
Math 4362 - Number Theory
Homework 3
Due in Class - Thursday 20 September 2018

1. If p is a prime and $p \mid a^n$, prove that $p^n \mid a^n$.
2. Find the prime factorization of each of the following numbers:
 - (a) 288
 - (b) 14520
 - (c) 21357
3. Using your results from Q2:
 - (a) Write down all the divisors of 288; and
 - (b) Calculate $\gcd(288, 14520)$ and $\text{lcm}(288, 14520)$.
4.
 - (a) Using the Division Algorithm, show that all primes $p \geq 5$ have the form $6k + 1$ or $6k + 5$.
 - (b) Using part (a), show that for $p \geq 5$ prime, $p^2 + 2$ is composite.
5. Let $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_r^{a_r}$ be the prime factorization of some positive integer $n > 1$. Prove that n is a square if and only if a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r are all even.
6. If $p \neq 5$ is an odd prime, prove that either $p^2 - 1$ or $p^2 + 1$ is divisible by 10.