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This exam has 10 questions, for a total of 150 points. The maximum possible score for each problem is given on the right side of the problem.



1. (a) Recall axiom M4:

M4. (Multiplicative inverse) If  $a$  is any nonzero element of the set, then there is a unique corresponding element  $a^{-1}$  such that  $a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$  and  $a^{-1} \cdot a = 1$ .

Circle the sets below which satisfy axiom M4. (No justification needed.)

$\mathbb{Z}_2$   $\mathbb{Z}_3$   $\mathbb{Z}_4$   $\mathbb{Z}_5$   $\mathbb{Z}_6$   $\mathbb{Z}_7$   $\mathbb{Z}_8$   $\mathbb{Z}_9$   $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$

(b) Recall the following theorem:

“Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $a \mid bc$  and  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then  $a \mid c$ .”

Please use the theorem above to give a proof of Euclid’s lemma, which is the following:

“Let  $p, x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $p$  is a prime and  $p \mid xy$ , then  $p \mid x$  or  $p \mid y$ .”

Suppose  $p$  is a prime and  $p \mid xy$ .

case 1 ( $p \mid x$ ): We are done

case 2 ( $p \nmid x$ ): Then  $\gcd(p, x) = 1$ ,

so by the theorem (applied to  $a=p$ ,  $b=x$ ,  $c=y$ ), we have

$p \mid y$ .

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2. (a) Circle the numbers below that are relatively prime to 20:

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0 (1) 2 (3) 4 5 6 (7) 8 (9)  
10 (11) 12 (13) 14 15 16 (17) 18 (19)

Let  $\phi(20)$  be the number of numbers you circled. What is  $\phi(20)$ ?

- (b) Euler's theorem says that if  $\gcd(x, 20) = 1$ , then  $x^{\phi(20)} \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$ . Check that  $7^{\phi(20)} \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$  and  $11^{\phi(20)} \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$ .

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- (c) What is the remainder when  $7^{1000}$  is divided by 20?

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(a)  $\phi(20) = 8.$

(b) use repeated squaring.

$$7^2 \equiv 49 \equiv 9 \pmod{20}$$

$$7^4 \equiv 9^2 \equiv 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$$

$$7^8 \equiv 1^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$$

$$11^2 \equiv 121 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$$

$$11^4 \equiv 1^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$$

(c)  $7^{1000} = (7^4)^{250} \equiv 1^{250} \equiv 1 \pmod{20}.$

The remainder is 1.



3. (a) Write down three different *positive* numbers which satisfy  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{20}$ . 2
- (b) Write down a *negative* number which satisfies  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{20}$ . 2
- (c) What are *all*  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  which satisfy both  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{20}$  and  $x \equiv 5 \pmod{14}$ ? 8
- (d) What are *all*  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  which satisfy both  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{20}$  and  $x \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$ ? 8

(a) 4, 24, 44

(b) -16

(c)  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{20} \Rightarrow x$  is even  
 $x \equiv 5 \pmod{14} \Rightarrow x$  is odd

so there are no solutions.

(d)  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{20} \Rightarrow x = 4 + 20k$  (for some  $k$ )

so  $4 + 20k \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$

$4 + 7k \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$

$7k \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$

$k \equiv 2 \pmod{13}$

since  $7^{-1} = 2$

so  $k = 2 + 13l$  (for some  $l$ ).

$\Rightarrow x = 4 + 20k = 4 + 20(2 + 13l)$   
 $= 44 + 260l$

Answer:  $x \equiv 44 \pmod{260}$



4. Let  $A = 1,120,021$ .

(a) What is the remainder when  $A$  is divided by 4? (No justification needed.)

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(b) What is the remainder when  $A$  is divided by 9? (No justification needed.)

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Let  $B = 4 \cdot 6^6 + 2 \cdot 6^5 + 1 \cdot 6^3 + 2 \cdot 6^2 + 5 \cdot 6^1 + 3$ .

(c) What is the remainder when  $B$  is divided by 36?

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(d) What is the remainder when  $B$  is divided by 5?

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$$(a) \text{ last 2 digits} = 21 \longrightarrow \boxed{1}$$

$$(b) 1+1+2+0+0+2+1 = \boxed{7}$$

$$(c) B = 4 \cdot 6^6 + 2 \cdot 6^5 + 1 \cdot 6^3 + 2 \cdot 6^2 + 5 \cdot 6^1 + 3$$

$$\equiv \cancel{4 \cdot 0} + \cancel{2 \cdot 0} + \cancel{1 \cdot 0} + \cancel{2 \cdot 0} + 5 \cdot 6 + 3 \pmod{36}$$

$$\equiv \boxed{33} \pmod{36}$$

$$(d) B \equiv 4 \cdot 1^6 + 2 \cdot 1^5 + 1 \cdot 1^3 + 2 \cdot 1^2 + 5 \cdot 1^1 + 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$\equiv 4 + 2 + 1 + 2 + 5 + 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$\equiv 17 \pmod{5}$$

$$\equiv \boxed{2} \pmod{5}$$



5. (a) How many positive divisors does 100 have?  
(b) How many positive divisors does 1,000,000,000 (one billion) have?  
(c) How many positive divisors does 3,000,000,000 (three billion) have?

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$$(a) \quad 100 = 10^2 = 2^2 \cdot 5^2 \longrightarrow 3 \cdot 3 = \boxed{9}$$

$$(b) \quad 10^9 = 2^9 \cdot 5^9 \longrightarrow 10 \cdot 10 = \boxed{100}$$

$$(c) \quad 3 \cdot 10^9 = 2^9 \cdot 5^9 \cdot 3^1 \longrightarrow 10 \cdot 10 \cdot 2 = \boxed{200}$$

(In general, the number of positive divisors of  $p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_k^{a_k}$  is  $(a_1+1)(a_2+1) \cdots (a_k+1)$ .)



6. For this problem, use the following letter-number pairing.

letter	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
number	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
letter	N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
number	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25

(a) I encrypted a message using the function  $f(x) = x + 12 \pmod{26}$ . The encrypted message is "NKQ." What is the original message? 5

(b) Encrypt "HI" using the encryption function  $f(x) = 5x + 1 \pmod{26}$ . What is the decryption function  $g$ ? 10

(Hint: The following calculations may be useful:  $4 \cdot 26 = 104$  and  $5 \cdot 21 = 105$ .)

(a) Decryption function is  $g(y) = x - 12 \pmod{26}$

N	13	$\xrightarrow{g}$	1	B	BYE
K	10		24	Y	
Q	16		4	E	

(b)

H	7	$\xrightarrow{f}$	$36 \equiv 10$	K	KP
I	8		$41 \equiv 15$	P	

$$y \equiv 5x + 1 \pmod{26}$$

$$y - 1 \equiv 5x \pmod{26}$$

$$21(y - 1) \equiv x \pmod{26}$$

$$g(y) = 21(y - 1) \pmod{26}$$



7. Recall the RSA algorithm:

- Step 1: Bob chooses 2 distinct primes  $p$  and  $q$ . He computes  $n = pq$ .
  - Step 2: Bob chooses  $e$  with  $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$ .
  - Step 3: Bob finds  $d$  with  $de \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$ .
  - Step 4: Bob makes the two following numbers public:  $n$  and  $e$ . (He keeps  $p, q, d$  secret.)
  - Step 5: The encryption function is  $f(x) = x^e \pmod{n}$ .
  - Step 6: The decryption function is  $g(x) = x^d \pmod{n}$ .
- (a) In step 2, why does  $e$  need to satisfy  $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$ ? (Why can't Bob choose any  $e$ ?) 5
- (b) In one short sentence, what makes RSA secure (in present times, at least?) 5
- (c) Now, suppose we do RSA with  $n = 77$  and  $e = 11$ . What is the decryption function? 10

(a) If  $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) > 1$ , then  $e$  is not invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}_{(p-1)(q-1)}$ , so Step 3 becomes impossible.

(b) Factoring large numbers takes a long time.

(c)  $n = 77 = 7 \cdot 11 \implies p = 7, q = 11$

$$\implies (p-1)(q-1) = 6 \cdot 10 = 60.$$

so we need  $d$  so that  $d \cdot 11 \equiv 1 \pmod{60}$ .

$$\implies d = 11 \quad (\text{since } 11 \cdot 11 = 121 \equiv 1 \pmod{60})$$

$$\boxed{g(x) = x^{11} \pmod{77}}$$





8. (a) Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_8$ . Write what " $a \mid b$  (in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ )" means. 2
- (b) In  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ , the statement "if  $a^3 \mid b^3$ , then  $a \mid b$ " is not true. Please find a counterexample to the statement. 6
- (Hint: Choose  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_8$  so that  $b^3 = 0$ .)
- (c) In  $\mathbb{Z}$ , the statement "if  $a^3 \mid b^3$ , then  $a \mid b$ " is true. What theorem from class can we use to prove this? (Just state the name of the theorem.) 3
- (d) Recall that using the axioms A1--A4, M1--M3, D, we can prove statements like "if  $a \mid b$ , then  $a^2 \mid b^2$ ." 4

Why is there no proof of the statement in (c) that uses only these axioms?

(Recall that these axioms are: commutativity of addition, associativity of addition, additive identity, additive inverse, commutativity of multiplication, associativity of multiplication, multiplicative identity, distributive property.)

- (a) There is a  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_8$  such that  $a \cdot k = b$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ .
- (b) let  $a=4$ ,  $b=2$ . Then  $a^3=0$ ,  $b^3=0$   
so  $a^3 \mid b^3$ . But  $a \nmid 2$  since the only multiples of  $a$  are 0 and 4.
- (c) Unique prime factorization  
(or Fundamental theorem of arithmetic)
- (d) Both  $\mathbb{Z}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  satisfy the axioms.  
If there were a proof using only the axioms, then the statement ("if  $a^3 \mid b^3$ , then  $a \mid b$ ") would be true for  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  as well.



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9. Recall that

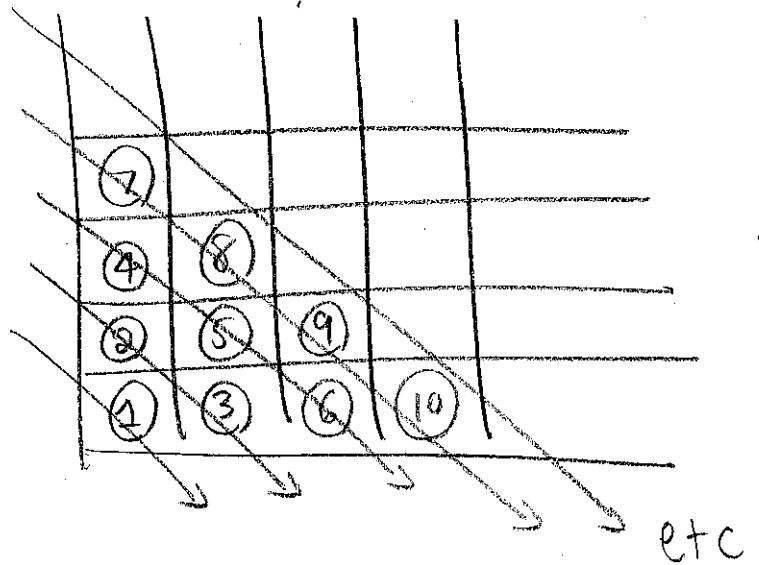
$$\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N} = \{(x, y) \mid x \in \mathbb{N} \text{ and } y \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

That is, the set  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  consists of all ordered pairs of natural numbers. You can view this set as a grid of squares extending infinitely upwards and to the right:

⋮	⋮	⋮	⋮	
(1, 4)	(2, 4)	(3, 4)	(4, 4)	⋯
(1, 3)	(2, 3)	(3, 3)	(4, 3)	⋯
(1, 2)	(2, 2)	(3, 2)	(4, 2)	⋯
(1, 1)	(2, 1)	(3, 1)	(4, 1)	⋯

Is the set  $\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  countable? Please justify.

Yes, we can label the squares in the grid as follows:





10. The set  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  has 8 subsets:

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$\{\}, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 3\}, \{2, 3\}, \{1, 2, 3\}.$

How many subsets does  $\mathbb{N}$  have? Let's show that it has uncountably many! Help me complete the following proof, which uses a variation of Cantor's diagonalization argument.

**Step 1:** Suppose for contradiction that  $\mathbb{N}$  has only countable many subsets. Then we can list out *all subsets* of  $\mathbb{N}$  in a sequence  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots$  (Each  $S_i$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ .)

For example:

$S_1$	$\{3, 5, 7\}$	
$S_2$	$\mathbb{N}$	
$S_3$	$\{\}$	(the empty set)
$S_4$	$\{1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, \dots\}$	(the perfect squares)
$S_5$	$\{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, \dots\}$	(the even numbers)
$\vdots$	$\vdots$	

**Step 2:** Given a sequence  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots$ , we define a new set  $T$  by

$$T = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \notin S_n\}.$$

In words: for each natural number  $n$ , we check to see if  $n$  is in  $S_n$ . If it is, then we include  $n$  in the set  $T$ . If it is not, then we do not include  $n$  in the set  $T$ .

In our example above,  $1 \notin S_1, 2 \in S_2, 3 \notin S_3, 4 \in S_4, 5 \notin S_5$ , so  $T$  contains 1, 3, 5 but not 2, 4.

**Step 3:** Using our set  $T$ , we get a contradiction. How?

For each  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , exactly one of the two sets  $T$  and  $S_n$  contains the element  $n$ .

Thus,  $T \neq S_n$  for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , so  $T$  is not in the sequence  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots$

However,  $T$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ , so it has to appear in the sequence. Contradiction!