

1.3.4 a) Show if  $a+b=a+c$  then  $b=c$

Assume  $a+b=a+c$

then  $-a+(a+b)=-a+(a+c)$

use associativity  $(-a+a)+b=(-a+a)+c$

inverse for addition  $0+b=0+c$

identity for addition  $b=c$

b) Show if  $a \neq 0$  and  $ab=ac$  then  $b=c$

Assume  $ab=ac$  ( $a \neq 0$ )

then  $ab-ac=ac-ac$

distributive law  $a(b-c)=0$

no zero divisors

+  $a \neq 0 \Rightarrow b-c=0$

so  $b=c$

15.2. Show that if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n > 1$ , then  $n$  has a prime divisor.

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Check base case  $n=2$

this has a prime divisor, since  $n$  is prime

Assume all numbers  $< n$  have prime divisors

Then either, no number  $< n$  divides  $n$ ,

then  $n$  is itself prime

or a number  $a$  divides  $n$ .

By induction hypothesis there is a prime  $p|a$

Then  $p|n$

Prove uniqueness of quotient and remainder in division alg.

1.5.6 Assume  $a = bq + r$

and  $a = bq' + r'$

Assume WLOG  $q \geq q'$

Then  $0 = bq - bq' + r - r'$

$$= b(q - q') + r - r'$$

$$r' = b(q - q') + r$$

if  $q - q' > 0$ , then  $r' \geq b$ , contradicting

that  $r'$  is a remainder

1.5.14

a) Prove that if a prime  $p$  divides  $a_1 a_2 \dots a_r$  then  $p$  must divide  $a_j$  for some  $j$

Use induction on  $r$

$r=1$  OK since  $p|a_1 \Rightarrow p|a_1$

Assume OK for  $r$  and that

$$p|a_1 a_2 \dots a_{r+1}$$

$$p|(a_1 a_2 \dots a_r) a_{r+1}$$

By Euclid's lemma either  $p|a_{r+1}$  is OK

or  $p|a_1 a_2 \dots a_r$  then OK by induction

1.5.14 b)

Prove if  $p$  is prime and  $p$  does not divide  $n$ , then  $\gcd(p, n) = 1$

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$\gcd(p, n)$  divides  $p$ , hence  $\gcd(p, n)$  is equal to 1 or  $p$ . If it is equal to  $p$ ,

then  $p$  divides  $n$ , so proven by contradiction

1.61 Suppose it is now 7 p.m., what time will it be after 101 hours.

$$101 = 24 \cdot 4 + 5, \text{ so}$$

$$101 \equiv 5 \pmod{24}$$

So 101 hours after 7 p.m. it is  $7+5=12$  a.m.

a.m. since it will be midnight

1.6.8 a) Compute  $\gcd(83, 38) = d$  by using Euclid's alg.

$$\gcd(83, 38)$$

$$83 = 2 \cdot 38 + 7$$

$$38 = 5 \cdot 7 + 3$$

$$7 = 2 \cdot 3 + 1$$

$$\text{so } \gcd(83, 38) = 1$$

b) Use the result from a) to write  $d = 83m + 38n$

$$1 = 7 - 2 \cdot 3$$

$$= 7 - 2 \cdot (38 - 5 \cdot 7) = 11 \cdot 7 - 2 \cdot 38$$

$$= 11 \cdot (83 - 2 \cdot 38) - 2 \cdot 38 = \underline{11 \cdot 83 - 24 \cdot 38}$$

c) Use part b) to solve  $38x \equiv 1 \pmod{83}$

$$1 = 11 \cdot 83 - 24 \cdot 38$$

$$\text{so } 1 \equiv -24 \cdot 38 \pmod{83} \text{ or } 1 = 59 \cdot 38 \pmod{83}$$

$$\text{since } 59 \equiv -24 \pmod{83}$$

1.6.10 Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $n$  is odd

Show that

$$1+2+3+\dots+(n-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

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Reorder the terms to

$$1+(n-1)+2+(n-2)+\dots+\frac{n-1}{2}+\frac{n+1}{2}$$

$$= n + n + \dots + n \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

The same congruence does not hold for even  $n$

e.g. for  $n=4$

$$1+2+3 = 6 \equiv 2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

In fact, for even  $n$

$$1+2+\dots+n-1 \equiv \frac{n}{2} \pmod{n}$$



1.7.3 Show that  $a|b$  is not an equiv. rel. on  $\mathbb{Z}$

$a|b$  is not an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ , since

$a|b$  does not imply  $b|a$  <sup>the relation is not symmetric</sup> as seen.

for example with

$$2|6 \quad \text{but} \quad 6 \nmid 2$$

We see this from the figure since the figure is not symmetric along the diagonal

Note that this relation is reflexive and transitive

1.7.5 Show that the relation on  $\mathbb{R}$  given by  
 $a \sim b$  if  $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$  is an equivalence  
relation

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Reflexive:

for any  $a \in \mathbb{R}$   $a \sim a$  since  $a - a = 0 \in \mathbb{Z}$

Symmetric

if  $a \sim b$ , then  $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so  $b - a \in \mathbb{Z}$

hence  $b \sim a$

Transitive

if  $a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c$ , then  $a - b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b - c \in \mathbb{Z}$

so  $a - b + b - c = a - c \in \mathbb{Z}$ , hence  $a \sim c$

A nice set of representatives is  $[0, 1)$

17.7. Draw the poset diagram for the set of positive divisors of 30

Divisors of 30 are

1 2 3 5 6 10 15 30

