## E. Dummit's Math 1365, Fall 2022 ∼ Midterm 1 Review Answers



(b) False. Counterexample:  $A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{1\}, C = \{2\}$ . Then  $A \setminus (B \cap C) = \{1, 2\}$  while  $(A \setminus B) \cap (A \setminus C) = \emptyset$ . (d) False. Counterexample:  $A = \{1\}$ ,  $B = \{1, 2\}$  with  $U = \{1, 2\}$ . Then  $(A \cap B)^c \cup B = \{1, 2\}$  while  $(A^c \cap B)^c = \{1\}$ . (e) True. Note  $(A \backslash B)^c = (A \cap B^c)^c = A^c \cup B$ , and similarly  $(B \backslash A)^c = A \cup B^c$ . If  $x \in A^c \cap B^c$  then  $x \in A^c \cup B$  and also  $x \in A \cup B^c$ .

8. (a) If  $3a - 9b = 2$ , then a and b cannot both be integers. Proof: By contradiction, if a and b are integers, then 3 divides  $3a - 9b$  but 3 does not divide 2 (impossible). (b) If  $a > 1$  and  $b > 1$ , then  $ab \neq 1$ . Proof: If  $a > 1$  and  $b > 1$  then multiplying  $a > b$  by b yields  $ab > b > 1$  so  $ab > 1$ . In particular  $ab \neq 1$ . (c) If n is even, then  $5n + 1$  is odd. Proof: If  $n = 2k$  then  $5n + 1 = 10k + 1 = 2(5k) + 1$  is odd by definition. (d) If *n* is even then  $n^3$  is even. Proof: If  $n = 2k$  then  $n^3 = 8k^3 = 2(4k^3)$  is even by definition. (e) If n is the sum of 3 consecutive integers, then n is a multiple of 3. Proof: If  $n = a + (a + 1) + (a + 2)$  then  $n = 3a + 3 = 3(a + 1)$  is a multiple of 3. (f) If n divides a or n divides b then n divides ab. Proof: If  $n|a$  then  $a = kn$  so  $ab = (kb)n$ , and if  $n|b$  then  $b = ln$  so

 $ab = (al)n$ . In either case,  $n|ab$ .

9. There are many examples for each part. Here is one for each:

(a) Example:  $a = 2, b = 4, c = 6$ .

(b) Example:  $p = 2$ ,  $q = 3$ , then  $p + q = 5$  is prime.

- (c) Example:  $n = 11$ , then  $n^2 + n + 11 = 11 \cdot 13$  is not prime.
- (d) Example:  $a = 12$ ,  $b = 11$ , then  $a^2 b^2 = 144 121 = 23$ .
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(e) Example:  $\sqrt{2} + (-\sqrt{2}) = 0$  is rational, but  $\sqrt{2}$  and  $-\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.
- (e) Example:  $\sqrt{4}$  = 2 is rational.<br>(f) Example:  $\sqrt{4}$  = 2 is rational.
- (g) Example:  $n = -3$ , then  $n \neq 3$  but  $n^2 = 9$ .

(h) Example:  $m = 3$ ,  $n = 2$ , then  $m^2 - 2n^2 = 9 - 8 = 1$ .

- (i) Example:  $x = -1$ , then there is no possible y with  $y^4 = x$ .
- (j) Examples:  $2^2 + 2^2 = 2^3$ , or  $5^2 + 10^2 = 5^3$ .
- 10. Here are brief outlines of each proof:
	- (a) Induct on n. Base case  $n = 1$  has  $F_1 + F_3 = 3 = F_4$ . Inductive step: if  $F_1 + \cdots + F_{2n+1} = F_{2n+2}$  then  $F_1 + \cdots + F_{2n+1} + F_{2n+3} = [F_1 + \cdots + F_{2n+1}] + F_{2n+3} = F_{2n+2} + F_{2n+3} = F_{2n+4}$  as required.
	- (b) Clearly, if  $6|n$  then  $2|n$  and  $3|n$ . For the other direction, if  $2|n$  then  $n = 2k$ . Then if  $3|2k$  we must have  $3|k$  since  $3 \nmid 2$  and 3 is prime. So  $k = 3a$ , and thus  $n = 6a$ , meaning  $6|n$ .
	- (c) Induct on *n*. Base case  $n = 1$  has  $1 = 2 1/2^0$ . Inductive step: If  $1 + \frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$  $\frac{1}{4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{r}}$  $\frac{1}{2^n} = 2 - \frac{1}{2^n}$  $\frac{1}{2^n}$ , then  $1 + \frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4}$  $\frac{1}{4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{r}}$  $\frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$  $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}} = 2 - \frac{1}{2^n}$  $\frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$  $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}} = 2 - \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$  $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$  as required.
	- (d) If  $p|a \cdot a$  then  $p|a$  or  $p|a$  by the prime divisibility property. Since the two conclusion statements are the same, we have  $p|a$ .
	- (e) Note that  $33 + 9b$  is divisible by 3 but not 9. But then  $a^2$  is divisible by 3 by (d), which would mean  $3|a$  and thus  $9|a$ , but this is impossible.
	- (f) If p is a prime with  $p|k^2$  and  $p|(k+1)^2$ , then by (d) we have  $p|k$  and  $p|(k+1)$  so that  $p|(k+1)-k=1$ , impossible.
	- (g) Induct on *n*. Base case  $n = 1$  has  $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} = \frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Inductive step: if  $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 2}$  $\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3}$  $\frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n \cdot (n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$  $\frac{n}{n+1}$  then 1  $\frac{1}{1\cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2\cdot 2}$  $\frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3}$  $\frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{n \cdot (n+1)} + \frac{1}{(n+1) \cdot (n+2)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$  $\frac{n}{n+1} + \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{n+1}{n+2}$  $\frac{n+1}{n+2}$  as required.
	- (h) First,  $A \subseteq B$  because if  $n = 4a + 6b$  then  $n = 2(2a + 3c) \in B$ . Also,  $B \subseteq A$  because if  $n = 2c$  then we would have  $n = 4(2c) + 6(-c) \in A$  via Euclidean algorithm calculation.
	- (i) Note gcd $(n, n + p) = \gcd(n, p)$  by gcd properties. Then  $\gcd(n, p)$  divides p so is either 1 or p, and it is equal to p if and only if  $p|n$  (by definition of gcd).
	- (j) Induct on n. Base case  $n = 1$  has  $a_1 = 3^1 2$ . Inductive step: if  $a_n = 3^n 2$  then  $a_{n+1} = 3(3^n 2) + 4 = 3^{n+1} 2$ as claimed.
	- (k) If  $n \in C$ , then  $n = 6c$  for some c. Then  $n = 10(2c) + 14(-c) \in D$  as required.
	- (l) Induct on n. Base case  $n = 1$  has  $b_1 = 2^1 + 1$ . Inductive step: if  $b_n = 2^n + n$  then  $b_{n+1} = 2(2^n + n) n + 1 =$  $2^{n+1} + (n+1)$  as claimed.
	- (m) Induct on n. Base cases  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$  have  $c_1 = 2^{F_1}$  and  $c_2 = 2^{F_2}$ . Inductive step: if  $c_n = 2^{F_n}$  and  $c_{n-1} = 2^{F_{n-1}}$ then  $c_{n+1} = c_n c_{n-1} = 2^{F_n} 2^{F_{n-1}} = 2^{F_n + F_{n-1}} = 2^{F_{n+1}}$  as required.
	- (n) Induct on n. Base cases  $n = 1$  and  $n = 2$  have  $d_1 = 2^1$  and  $d_2 = 2^2$ . Inductive step: if  $d_n = 2^n$  and  $d_{n-1} = 2^{n-1}$ then  $d_{n+1} = 2^n + 2(2^{n-1}) = 2^n + 2^n = 2^{n+1}$  as required.
	- (o) If  $a = 2c + 1$  and  $b = 2d + 1$  then  $a^2 + b^2 2 = 4(c^2 + c + d^2 + d)$ , which is divisible by 8 since  $c^2 + c = c(c + 1)$  is always even as is  $d^2 + d$ .
	- (p) Induct on n. Base case  $n = 1$  has  $25^1 + 7 = 32$  a multiple of 8. Inductive step: if 8 divides  $25^n + 7$ , then 8 divides  $25 \cdot (25^{n} + 7) - 24 \cdot 7 = 25^{n+1} + 7$ .
	- (q) Note  $(2n)(2n+2) = 4n^2 + 4n$  is 1 less than  $(2n+1)^2 = 4n^2 + 4n + 1$ .
	- (r) Show the contrapositive. If a, b are not relatively prime so that d|a and d|b for some  $d > 1$ , then  $d^2 |a^2|$  and  $d^2 |b^2|$ so  $a^2, b^2$  are not relatively prime. Conversely by (d) if p is prime and  $p|a^2$  and  $p|b^2$  then  $p|a$  and  $p|b$  so a, b are not relatively prime.

(s) Note 
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\frac{1}{2^n + k} \ge \frac{1}{2^{n+1}}
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 for each  $k = 1, 2, ..., 2^n$  so sum exceeds  $\frac{2^n}{2^{n+1}} = \frac{1}{2}$ .

(t) Induct on *n*. Base case  $n = 1$  has  $1 > \frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$ . Inductive step: suppose  $1 + \frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{r}}$  $\frac{1}{2^n} > \frac{n}{2}$  $\frac{n}{2}$ . Then  $1 + \frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{n-1}}$  $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}} =$  $[1 + \frac{1}{2} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2^{r}}]$  $\frac{1}{2^n}$ ] + [ $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$  +  $\cdots$  +  $\frac{1}{2^n}$  $\frac{1}{2^{n+1}}$  >  $\frac{n}{2}$  $\frac{n}{2}+\frac{1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{n+1}{2}$  $\frac{1}{2}$  by (s).