

Homework 5, Due Wednesday, November 2, 2011

Problem 1:

Compute the GCD of 89 and 144 using the Euclidean Algorithm. Show the intermediate values that are computed. Do you recognize them?

Problem 2:

Prove that for every integer n , there are n consecutive composite integers. [Hint: Consider the n consecutive integers starting with $(n + 1)! + 2$.]

Problem 3:

Determine modular inverses for the following:

- a) Find an inverse of 4 modulo 9.
- b) Find an inverse of 5 modulo 14.
- c) Find an inverse of 5 modulo 26.

Problem 4:

How many zeros are at the end of $200!$.

Problem 5:

Prove that for every positive integer n ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n k2^k = (n - 1)2^{n+1} + 2.$$

Problem 6:

Prove that 3 divides $n^3 + 2n$ when n is a positive integer.

Problem 7:

Let x be any fixed real number with $x \geq -1$. Prove that $(1 + x)^n \geq 1 + nx$ for every integer $n \geq 0$.

Extra Credit 8:

Two integers a and b are *relatively prime* if and only if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$. Consider any $n + 1$ numbers between 1 and $2n$ (inclusive). Show that some pair of them are relatively prime.