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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 real numbers x and y , if x or y is irrational, then xy is irrational.

Solution: This is not true. Consider $x = y = \sqrt{2}$. Then x or y is irrational (because they are both irrational). But $xy = 2$ which is rational.

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(1012, 299)$. Show your work.

Solution: $1012 - 3 \times 299 = 1012 - 897 = 115$

$$299 - 2 \times 115 = 299 - 230 = 69$$

$$115 - 69 = 46$$

$$69 - 46 = 23$$

$$46 - 2 \times 23 = 0$$

$$\text{So } \gcd(1012, 299) = 23$$

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

$$7 \mid -7$$

true

☒

false

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$$k \equiv -k \pmod{k}$$

always

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sometimes

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never

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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 $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ 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 $\gcd(a, c) = 3$.

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(3927, 637)$. Show your work.

Solution:

$$3927 - 6 \times 637 = 3927 - 3822 = 105$$

$$637 - 6 \times 105 = 7$$

$$105 - 15 \times 7 = 0$$

So the GCD is 7.

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

$\gcd(k, 0)$ for k non-zero 0 ☐ k ☒ undefined ☐

$7 \equiv 5 \pmod{1}$ true ☒ false ☐

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1. (5 points) Let a and b be integers, $b > 0$. We used two formulas to define the quotient q and the remainder r of a divided by b . One of these is $a = bq + r$. What is the other?

Solution: $0 \leq r < b$

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(4263, 667)$. Show your work.

Solution:

$$4263 - 6 \times 667 = 261$$

$$667 - 2 \times 261 = 145$$

$$261 - 145 = 116$$

$$145 - 116 = 29$$

$$116 - 4 \times 29 = 0$$

So the GCD is 29.

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

For all prime numbers p , there are exactly two natural numbers q such that $q \mid p$.

true

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false

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Zero is a factor of 7.

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.

For any positive integers a , b , q and r , if $a = bq + r$, then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, r)$.

Solution: This is false. Consider $a = 18$, $b = 5$, $q = 3$, and $r = 3$. Then we have $18 = 5 \cdot 3 + 3$. $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, but $\gcd(a, r) = 3$.

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.

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

true

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false

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

true

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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 $n \equiv 2 \pmod{10}$?

Solution: There is no such n . If $n \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ and $n \equiv 2 \pmod{10}$, then $n = 5 + 6k$ and $n = 2 + 10j$, where k and j are integers. So $5 + 6k = 2 + 10j$. This implies that $3 = 10j - 6k$ which is impossible because the right side is divisible by 2 and the left side isn't.

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.

$\gcd(0, 0)$ 0 ☐ k ☐ undefined ☒

$29 \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$ 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 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 $(k-1)^2 \equiv (-1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$.

2. (6 points) Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(1183, 351)$. 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.

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

$$k \equiv -k \pmod{7}$$

always

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sometimes

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never

☐

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

true

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false

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