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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 all non-zero integers  $a$  and  $b$ , if  $a \mid b$  and  $b \mid a$ , then  $a = b$ .

**Solution:** This is false. Consider  $a = 3$  and  $b = -3$ . Then  $a \mid b$  and  $b \mid a$ , but  $a \neq b$ .

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.

$0 \mid 0$

true

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false

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

true

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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 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.

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute  $\gcd(1609, 563)$ . Show your work.

**Solution:**

$$1609 - 2 \times 563 = 1609 - 1126 = 483$$

$$563 - 483 = 80$$

$$483 - 6 \times 80 = 3$$

$$80 - 26 \times 3 = 80 - 78 = 2$$

$$3 - 2 = 1$$

$$2 - 2 \times 1 = 0$$

So the GCD is 1.

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 ☐

$$(5 \times 5) \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$$

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 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  $\gcd(2380, 391)$ . 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.

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

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

true ☒ false ☐

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

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.

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  $c$ .

2. (6 points) Write pseudocode (iterative or recursive) for a function  $\text{gcd}(a,b)$  that implements the Euclidean algorithm. Assume both inputs are positive.

**Solution:**

```
gcd(a,b)
  x=a
  y=b
  while (b > 0)
    r = remainder(a,b)
    a = b
    b = r
  return a
```

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

$2 \mid -4$

true

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false

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

true

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false

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1. (5 points) Explain how to use the Euclidean algorithm to test whether two positive integers  $p$  and  $q$  are relatively prime.

**Solution:** Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute  $\gcd(p, q)$ . If the output is 1,  $p$ , and  $q$  are relatively prime.

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute  $\gcd(1702, 1221)$ . Show your work.

**Solution:**  $1702 - 1221 = 481$

$$1221 - 481 \times 2 = 1221 - 962 = 259$$

$$481 - 259 = 222$$

$$259 - 222 = 37$$

$$222 - 6 \times 37 = 0$$

$$\text{So } \gcd(1702, 1221) = 37$$

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

If  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $k$  are primes,  
then  $\gcd(pq, qk) =$

$q$  ☐

$pq$  ☐

$pqk$  ☐

$q \gcd(p, k)$  ☒

$$29 \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$$

true ☒

false ☐

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1. (5 points) For any real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , let's define the operation  $\odot$  by the equation  $x \odot y = x^2 + y^2$ . Is the following claim true? Informally explain why it is, or give a concrete counter-example showing that it is not.

Claim: For any real numbers  $x, y$ , and  $z$ ,  $(x \odot y) \odot z = x \odot (y \odot z)$

**Solution:** This is not true. Consider  $x = y = 1$  and  $z = 2$ . Then  $(x \odot y) \odot z = (x^2 + y^2)^2 + z^2 = (1 + 1)^2 + 2^2 = 8$ . But  $x \odot (y \odot z) = x^2 + (y^2 + z^2)^2 = 1^2 + (1^2 + 2^2)^2 = 1 + 5^2 = 26$ .

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute  $\gcd(2737, 2040)$ . Show your work.

**Solution:**

$$2737 - 2040 = 697$$

$$2040 - 697 \times 2 = 2040 - 1394 = 646$$

$$697 - 646 = 51$$

$$646 - 51 \times 12 = 646 - 612 = 34$$

$$51 - 34 = 17$$

$$34 - 17 = 0$$

So the GCD is 17.

3. (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

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sometimes

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never

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$$-3 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

true

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false

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