Numbers and Sets (2017–18)

Example Sheet 1 of 4

- 1. For which $n \in \mathbb{N}$, if any, are three numbers of the form n, n+2, n+4 all prime?
- **2.** Between 0 and 10 there are four primes. Another example of two consecutive multiples of ten, between which there are four primes, is 10 and 20. Are there further examples?
- **3.** If n^2 is a multiple of 3, must n be a multiple of 3?
- 4. Write down the negations of the following statements (where $m, n, a, b \in \mathbb{N}$):
 - (i) if the last Trump doesn't sound then May will be queen
 - (ii) $\forall m \exists n \forall a \forall b \ (n \ge m) \land [(a = 1) \lor (b = 1) \lor (ab \ne n)]$ Is (ii) true?
- 5. How large can the product of some (not necessarily distinct) natural numbers be, if their sum is 100?
- 6. Are all numbers in the sequence 41, 43, 47, 53, 61, 71, 83, 97, ... prime?
- 7. Is there a power of 2 beginning with 7?
- 8. Find the highest common factor of 12345 and 54321. Find $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$ with 76u + 45v = 1. Does 3381x + 2646y = 21 have an integer solution?
- 9. Find the convergents to the fraction $\frac{152}{90}$. Find all integer solutions of 152x + 90y = 2.
- **10.** Let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{N}$. Must the numbers (a, b)(c, d) and (ac, bd) be equal? If not, must one be a factor of the other? If (a, b) = (a, c) = 1, must we have (a, bc) = 1?
- 11. Show that, for any a, b ∈ N, the number l = ab/(a, b) is an integer (called the *least* common multiple of a and b). Show also that l is divisible by both a and b, and that if n ∈ N is divisible by both a and b then l | n.
 [Give two proofs, one based on uniqueness of prime factorization, the other Bezout-like.]
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- **12.** The *repeat* of a natural number is obtained by writing it twice in a row (for example, the repeat of 356 is 356356). Is there a number whose repeat is a perfect square?
- 13. Let a < b be distinct natural numbers. Prove that every block of b consecutive natural numbers contains two distinct numbers whose product is divisible by ab. Suppose now a < b < c. Must every block of c consecutive numbers contain three distinct numbers whose product is divisible by abc?
- 14. Is there a power of 2 that begins with 1867?