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**Task 1:** Read Sections 7, 8, and 9.

**Exercise 1:** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Repeated use of the Division Algorithm gives the Euclidean Algorithm, that is, a system of equations

$$\begin{aligned} a &= bq_1 + r_1, & 0 < r_1 < b \\ b &= r_1q_2 + r_2, & 0 < r_2 < r_1 \\ r_1 &= r_2q_3 + r_3, & 0 < r_3 < r_2 \\ &\vdots \\ r_{k-3} &= r_{k-2}q_{k-1} + r_{k-1}, & 0 < r_{k-1} < r_{k-2} \\ r_{k-2} &= r_{k-1}q_k + r_k, & 0 < r_k < r_{k-1} \\ r_{k-1} &= r_kq_{k+1} + 0. \end{aligned}$$

Show this ends. Show that  $r_k = \gcd(a, b)$ . Plugging in backwards gives  $r_k = ax + by$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Do all of this for  $a = 39493$  and  $b = 19853$  (including finding an appropriate  $x$  and  $y$ ).

**Exercise 2:** Let  $a, b, c$  be non-zero integers. Let  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ . Show that the equation  $ax + by = c$  has a solution  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  if and only if  $d$  divides  $c$ . Moreover, show that if  $d$  divides  $c$  and  $x_0, y_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$  is a solution, then the general integer solution is  $x = x_0 + k(b/d)$  and  $y = y_0 - k(a/d)$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Exercise 3:** In the proof of the uniqueness of the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, give two proofs to finish the argument after showing  $p_1 = q_1$ .

**Exercise 4:** Show the following.

1. Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on  $A$ . Show that the equivalence classes  $\bar{A}$  of this equivalence relation partitions  $A$ . Conversely, let  $\mathcal{C}$  be a partition of  $A$  and define  $\sim$  on  $A \times A$  saying that  $a \sim b$  whenever  $a$  and  $b$  belong to the same set in  $\mathcal{C}$ . Show that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$ .
2. Through each integer point on the  $x$ -axis in the plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$  draw a line perpendicular to the  $x$ -axis. Repeat this process with the  $y$ -axis. Define a (systematic) partition of the plane using this construction (being careful with points on various lines).

**Exercise 5:** Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $m > 1$ . Prove the following.

1. Congruence modulo  $m$  is an equivalence relation. In particular  $\mathbb{Z} = \bar{0} \sqcup \bar{1} \sqcup \cdots \sqcup \overline{m-1}$ , namely there are  $m$  equivalence classes. Let  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} = \mathbb{Z}/ \equiv = \{0, \dots, m-1\}$ .

2. Let  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfy  $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$  and  $b \equiv d \pmod{m}$ , then  $a + b \equiv c + d \pmod{m}$  and  $ab \equiv cd \pmod{m}$ , namely  $\overline{a + b} = \overline{c + d}$  and  $\overline{ab} = \overline{cd}$ .
3. Define  $+$  and  $\cdot$  on  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  by  $\overline{a} + \overline{b} = \overline{a + b}$  and  $\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b} = \overline{ab}$ . Show that this is well-defined, namely if  $\overline{a} = \overline{a'}$  and  $\overline{b} = \overline{b'}$  then  $\overline{a} + \overline{b} = \overline{a'} + \overline{b'}$  and  $\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b} = \overline{a'} \cdot \overline{b'}$ .
4. This  $+$  and  $\cdot$  make  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  into a commutative ring, namely they satisfy:
  - (a) Associativity of the sum.
  - (b) Commutativity of the sum.
  - (c) Existence of zero.
  - (d) Existence of additive inverses.
  - (e) Associativity of the multiplication.
  - (f) Commutativity of the multiplication.
  - (g) Existence of one.
  - (h) Right distributive law.
  - (i) Left distributive law.

**Exercise 6:** Let  $c_1, c_2, c_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Find  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $x \equiv c_1 \pmod{11}$ ,  $x \equiv c_2 \pmod{12}$ , and  $x \equiv c_3 \pmod{13}$ . Find the smallest positive  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfying these equations if  $c_1 = 3$ ,  $c_2 = 2$ , and  $c_3 = 1$ .

**Exercise 7:** Prove that there exist infinitely many primes congruent to 3 modulo 4.

**Exercise 8:** Let  $p$  be a prime number. Show that  $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .