

- 1a) Find the highest common factor of 12345 and 54321.
- b) Find integers x and y with $152x + 90y = 2$. Then find all pairs of integers x and y with $152x + 90y = 2$.
- c) Do there exist integers x and y with $3381x + 2646y = 21$?
2. Let n be a natural number written in decimal notation as ' $d_k d_{k-1} \dots d_0$ '. Show that n is a multiple of 11 if and only if $d_0 - d_1 + d_2 - \dots + (-1)^k d_k$ is a multiple of 11.
3. Prove that if $a|bc$ and a is coprime to b then $a|c$; give two proofs, one based on Euclid's algorithm and one based on uniqueness of prime factorization.
4. Find all solutions of the congruences:
- (i) $7w \equiv 77 \pmod{40}$;
- (ii) $12x \equiv 30 \pmod{54}$;
- (iii) $3y \equiv 2 \pmod{17}$ and $4y \equiv 3 \pmod{19}$ (simultaneously);
- (iv) $z \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, $z \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, $z \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ and $z \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$ (simultaneously).
5. Without using a calculator, find the remainder when $20!21^{20}$ is divided by 23, and the remainder when 17^{10000} is divided by 30.
6. Explain (without electronic assistance) why 23 cannot divide $10^{881} - 1$.
7. Let p be a prime of the form $3k + 2$. Show that if $x^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ then $x \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. Deduce, or prove directly, that every integer is a cube modulo p ; that is, prove that for every integer y there is an integer a with $a^3 \equiv y \pmod{p}$. Is the same ever true if p is of the form $3k + 1$?
8. By considering numbers of the form $(2p_1 p_2 \dots p_k)^2 + 1$, prove that there are infinitely many primes of the form $4n + 1$.
9. Do there exist 100 consecutive natural numbers each of which is divisible by a square number other than 1?
10. Do there exist integers a and b with $a^3 + b^5 = 7^{7^7}$?
11. The *repeat* of a natural number is obtained by writing it twice in a row (so, for example, the repeat of 254 is 254254). Is there a natural number whose repeat is a square number?
12. Let a and b be distinct natural numbers with $a < b$. Prove that every block of b consecutive natural numbers contains two distinct numbers whose product is a multiple of ab . If a , b and c are distinct natural numbers with $a < b < c$, must every block of c consecutive natural numbers contain three distinct numbers whose product is a multiple of abc ?