

SOLUTION

- [2] 1. Check the appropriate circle to indicate whether each statement is true or false. You do not need to provide any reasoning. Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$.

True False

- (a) ☐ ☒ For all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $\lfloor x \rfloor < \lceil x \rceil$.
(b) ☐ ☒ If $a \mid (b + c)$, then $a \mid b$ or $a \mid c$.
(c) ☒ ☐ If $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ is an odd prime, then $b + 5$ is composite.
(d) ☒ ☐ If a and b are relatively prime, then $\text{lcm}(a, b) = ab$.

- [2] 2. Find the base 8 representation of 2025.

repeated division:

$$2025 = 253 \cdot 8 + 1$$

$$253 = 31 \cdot 8 + 5$$

$$31 = 3 \cdot 8 + 7$$

$$3 = 0 \cdot 8 + 3$$

$$\text{so } 2025 = (3751)_8$$

or

greedy algorithm

$$2025 = 3 \cdot 512 + 489$$

$$= 3 \cdot 8^3 + 7 \cdot 64 + 41$$

$$= 3 \cdot 8^3 + 7 \cdot 8^2 + 5 \cdot 8 + 1$$

$$\text{so } 2025 = (3751)_8$$

- [3] 3. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that if $10 \mid a$ and $14 \mid b$, then $35 \mid ab$.

Suppose $10 \mid a$ and $14 \mid b$, then $\exists k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$

such that $a = 10k$ and $b = 14l$. Then

$$ab = (10k)(14l)$$

$$= 140kl$$

$$= 35(4kl)$$

Since $4kl \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have $35 \mid ab$.

- [2] 4. Let $n = 2^{60} \cdot 5^{42}$. Using the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, explain why there exists no integer k such that $n = 18k$.

FTA says that the prime factorization of a positive integer is unique. Since $3 \mid 18$ then if $n = 18k$ we will have $3 \mid n$, but $n = 2^{60} \cdot 5^{42}$ and 3 does not appear in the prime factorization of n . Therefore, $n \neq 18k$ for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

- [4] 5. Use the Euclidean algorithm to compute $\gcd(629, 272)$. Then use the Euclidean algorithm backwards to find $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\gcd(629, 272) = 629x + 272y$.

$$629 = 2 \cdot 272 + 85$$

$$272 = 3 \cdot 85 + 17$$

$$85 = 5 \cdot 17 + 0$$

$$\text{so } \gcd(629, 272) = 17$$

$$17 = 272 - 3 \cdot 85$$

$$= 272 - 3(629 - 2 \cdot 272)$$

$$= 272 - 3 \cdot 629 + 6 \cdot 272$$

$$= 7 \cdot 272 - 3 \cdot 629$$

$$\text{so } x = -3, y = 7$$

- [2] 6. Suppose $n \equiv -13 \pmod{9}$. What is the remainder when $n^2 + 82n$ is divided by 9?

$$n \equiv -13 \equiv 5 \pmod{9}$$

$$n^2 + 82n \equiv n^2 + n \pmod{9} \quad \text{since } 82 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$\equiv 5^2 + 5$$

$$\equiv 30$$

$$\equiv 3 \pmod{9} \Rightarrow \text{remainder is } 3$$