

1. Let  $a, b > 1$  be integers and  $g := \gcd(a, b)$  its greatest common divisor. Show that if  $a = g \cdot q_a$  and  $b = g \cdot q_b$  then  $q_a$  and  $q_b$  are relatively prime.
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2. Show that for any pair of non negative integers  $a$  and  $b$

$$a \cdot b = \gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b).$$


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3. Find  $\gcd(1000, 625)$

- (a) using the Euclidean Algorithm  
and  
(b) by factorization.
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4. (a) If  $p$  is prime, show that the largest power of  $p$  dividing  $n!$  is

$$\sum_{j=1}^{\log_p n} \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^j} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^2} \right\rfloor + \left\lfloor \frac{n}{p^3} \right\rfloor + \dots$$

or

$$\frac{n - \sigma_p(n)}{p - 1}$$

where  $\sigma_p(n)$  denotes the sum of the base  $p$  digits of  $n$ .

- (b)  $1000!$  has a lot of final zero digits. Use (a) to find how many are there.
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5. (a) Given two non negative relatively prime integers  $a$  and  $b$ , show that if  $x_0, y_0$  is a particular solution of the Diophantine equation  $ax + by = m$  then, any other solution is of the form

$$\begin{cases} x = x_0 + b\kappa \\ y = y_0 - a\kappa \end{cases}$$

for some integer  $\kappa$ .

- (b) Use (a) to describe the solution set for the general linear Diophantine equation  $ax + by = m$  when  $a$  and  $b$  are arbitrary non negative integers.
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6. Solve

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \\ x \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \end{cases}$$