

# Math 411 Individual Homework 2

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## Problem 1

a)

$$1001 = 6 \cdot 163 + 23$$

$$163 = 7 \cdot 23 + 2$$

$$23 = 11 \cdot 2 + 1$$

$$2 = 2 \cdot 1 + 0$$

$$\gcd(163, 1001) = 1, 78 \cdot 1001 - 479 \cdot 163 = 1$$

b)

$$2023 = 3 \cdot 629 + 136$$

$$629 = 4 \cdot 136 + 85$$

$$136 = 1 \cdot 85 + 51$$

$$85 = 1 \cdot 51 + 34$$

$$51 = 1 \cdot 34 + 17$$

$$34 = 2 \cdot 17 + 0$$

$$\gcd(2023, 629) = 17, 14 \cdot 2023 - 45 \cdot 629 = 17$$

## Problem 2

a) False,  $15 \mid 3 \cdot 5$  but  $15 \nmid 3$  and  $15 \nmid 5$ .

b) True, if  $a \mid b$ , then  $ak = b$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So then  $ak \mid c$ , meaning that for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(ak)m = c$ . We suggestively rewrite this as  $a(km) = c$ . Since  $km \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a \mid c$ .

c) `PrimeQ[314159265358979]` in Mathematica returned *False*.

d) If  $a \mid b$  and  $b \mid a$ ,  $ak = b$ ,  $b\ell = a$  for some  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then:

$$\begin{aligned} ak &= b \\ (b\ell)k &= b \\ b(\ell k) &= b \\ \ell k &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ , the only possible solutions to this equation are  $k = 1, \ell = 1$  or  $k = -1, \ell = -1$ . Since  $b\ell = a$  and  $\ell$  can take on either  $-1$  or  $1$ ,  $a = \pm b$ .

e) This is true. We will perform this proof using the Euclidean algorithm. For Fibonacci numbers  $F_n, F_{n-1}$ , we see that  $F_n = 1 \cdot F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$ . So we see that in this recursive way the Euclidean algorithm would reverse the Fibonacci sequence like this:

$$(F_n, F_{n-1}) \rightarrow (F_{n-1}, F_{n-2}) \rightarrow (F_{n-2}, F_{n-3}) \cdots \rightarrow (F_1, F_0)$$

, where  $F_1 = 1, F_0 = 0$ . At this point the algorithm would terminate and return 1 as the gcd. This makes any consecutive Fibonacci numbers  $F_n, F_{n-1}$  coprime.

### Problem 3

- a) First, we must prove reflexivity. We may represent  $a$  as  $nk + r$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $r$  is  $a \bmod n$ . We see that  $a$  clearly has the same  $r$  as itself and is therefore congruent to itself.
- b) Second, we must prove symmetry. We assume that  $a \equiv b \pmod n$ . We may represent  $a$  as  $nk_1 + r$  and  $b$  as  $nk_2 + r$  where  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We can see that  $a$  also has the same remainder  $r$  as  $b$ , so congruence is symmetric.
- c) Third, we must prove transitivity. We assume  $a \equiv b \pmod n$ , and  $b \equiv c \pmod n$ . Thus,  $a = nk_1 + r, b = nk_2 + r, c = nk_3 + r, k_1, k_2, k_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . We observe that  $a$  and  $c$  have the same remainder  $r$ . Thus, congruence is also transitive.

### Problem 4

$$\text{a) } \begin{array}{c|cc} * & 1 & 5 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 5 \\ \hline 5 & 5 & 1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{b) } \begin{array}{c|cccccc} * & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline 1 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ \hline 2 & 2 & 4 & 6 & 1 & 3 & 5 \\ \hline 3 & 3 & 6 & 2 & 5 & 1 & 4 \\ \hline 4 & 4 & 1 & 5 & 2 & 6 & 3 \\ \hline 5 & 5 & 3 & 1 & 6 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline 6 & 6 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{array}$$

	*	1	3	5	7
	1	1	3	5	7
c)	3	3	1	7	5
	5	5	7	1	3
	7	7	5	3	1

## Problem 5

We construct an isomorphism  $f : \mathbb{Z}_6 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_7^*$  as follows:

$x$	$f(x)$
0	1
1	3
2	2
3	6
4	4
5	5

We construct the table for  $\mathbb{Z}_7^*$  such that the structural similarity can be seen

*	1	3	2	6	4	5
1	1	3	2	6	4	5
3	3	2	6	4	5	1
2	2	6	4	5	1	3
6	6	4	5	1	3	2
4	4	5	1	3	2	6
5	5	1	3	2	6	4
+	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

## Problem 6

First, we will prove that a group isomorphism  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  must map the identity of  $G$  to the identity of  $G'$ . We will do this by contradiction. Assume  $f(e) = a' \neq e'$ . Then:

$$f(ee) = f(e)f(e)$$

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$$a' = a' \cdot a'$$

$$a'^{-1} \cdot a' = a^{-1} \cdot a' \cdot a'$$

$$e' = e' \cdot a'$$

$$e' = a'$$

So we have a contradiction and have proven that the isomorphism must map the first group's identity to the other.

Assume that a group isomorphism  $f : \mathbb{Z}_8^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_4$  exists. It is easily shown by looking at the multiplication table for  $\mathbb{Z}_8^*$  that for any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_8^*$ ,  $a \cdot a = 1$ . Since  $f$  is an isomorphism and therefore a bijection, there must exist  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_8^*$  such that  $f(x) = 1$ . So then:

$$f(xx) = f(x) +_4 f(x)$$

$$f(1) = f(x) +_4 f(x)$$

$$0 \neq 1 +_4 1 = 2$$

So this isomorphism  $f$  cannot exist and therefore the groups are not isomorphic.

## Problem 7

We assume an isomorphism  $f : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ . We note that any odd  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  must be mapped to by  $f$  as an isomorphism is a bijection. Let  $f(x) = k$  for some odd  $k$ . So then:

$$f\left(\frac{x}{2} + \frac{x}{2}\right) = f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = 2 \cdot f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) = k$$

Since  $k$  is odd, we observe that  $f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$  is not an integer and thus  $f$  is not a valid map from  $\mathbb{Q}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$ . So no isomorphism may exist.

## Problem 8

I'm bad at Mathematica but I wrote a program in C++ using backtracking that output the Latin squares and output the right number, 2, 12, and 576 for 2, 3, 4 respectively in C++ and output them in the Mathematica array format: <https://pastebin.com/6UzmNJE9>

## Problem 9

We know that  $\mathbb{Z}_n^* = \{k \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid \gcd(k, n) = 1\}$ . So a group  $G$  such that  $\mathbb{Z}_n^* \subset G \subset \mathbb{Z}_n$  would require that  $G$  contain at least one element  $m$  such that  $\gcd(m, n) > 1$ . Let  $\gcd(m, n) = a > 1$ . Then, for  $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $ac = m$ ,  $ad = n$ . We will show that the presence of  $m$  in  $G$  is problematic as it violates the group axiom requiring inverses for all elements.

It is clear that the identity element for any group  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$  is 1. Assume an inverse exists for  $m$ . This means that there exists  $\gamma \in G$  such that  $m\gamma \pmod n = 1$ . We

can write this equivalently as  $m\gamma = n\sigma + 1$  for some  $\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Algebraically we rewrite this as:

$$m\gamma - n\sigma = 1$$

$$ac\gamma - ad\sigma = 1$$

$$a(c\gamma - d\sigma) = 1$$

$$c\gamma - d\sigma = \frac{1}{a}$$

. We know that  $\frac{1}{a} \notin \mathbb{Z}$  as  $a > 1$  and that  $c\gamma - d\sigma \in \mathbb{Z}$ . So here we have a contradiction and see that no inverse exists for a potential additional element  $m$ , and so no group  $G$  with the given constraints can exist.

## Problem 10

a) First, we prove that  $L_a$  is injective. Assume that  $c, d \in G$ . We then assume  $L_a(c) = a \cdot c = a \cdot d = L_a(d)$ . Simple algebra gives  $a^{-1} \cdot a \cdot c = a^{-1} \cdot a \cdot d$  and then  $c = d$ . Thus  $L_a(c) = L_a(d)$  implies  $c = d$  and  $L_a$  is injective.

Second, we prove that  $L_a$  is surjective. For any  $y \in G$ , we can construct an  $x$  such that  $L_a(x) = a \cdot x = y$ . This is  $x = (a^{-1} \cdot y)$  as  $a \cdot (a^{-1} \cdot y) = (a \cdot a^{-1}) \cdot y = e \cdot y = y$ . So  $L_a$  is surjective.

Since  $L_a$  is surjective and injective it is a bijection.

$x$	$L_3(x)$
1	3
2	6
3	9
4	1
5	4
6	7
7	10
8	2
9	5
10	8

$x$	$L_2(x)$
1	2
2	1
3	5
4	6
5	3
6	4