

1. Find the highest common factor of 12345 and 54321.
2. Find integers  $x$  and  $y$  with  $76x + 45y = 1$ . Do there exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  with  $3381x + 2646y = 21$ ?
3. Prove that if  $a$  is coprime to  $b$  and also to  $c$  then it is coprime to  $bc$ . Give two proofs: one based on Euclid's algorithm / Bezout's theorem and one based on prime factorisation.
4. Is it true that for all positive integers  $a, b, c, d$  we have  $(a, b)(c, d) = (ac, bd)$ ?
5. Show that a positive integer  $n$  is a multiple of 9 if and only if the sum of its digits is a multiple of 9.
6. The *Fibonacci numbers*  $F_1, F_2, F_3, \dots$  are defined by:  $F_1 = F_2 = 1$ , and  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  for all  $n > 2$  (so eg.  $F_3 = 2, F_4 = 3, F_5 = 5$ ). Is  $F_{2013}$  even or odd? Is it a multiple of 3?
7. Solve (ie. find all solutions of) the equations
  - (i)  $7x \equiv 77 \pmod{40}$
  - (ii)  $12y \equiv 30 \pmod{54}$
  - (iii)  $3z \equiv 2 \pmod{17}$  and  $4z \equiv 3 \pmod{19}$ .
8. An RSA encryption scheme  $(n, e)$  has modulus  $n = 187$  and coding exponent  $e = 7$ . By prime-factorising  $n$ , find a suitable decoding exponent  $d$ . Check your answer (without electronic assistance) by encoding the number 35 and then decoding the result.
9. Explain (without electronic assistance) why 23 cannot divide  $10^{881} - 1$ .
10. Let  $p$  be a prime of the form  $3k + 2$ . Show that, in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , the only solution to  $x^3 = 1$  is  $x = 1$ . Deduce, or prove directly, that every element of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  has a cube root.
11. By considering numbers of the form  $(2p_1p_2 \dots p_k)^2 + 1$ , prove that there are infinitely many primes of the form  $4n + 1$ .
12. What is the 5th-last digit of  $5^{5^{5^5}}$ ?
13. Show that  $19^{19}$  is not the sum of a fourth power and a (positive or negative) cube.
14. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be distinct positive integers, with say  $a < b$ . Prove that every block of  $b$  consecutive positive integers contains two distinct numbers whose product is a multiple of  $ab$ . If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are distinct positive integers, with say  $a < b < c$ , must every block of  $c$  consecutive positive integers contains three distinct numbers whose product is a multiple of  $abc$ ?
- +15. Let  $n$  and  $k$  be positive integers. Suppose that  $n$  is a  $k$ th power (mod  $p$ ) for all primes  $p$ . Must  $n$  be a  $k$ th power?