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SOLUTIONS EXERCISE SET 4

**Exercise/Oppgave**

1. Use the rules of inference to show that the following argument is true:

$$\neg(\neg p \vee q) \wedge (\neg z \rightarrow \neg s) \wedge ((p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow s) \wedge (\neg z \vee r) \rightarrow r$$

*Solution.* Using the rules of inference, we have

	Step	Reason
1	$\neg(\neg p \vee q)$	Premise
2	$p \wedge \neg q$	DeMorgan's Law on (1)
3	$(p \wedge \neg q) \rightarrow s$	Premise
4	$s$	Modus Ponens from (2) and (3)
5	$\neg z \rightarrow \neg s$	Premise
6	$s \rightarrow z$	Contrapositive. Equivalence of (5)
7	$z$	Modus Ponens from (4) and (6)
8	$\neg z \vee r$	Premise
9	$z \rightarrow r$	Equivalence of (8)
10	$r$	Modus Ponens from (7) and (9)

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2. Let  $C := \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \text{ is a multiple of } 12\}$  and

$$D := \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \text{ is a multiple of } 2 \text{ and } n \text{ is a multiple of } 6\}.$$

Which of the statements is true:  $C \subset D$ ,  $D \subset C$ ,  $C = D$ . Provide a detailed answer.

*Proof.* We will prove that  $C \subset D$ . Let  $n \in C$ . By definition of being a multiple, we have that  $n = 12m$  for a  $m \in \mathbb{N}$ . Note that  $n = 12m = 6(2m) = 2(6m)$ . In particular, we have that there exist two  $s, t \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = 6s$  and  $n = 2t$ . We conclude that  $n$  is both a multiple of 2 and of 6, and so  $n \in D$ .

On the other hand,  $D \not\subset C$ . Indeed, it is clear that  $6 \in D$  but 6 is not a multiple of 12. □

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3. Let  $x$  and  $y$  be positive integers. Define the function  $F$  recursively:

$$F(x, y) = \begin{cases} 0, & x < y \\ F(x - y, y) + 1, & y \leq x \end{cases}$$

Compute explicitly  $F(2, 3), F(3, 2), F(23, 6), F(14, 3), F(15, 3)$ . Is  $F$  injective? Justify your answer.

*Proof.* Solution By definition of  $F$ , we have

- (1)  $F(2, 3) = 0$  since  $2 < 3$ .
- (2)  $F(3, 2) = F(3 - 2, 3) + 1 = F(1, 3) + 1 = 1$ .
- (3)  $F(23, 6) = F(17, 6) + 1 = F(11, 6) + 2 = F(5, 6) + 3 = 3$ .
- (4)  $F(14, 3) = F(11, 3) + 1 = F(8, 3) + 2 = F(5, 3) + 3 = F(2, 3) + 4 = 4$ .
- (5)  $F(15, 3) = F(12, 3) + 1 = F(9, 3) + 2 = F(6, 3) + 3 = F(3, 3) + 4 = F(0, 3) + 5 = 5$ .

We have that  $F$  is not injective, since  $F(1, 2) = 0 = F(2, 3)$ , and  $(1, 2) \neq (2, 3)$ .  $\square$

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4. Section/Sektion 4.1: 6, 17d, 18d, 39b, 44

*Proof.* Solution

- 4.1.6. Assume that  $a|c$  and  $b|d$ . By definition, this means that there exist integers  $x, y$  such that  $ax = c$  and  $by = d$ . Multiplying these two equations, we get that  $axy = cd$ . This is equivalent to say that  $ab(xy) = cd$ . Since we have found an integer  $xy$  such that  $ab(xy) = cd$ , we conclude that  $ab|cd$ .
- 4.1.17d. Assume that  $a \equiv 4 \pmod{13}$  and  $b \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$ . Then  $2a \equiv 8 \pmod{13}$  and  $3b \equiv 27 \pmod{13}$ , and hence  $2a + 3b \equiv 35 \pmod{13}$ . Noticing that  $35 \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$ , then if  $c = 9$ , we have that  $c = 2a + 3b \pmod{13}$ .
- 4.1.18d. Assume that  $a \equiv 11 \pmod{19}$  and  $b \equiv 3 \pmod{19}$ . Then  $7a \equiv 77 \pmod{19}$  and  $3b \equiv 9 \pmod{19}$ , and hence  $7a + 3b \equiv 86 \pmod{19}$ . Noticing that  $86 \equiv 10 \pmod{19}$ , then if  $c = 10$ , we have that  $c = 7a + 3b \pmod{19}$ .
- 4.1.39b. Note that

$$\begin{aligned} (3^4 \pmod{17})^2 \pmod{11} &\Leftrightarrow (81 \pmod{17})^2 \pmod{11} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 13^2 \pmod{11} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 2^2 \pmod{11} \\ &\Leftrightarrow 4. \end{aligned}$$

- 4.1.44. Assume that  $n$  is an integer. We know that we have that  $n \equiv a \pmod{4}$ , for  $0 \leq a \leq 3$ . This implies that  $n^2 \equiv a^2 \pmod{4}$ . Note that
  - If  $a = 0$ , then  $a^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .
  - If  $a = 1$ , then  $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .
  - If  $a = 2$ , then  $a^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ .
  - If  $a = 3$ , then  $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Since these are all the cases, we conclude that if  $n$  is an integer then  $n^2 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ .  $\square$

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5. Section/Sektion 4.2: 3b, 7b, 24a

*Solution.* • 4.2.3b. We will convert  $(1000000001)_2$  to a decimal expansion. We have that

$$(1000000001)_2 = 1 \cdot 2^9 + 1 \cdot 2^0 = 513.$$

- 4.2.7b. We will convert  $(135AB)_{16}$  to a binary expansion. We replace each hexadecimal digit by a block of four binary digits. Then

$$(135AB)_{16} = (00010011010110101011)_2.$$

- 4.2.24a. For the sum, we have

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \ A \ E \\ + \ B \ B \ C \\ \hline D \ 6 \ A \end{array}$$

For the case of the product, we first convert to decimal expansion:

$$(1AE)_{16} \cdot (BBC)_{16} = (430)_{10} \cdot (3004)_{10} = (1291720)_{10} = (13B5C8)_{16}.$$

□

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#### 6. Section/Sektion 4.3: 6, 12, 33c, d, 39e, 49

*Solution.*

- 4.3.6. Since there are less factors 5 in  $100!$  compared with the factors 2, the number of zeros at the end of  $100!$  is given by the number of 5 factors in  $100!$ . The factors 5 will appear in the integers 5, 10, 15, ..., 95, 100. However, the integers 25, 50, 75 and 100 will give us an additional factor 5 since those integers are divisible by  $25 = 5^2$ . Since no integer will give a contribution of three factors since  $5^3 = 125$ , then the number of 5 factors in  $100!$  is equal to  $20 + 4 = 24$ .

- 4.3.12. Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Consider the sequence of  $n$  consecutive numbers given by

$$(n+1)! + 2, (n+1)! + 3, \dots, (n+1)! + (n+1).$$

Note that the terms of the sequence are of the form  $(n+1)! + k$ , where  $2 \leq k \leq n+1$ . In particular, for  $2 \leq k \leq n+1$ , it is clear that  $k|(n+1)!$  and  $k|k$ . Hence  $k|(n+1)! + k$ . We conclude that  $(n+1)! + k$  is composite for all  $2 \leq k \leq n+1$ .

- 4.3.33c. We will use the Euclid's algorithm in order to find  $\gcd(1001, 1331)$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} 1331 &= 1 \cdot 1001 + 330 \\ 1001 &= 3 \cdot 330 + 11 \\ 330 &= 30 \cdot 11 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\gcd(1001, 1331) = 11$ .

- 4.3.33d. We will use the Euclid's algorithm in order to find  $\gcd(12345, 54321)$ . We have that

$$\begin{aligned} 54321 &= 4 \cdot 12345 + 4941 \\ 12345 &= 2 \cdot 4941 + 2463 \\ 4941 &= 2 \cdot 2463 + 15 \\ 2463 &= 164 \cdot 15 + 3 \\ 15 &= 5 \cdot 3 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\gcd(12345, 54321) = 3$ .

- 4.3.39e. e) 117,213 First, we use the Euclid's algorithm in order to find the greatest common divisor. We have

$$\begin{aligned}
 213 &= 1 \cdot 117 + 96 \\
 117 &= 1 \cdot 96 + 21 \\
 96 &= 4 \cdot 21 + 12 \\
 21 &= 1 \cdot 12 + 9 \\
 12 &= 1 \cdot 9 + 3 \\
 9 &= 3 \cdot 3 + 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $\gcd(213, 117) = 3$ . Reversing the algorithm, we have that

$$\begin{aligned}
 3 &= 12 - 1 \cdot 9 \\
 &= 12 - 1 \cdot (21 - 1 \cdot 12) \\
 &= 2 \cdot 12 + (-1) \cdot 21 \\
 &= 2 \cdot (96 - 4 \cdot 21) + (-1) \cdot 21 \\
 &= (-9) \cdot 21 + 2 \cdot 96 \\
 &= (-9) \cdot (117 - 1 \cdot 96) + 2 \cdot 96 \\
 &= 11 \cdot 96 + (-9) \cdot 117 \\
 &= 11 \cdot (213 - 1 \cdot 117) + (-9) \cdot 117 \\
 &= 11 \cdot 213 + (-20) \cdot 117.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $3 = 11 \cdot 213 + (-20) \cdot 117$ .

- 4.3.49. Consider the product of three consecutive integers. This integer can be written as  $n(n+1)(n+2)$ . It is clear that at least one of  $n$ ,  $n+1$  and  $n+2$  must be divisible by 2. On the other hand, it is also clear that exactly one of  $n$ ,  $n+1$  and  $n+2$  must be divisible by 3. Since 2 and 3 are prime factors of  $n(n+1)(n+2)$ , then we conclude that  $n(n+1)(n+2)$  is divisible by  $2 \cdot 3 = 6$ .

□

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7. Section/Sektion 4.4: 5b, c, 8, 11a, b

*Solution.* • 4.4.5b. Using Euclid's algorithm, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 141 &= 7 \cdot 19 + 8 \\
 19 &= 2 \cdot 8 + 3 \\
 8 &= 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \\
 3 &= 1 \cdot 2 + 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Going backwards, we get that 1 can be written as a linear combination as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= 3 - 1 \cdot 2 \\
 &= 3 - 1 \cdot (8 - 2 \cdot 3) \\
 &= 3 \cdot 3 + (-1) \cdot 8 \\
 &= 3 \cdot (19 - 2 \cdot 8) + (-1) \cdot 8 \\
 &= (-7) \cdot 8 + 3 \cdot 19 \\
 &= (-7) \cdot (141 - 7 \cdot 19) + 3 \cdot 19 \\
 &= (-7) \cdot 141 + 52 \cdot 19.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $1 = (-7) \cdot 141 + 52 \cdot 19$ . We conclude that the inverse of 19 modulo 141 is 52.

- 4.4.5c. Using Euclid's algorithm, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 89 &= 1 \cdot 55 + 34 \\
 55 &= 1 \cdot 34 + 21 \\
 34 &= 1 \cdot 21 + 13 \\
 21 &= 1 \cdot 13 + 8 \\
 13 &= 1 \cdot 8 + 5 \\
 8 &= 1 \cdot 5 + 3 \\
 5 &= 1 \cdot 3 + 2 \\
 3 &= 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \\
 2 &= 2 \cdot 1 + 0.
 \end{aligned}$$

Going backwards, we get that 1 can be written as a linear combination as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= 3 - 1 \cdot 2 \\
 &= 3 - (5 - 1 \cdot 3) \\
 &= 2 \cdot 3 + (-1) \cdot 5 \\
 &= 2 \cdot (8 - 1 \cdot 5) + (-1) \cdot 5 \\
 &= (-3) \cdot 5 + 2 \cdot 8 \\
 &= (-3) \cdot (13 - 1 \cdot 8) + 2 \cdot 8 \\
 &= (-3) \cdot 13 + 5 \cdot 8 \\
 &= (-3) \cdot 13 + 5 \cdot (21 - 1 \cdot 13) \\
 &= (-8) \cdot 13 + 5 \cdot 21 \\
 &= (-8) \cdot (34 - 1 \cdot 21) + 5 \cdot 21 \\
 &= (-8) \cdot 34 + 13 \cdot 21 \\
 &= (-8) \cdot 34 + 13 \cdot (55 - 1 \cdot 34) \\
 &= (-21) \cdot 34 + 13 \cdot 55 \\
 &= (-21) \cdot (89 - 1 \cdot 55) + 13 \cdot 55 \\
 &= (-21) \cdot 89 + 34 \cdot 55.
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence  $1 = (-21) \cdot 89 + 34 \cdot 55$ . We conclude that the inverse of 55 modulo 89 is 34.

- 4.4.8. Assume that  $d := \gcd(a, m) > 1$ . We will show that the inverse of  $a$  modulo  $m$  does not exist. We proceed by contradiction assuming that such inverse exists. This means that there is an integer  $r$  such that  $ar \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ . This is equivalent to say that  $m \mid ar - 1$ , i.e., there exists  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $mt = ar - 1$ . Now, using that  $d$  is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $m$ , we have that  $d$  also divides  $mt$  and  $ar$ . This implies that  $d$  divides  $1 = ar - mt$  and hence  $d = 1$ . This contradicts that  $d > 1$ . Then our initial assumption is not true. We conclude that  $a$  does not have an inverse modulo  $m$ .

- 4.4.11a. We will solve  $19x \equiv 4 \pmod{141}$ . Since 52 is the inverse of 19 modulo 141 we have

$$x \equiv 52 \cdot 19x \equiv 52 \cdot 4 \equiv 208 \equiv 67 \pmod{141}.$$

The solution is given by all the integers  $x$  such that  $x \equiv 67 \pmod{141}$ .

- 4.4.11b. We will solve  $55x \equiv 34 \pmod{89}$ . Since 34 is the inverse of 55 modulo 89, we have

$$x \equiv 34 \cdot 55x \equiv 34 \cdot 34 \equiv 1156 \equiv 88 \pmod{89}.$$

The solution is given by all the integers  $x$  such that  $x \equiv 88 \pmod{89}$ .

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