} - n$  for every natural number  $n$ .

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**Ans:** The key to this is to use Fermat's Little Theorem which states that if  $p$  is a prime number and  $a$  is not divisible by  $p$ , then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . The prime factors of 30 are 2, 3, and 5. What we want to do is to show that  $n(n^{12} - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ . Where  $n$  is 2, 3, or 5. If  $n$  is divisible by 2, 3, or 5 the above congruence is certainly true. Thus, in each of following lines we assume that  $n$  is not divisible by the respective prime number.

$$\begin{aligned}n(n^{12} - 1) &\equiv n((n^1)^{12} - 1) \equiv n(1^{12} - 1) \equiv n \cdot 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \\n(n^{12} - 1) &\equiv n((n^2)^6 - 1) \equiv n(1^6 - 1) \equiv n \cdot 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\n(n^{12} - 1) &\equiv n((n^4)^3 - 1) \equiv n(1^3 - 1) \equiv n \cdot 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}\end{aligned}$$

Since these three primes are all relatively prime we have that  $n^{13} \equiv n \pmod{(2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5)}$ .

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4. (10) The professor tells Mary that it is necessary for her to get at least a C on the final in order for her to pass the course. Mary gets a C. What can she conclude?
- (a) She passed the course.  
(b) She can conclude nothing.

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**Ans:** Mary can conclude nothing. If she had not received at least a C, she could have concluded that she did not pass the course. However, since making a C or better was necessary (not sufficient) she cannot conclude that she passed. In the language of logic the statement P is necessary for Q can be written  $\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$ , or  $Q \rightarrow P$ .

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5. (10) Assume that  $A$  and  $B$  are sets, and that  $P$  and  $Q$  are statements. Which of the following make sense mathematically, and which do not.
- (a)  $B \subset A$ ,

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**Ans:** Since  $A$  and  $B$  are sets the mathematical statement that  $A$  is a subset of  $B$  certainly makes sense.

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(b)  $P \cup Q$ ,

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**Ans:** The set theoretic union of two logical statements does not make sense.

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(c)  $\forall x \in A, x \in P$ .

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**Ans:** This statement does not make sense. To talk about something belonging to a statement ( $x \in P$ ) is nonsensical.

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6. (15) Let  $f_n$  denote the Fibonacci numbers. That is  $f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1$ , and  $f_{n+2} = f_{n+1} + f_n$  for each natural number  $n$ . Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n f_i^2 = f_n f_{n+1}$  for each natural number  $n$ .

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**Ans:** We first observe that the conjecture is true for  $n = 1$ . The heart of the problem is the inductive step which follows below.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} f_i^2 &= \sum_{i=1}^n f_i^2 + f_{n+1}^2 = f_n f_{n+1} + f_{n+1}^2 \\ &= f_{n+1}(f_n + f_{n+1}) = f_{n+1} f_{n+2}. \end{aligned}$$

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7. (15) For each natural number  $i$ , let  $a_i$  be a real number. For each natural number  $n$ , define  $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i$  as follows:

$$\sum_{i=1}^1 a_i = a_1, \quad \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i = a_{n+1} + \sum_{i=1}^n a_i.$$

Show that  $\sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i$ .

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**Ans:** One easily verifies the statement is true for  $n = 1$ . The inductive argument is given below.

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} (a_i + b_i) &= \sum_{i=1}^n (a_i + b_i) + (a_{n+1} + b_{n+1}) = \sum_{i=1}^n a_i + \sum_{i=1}^n b_i + (a_{n+1} + b_{n+1}) \\ &= \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n a_i + a_{n+1} \right] + \left[ \sum_{i=1}^n b_i + b_{n+1} \right] = \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} a_i + \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} b_i. \end{aligned}$$

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8. (15) Let  $\mathbb{R}^2$  denote the set of all ordered pairs of real numbers. Define the following relation  $S$  on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$  by:  $(x, y)$  is related to  $(u, v)$  if  $v - y = 2(u - x)$ .

(a) Show that this is an equivalence relation.

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**Ans:** We need to verify that the relation is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. To see that  $(x, y)$  is related to itself for every pair of real numbers, we need to verify that  $y - y = 2(x - x)$ , which is indeed true. This shows that the relation is reflexive. For symmetry suppose that  $(x, y)$  is related to  $(u, v)$ . Then  $v - y = 2(u - x)$ . Multiplying this equation by minus one we have,  $y - v = 2(x - u)$ . Which shows that  $(u, v)$  is related to  $(x, y)$ . In other words the relation is symmetric. Suppose finally that  $(x, y)$  is related to  $(u, v)$  and that this is related to  $(r, s)$ . The following equations are then valid:

$$\begin{aligned}v - y &= 2(u - x) \\s - v &= 2(r - u).\end{aligned}$$

Adding the two equations, we get:  $s - y = 2(r - x)$ . That is,  $(x, y)$  is related to  $(r, s)$ . All three properties of an equivalence relation have been verified and we have thereby shown that this relation is an equivalence relation.

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(b) Describe the equivalence class  $S[(1, 2)]$  geometrically.

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**Ans:**  $(x, y)$  is in the equivalence class  $S[(1, 2)]$  if and only if  $(x, y)$  is related to  $(1, 2)$ , or if and only if  $2 - y = 2(1 - x)$ . Solving for  $y$  we get  $y = 2x$ . Thus, this equivalence class can be viewed as the straight line in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with slope two which passes through the origin.

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