

Exam I: MTH 213, Spring 2018

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Score = $\frac{64}{64}$

QUESTION 1. (i) (5 points) Prove that $\sqrt{55}$ is irrational. (Hint: You must use this technique: Deny. Then $\sqrt{55} = a/b$ for some positive ODD integers a, b s.t. $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, now start cooking as explained in the class)

Deny; say $\sqrt{55}$ is rational.

$$\sqrt{55} = \frac{a}{b}, \quad a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad b \neq 0, \quad \gcd(a, b) = 1$$

a and b are odd integers, let $a = 2m+1, b = 2n+1, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$\sqrt{55} = \frac{2m+1}{2n+1}$$

$$55 = \frac{4m^2 + 4m + 1}{4n^2 + 4n + 1}$$

$$55(4n^2 + 4n + 1) = 4m^2 + 4m + 1$$

$$55(4n^2 + 4n) + 55 = 4m^2 + 4m + 1$$

$$\underbrace{55n^2 + 55n + \frac{54}{4}}_{\notin \mathbb{Z}} = \underbrace{m^2 + m}_{\text{integer}} \quad \text{Contradiction. Hence } \sqrt{55} \text{ is irrational.}$$

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(ii) (3 points) Prove that $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}$ is irrational (Hint: You may use the result from (i))

Deny. Say $\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11}$ are rational.

$$\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11} = \frac{a_0}{b_0}, \quad a_0, b_0 \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad b_0 \neq 0, \quad \gcd(a_0, b_0) = 1$$

$$(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11})^2 = \left(\frac{a_0}{b_0}\right)^2$$

$$5 + 2\sqrt{55} + 11 = \frac{a_0^2}{b_0^2}$$

$$\sqrt{55} = \frac{a_0^2}{2b_0^2} - \frac{16}{2} \quad \text{LHS is irrational as shown in (i), RHS is rational. Contradiction. Hence, } \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{11} \text{ is irrational.}$$

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QUESTION 2. (i) (6 points) For every $n \geq 1$, use math induction to prove that $18 \mid (5^{6n} - 1)$.

1] Prove for $n=1$.

$$5^6 - 1 = 15624, \quad 18 \mid 15624 \quad \checkmark$$

2] Assume: $18 \mid 5^{6n} - 1$ for some $n \geq 1$ ✓

3] Prove for $n+1$.

$$\begin{aligned} &5^{6n+6} - 1 \\ &= 5^{6n} \cdot 5^6 - 1 \\ &= 5^{6n} \cdot 5^6 - 5^6 + 5^6 - 1 \\ &= \underbrace{5^6(5^{6n} - 1)}_{\text{divisible by 18, as shown in [2]}} + \underbrace{5^6 - 1}_{\text{divisible by 18, as shown in [1]}} \end{aligned}$$

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Hence $18 \mid 5^6(5^{6n} - 1) + 5^6 - 1 \Rightarrow 18 \mid 5^{6n+6} - 1$ ✓

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(ii) (3 points) Use direct proof to show that $18 \mid (5^{6n} - 1)$, for every $n \geq 1$.

$$18 = 2 \times 3^2, \quad \phi(18) = 1 \times 2 \times 3 = 6, \quad \gcd(5, 18) = 1.$$

By Euler Fermat result, $5^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{18}$

Multiplying 5^6 n times: $(5^6)^n \equiv 1^n \pmod{18}$

$$5^{6n} \equiv 1 \pmod{18}.$$

Hence $\$ 18 \mid 5^{6n} - 1$.

QUESTION 3. (i) (5 points) Use math induction to prove that $\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{n+1}{4n+20}$ for every $n \geq 1$

[1] Prove for $n=1$.

$$\sum_{i=0}^1 \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{1}{20} + \frac{1}{30} = \frac{1}{12}, \quad \text{check } \frac{n+1}{4n+20} = \frac{2}{24} = \frac{1}{12}$$

[2] Assume: $\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{n+1}{4n+20}$ for some $n \geq 1$.

[3] Prove for $n+1$.

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} + \frac{1}{(n+5)(n+6)}$$

$$= \frac{n+1}{4n+20} + \frac{1}{(n+5)(n+6)}$$

$$= \frac{n+1}{4(n+5)} + \frac{1}{(n+5)(n+6)}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+6) + 4}{4(n+5)(n+6)} = \frac{n^2 + 7n + 10}{4(n+5)(n+6)} = \frac{(n+2)(n+5)}{4(n+5)(n+6)} = \frac{n+2}{4n+24}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{(n+1)+1}{4(n+1)+20}, \quad \text{hence } \sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{n+1}{4n+20}, \quad \forall n \geq 1.$$

better if you write $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{n+2}{4n+24}$
We show $\sum_{i=0}^{n+1} \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{n+2}{4n+24}$

(ii) (3 points) Use direct proof to show that $\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{n+1}{4n+20}$ (Hint: First note that $\frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{1}{i+4} - \frac{1}{i+5}$. For each $0 \leq i \leq n$, let $a_i = \frac{1}{i+4} - \frac{1}{i+5}$. Now calculate $a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n$ and stare, you should observe something!)

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \sum_{i=0}^n \left[\frac{1}{i+4} - \frac{1}{i+5} \right] = a_0 + a_1 + \dots + a_n \quad \text{where } a_i = \frac{1}{i+4} - \frac{1}{i+5}$$

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{6} - \frac{1}{7} + \dots + \frac{1}{n+3} - \frac{1}{n+4} + \frac{1}{n+4} - \frac{1}{n+5}$$

Note all terms except first and last cancel out

$$\sum_{i=0}^n \frac{1}{(i+4)(i+5)} = \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{n+5} = \frac{n+5-4}{4(n+5)} = \frac{n+1}{4n+20}$$

QUESTION 4. (3 points) Find $(265)_7 \times (56)_7$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4534 \\ 265 \\ \times 56 \\ \hline 12352 \\ +20540 \\ \hline (23222)_7 \end{array} \quad \text{Ans: } (23222)_7$$

QUESTION 5.

(3 points) Find $(1055)_9 - (338)_9$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0149 \\ 1085 \\ - 338 \\ \hline 616 \end{array} \quad \text{Ans: } (616)_9$$

QUESTION 6. (4 points) JUST WRITE T OR F

- (i) $\exists! x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\forall y \in \mathbb{R}, x + y = y$ T ✓
- (ii) $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}_6^*, \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}_6^*$ such that $xy = 1$ over planet \mathbb{Z}_6 (note $\mathbb{Z}_6^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$) F ✓
- (iii) $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}_6^*, \exists! y \in \mathbb{Z}_6^*$ such that $xy = 1$ over planet \mathbb{Z}_6 (note $\mathbb{Z}_6^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$) F ✓
- (iv) $\exists! x \in \mathbb{Q}^*$ such that $2x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$ F not unique ✓

QUESTION 7. (8 points) Let $d = \gcd(98, 119)$. Find d over PLANET N . Then find two integers in PLANET Z , say m, n , such that $d = 98n + 119m$. (Show the work)

$$\gcd(98, 119)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 98 \overline{) 119} \\ \underline{-98} \\ 21 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 21 \overline{) 98} \\ \underline{-84} \\ 14 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 1 \\ 14 \overline{) 21} \\ \underline{-14} \\ 7 \end{array} \rightarrow \begin{array}{r} 2 \\ 7 \overline{) 14} \\ \underline{-14} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\gcd(98, 119) = 7 \in \mathbb{N} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &= 21 - 14 \\ &= 21 - (98 - 21(4)) \\ &= 21 - 98 + 21(4) \\ &= 5(21) - 98 \\ &= 5(119 - 98) - 98 \\ &= 5(119) - 5(98) - 98 \\ 7 &= 5(119) - 6(98) \end{aligned}$$

$$n = -6 \quad m = 5, \quad n, m \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad \checkmark$$

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QUESTION 8. (5 points) Find two numbers say n, m such that there are 2018 consecutive non-prime integers, say $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{2018}$, where $n < a_i < m$, for each $1 \leq i \leq 2018$. Then find a_1, a_2, a_{2018} . (Hint: write your solution in terms of Factoria, i.e., you may say $n = 23! + 7$ and so on)

For any number x , $(2x)! + x, (2x)! + x + 1, (2x)! + x + 2, \dots, (2x)! + 2x$ are definitely not prime. The size of this set is x . Since 2018 consecutive non-prime integers are required let $n = (4036)! + 2017$ and $m = (4036)! + 4037$

$$\text{Then } a_1 = 4036! + 2018$$

$$a_2 = 4036! + 2019$$

$$a_{2018} = 4036! + 4036$$

QUESTION 9. (i) (5 points) Solve $6x = 3$ over planet Z_9 .

$$6x = 3 \text{ in } Z_9 \quad \gcd(6, 9) = 3 \quad \nexists 3|3.$$

$$\therefore 3 \text{ sol}^n.$$

$$x = 2, \quad x = 5, \quad x = 8$$

(ii) (3 points) Solve over planet Z , $6x \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$

$$x = 2 + 9k_1, \quad x = 5 + 9k_2, \quad x = 8 + 9k_3$$

$$k_1, k_2, k_3 \in Z.$$

QUESTION 10. (8 points) Let X be the number of females in some sport-activity at the AUS. Given $X \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, $X \equiv 5 \pmod{9}$, and $X \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$. If $0 < X < 396$, then find X . (Show the work)

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

$$r_1 \quad m_1$$

$$x \equiv 5 \pmod{9}$$

$$r_2 \quad m_2$$

$$x \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$$

$$r_3 \quad m_3$$

$$(m_2 m_3)^{-1} \pmod{m_1}$$

$$99x = 1 \text{ in } Z_4$$

$$3x = 1 \text{ in } Z_4$$

$$x = 3 = d_1$$

$$(m_1 m_3)^{-1} \pmod{m_2}$$

$$44x \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$8x \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$x = 8 = d_2$$

$$(m_1 m_2)^{-1} \pmod{m_3}$$

$$36x \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$3x \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$x = 4 = d_3$$

$$X = 99(3)(2) + 44(8)(5) + 36(4)(10)$$

$$= 3794 \pmod{396}$$

$$X = 230, \quad 0 < X < 396.$$

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