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1. (5 points) Is the following claim true? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counterexample showing that it is not.

Claim: For all positive integers a , b , and c , if $\gcd(a, bc) = 1$, then $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ and $\gcd(a, c) = 1$.

Solution: This is true. If $\gcd(a, bc) = 1$, then a doesn't share any prime factors with bc . Since the prime factors of b are a subset of these, they also can't overlap with the prime factors of a . Similarly for c .

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(1568, 546)$. Show your work.

Solution:

$$1568 - 546 \times 2 = 1568 - 1092 = 476$$

$$546 - 476 = 70$$

$$476 - 70 \times 6 = 476 - 420 = 56$$

$$70 - 56 = 14$$

$$56 - 14 \times 3 = 0$$

So the GCD is 14.

3. (4 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

For any positive integers p and q ,

if $\text{lcm}(p, q) = pq$, then p and q are relatively prime.

true

false

Zero is a factor of 7.

true

false

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1. (5 points) Is the following claim true? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counterexample showing that it is not.

Claim: For all positive integers a , b , and c , $\gcd(ca, cb) = c \cdot \gcd(a, b)$

Solution: This is true.

c divides both ca and cb . So $\gcd(ca, cb)$ must have the form cm , where m is an integer. But then cm is the largest integer that divides both ca and cb if and only if m is the largest integer that divides both a and b .

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(2015, 837)$. Show your work.

Solution:

$$2015 - 837 \times 2 = 2015 - 1674 = 341$$

$$837 - 341 \times 2 = 837 - 682 = 155$$

$$341 - 155 \times 2 = 341 - 310 = 31$$

$$155 - 31 \times 5 = 0$$

So the GCD is 31.

3. (4 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

$\gcd(0, 0)$ 0 k undefined

$25 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ true false

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- (5 points) Is the following claim true? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counter-example showing that it is not.

For any positive integer k , $(k - 1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$.

Solution: This is true. Notice that $(k - 1) - (-1) = k$. So $k - 1 \equiv (-1) \pmod{k}$. Therefore $(k - 1)^2 \equiv (-1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$.

- (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\text{gcd}(1183, 351)$. Show your work.

Solution:

$$1183 - 3 \times 351 = 1183 - 1053 = 130$$

$$351 - 2 \times 130 = 351 - 260 = 91$$

$$130 - 91 = 39$$

$$91 - 3 \times 39 = 91 - 78 = 13$$

$$39 - 3 \times 13 = 0$$

So the GCD is 13.

- (4 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

If a and b are positive and $r = \text{remainder}(a, b)$,
then $\text{gcd}(b, r) = \text{gcd}(b, a)$

true false

$7 \mid -7$

true false

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- (5 points) Is the following claim true? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counter-example showing that it is not.

Claim: For all positive integers a , b , and c , if $\gcd(a,b) = 1$ and $\gcd(b,c) = 1$, then $\gcd(a,c) = 1$.

Solution: This is false. Consider $a = c = 3$ and $b = 2$. Then a and b have no common factors, i.e. $\gcd(a,b) = 1$. Also b and c have no common factors, i.e. $\gcd(b,c) = 1$. But $\gcd(a,c) = 3$.

- (6 points) Write pseudocode (iterative or recursive) for a function $\gcd(a,b)$ that implements the Euclidean algorithm. Assume both inputs are positive.

Solution:

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gcd(a,b)
    x=a
    y=b
    while (b > 0)
        r = remainder(a,b)
        a = b
        b = r
    return a
    
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- (4 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

$\gcd(p, q) = \frac{pq}{\text{lcm}(p, q)}$
 (p and q positive integers) always sometimes never

$-7 \equiv 13 \pmod{6}$ true false

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- (5 points) Is the following claim true? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counter-example showing that it is not.

For any positive integers a , b , and c , if $a \mid bc$, then $a \mid b$ or $a \mid c$

Solution: This is false. Consider $a = 6$, $b = 3$, $c = 2$. Then $a \mid bc$, but a doesn't divide either b or c .

- (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\text{gcd}(1702, 1221)$. Show your work.

Solution: $1702 - 1221 = 481$
 $1221 - 481 \times 2 = 1221 - 962 = 259$
 $481 - 259 = 222$
 $259 - 222 = 37$
 $222 - 6 \times 37 = 0$
 So the GCD is 37.

- (4 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

If a and b are positive integers
 and $r = \text{remainder}(a, b)$,
 then $\text{gcd}(b, r) = \text{gcd}(r, a)$

true false

$29 \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$

true false

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- (5 points) Is the following claim true? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counter-example showing that it is not.

Claim: For all positive integers a , b , and c , if $\gcd(a, b) = n$ and $\gcd(a, c) = p$, then $\gcd(a, bc) = np$.

Solution: This is false. Consider $a = b = c = 3$. Then if $\gcd(a, b) = 3$ and $\gcd(a, c) = 3$, but $\gcd(a, bc)$ is 3, not 9.

- (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(2380, 391)$. Show your work.

Solution:

$$2380 - 391 \times 6 = 2380 - 2346 = 34$$

$$391 - 34 \times 11 = 391 - 374 = 17$$

$$34 - 17 \times 2 = 0$$

So the GCD is 17.

- (4 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

For any positive integers p , q , and k ,
if $p \equiv q \pmod{k}$, then $p^2 \equiv q^2 \pmod{k}$

true false

$2 \mid -4$

true false

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1. (5 points) Is the following claim true? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counter-example showing that it is not.

Claim: For any positive integers p and q , $p \equiv q \pmod{1}$.

Solution: This is true. $p \equiv q \pmod{1}$ is equivalent to $p - q = n \times 1 = n$ for some integer n . But we can always find an integer that will make this equation balance!

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(7917, 357)$. Show your work.

Solution:

$$7917 - 22 \times 357 = 63$$

$$357 - 5 \times 63 = 42$$

$$63 - 42 = 21$$

$$42 - 2 \times 21 = 0$$

So the GCD is 21.

3. (4 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

If a and b are positive integers

and $r = \text{remainder}(a, b)$,

then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(r, a)$

true

false

$-2 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

true

false

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1. (5 points) Is the following claim true? Informally explain why it is false, or give a concrete example showing that it is not.

There is an integer n such that $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ and $n \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$?

Solution: This is true. Consider $n = 41$. $41 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ and $41 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$.

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(1224, 850)$. Show your work.

Solution:

$$1224 - 850 = 374$$

$$850 - 374 \times 2 = 850 - 748 = 102$$

$$374 - 102 \times 3 = 374 - 306 = 68$$

$$102 - 68 = 34$$

$$68 - 34 \times 2 = 0$$

So the GCD is 34.

3. (4 points) Check the (single) box that best characterizes each item.

Two positive integers p and q are relatively prime if and only if $\gcd(p, q) = 1$.

true false

$0 \mid 0$

true false