

Homework 5, Due Wednesday, October 31st, 2012

**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. Use the Euclidian algorithm to find the inverses. The inverses you give should be postive:

- Find an inverse of 4 modulo 9.
- Find an inverse of 5 modulo 14.
- Find an inverse of 5 modulo 26.

**Problem 4:**

How many zeros are at the end of  $200!$ . Justify your answer without computing  $200!$ .

**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.