

### SKETCH OF SOLUTIONS (HOMEWORK III)

- 6.1 a)  $x = -4515 - 4526k, y = 821 + 823k$   
 b)  $x = 1647 + 3292k, y = -9059 - 18107k$   
 6.2 a)  $x = -53 - 121k, y = 46 + 105k$   
 b)  $x = -4515 - 4526k, y = 821 + 823k$   
 c)  $x = 1647 + 3292k, y = -9059 - 18107k$   
 6.3 a)  $x = -9, y = 1, z = 2$   
 b)  $\gcd(a, b, c) = \gcd(\gcd(a, b), c) = 1$  The general method is to find a solution to  $ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$  and then find a solution to the equation  $dw + cz = 1$ .  
 c)  $x = -32, y = 1, z = 12$

7.2 Let  $a = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_n^{\alpha_n}$  be the prime factorization of  $a$  ( $\alpha_i > 0, p_i < p_{i+1}$ ) and  $b = q_1^{\beta_1} \cdots p_m^{\beta_m}$  be the prime factorization of  $b$ . Since  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  we know that  $p_i \neq q_j$  for all  $i, j$ . Also, since  $a \mid c$  we know that  $p_i^{\alpha_i} \mid c \forall i$  and the same holds for  $b, q_j^{\beta_j} \mid c \forall j$ . Therefore  $p_i^{\alpha_i}$  and  $q_j^{\beta_j}$  appear in the prime factorization of  $c$ .

7.3 a) **Base:**  $1 = \frac{1(1+1)}{2}$

**Inductive Step** Suppose  $1 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  then

$$1 + \dots + n + (n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} + (n+1) = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

b) **Base:**  $1 = \frac{1(1+1)(2+1)}{6}$

**Inductive Step** Suppose  $1 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  then

$$1 + \dots + n^2 + (n+1)^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6} + (n+1)^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1) + 6(n+1)^2}{6} = \frac{(n+1)(n+2)(2(n+1)+1)}{6}$$

c) **Base:**  $a^0 = 1 = \frac{1-a}{1-a}$  ( $a \neq 1$ )

**Inductive Step:** Suppose that  $1 + a + \dots + a^n = \frac{1-a^{n+1}}{1-a}$  then

$$1 + a + \dots + a^n + a^{n+1} = \frac{1-a^{n+1}}{1-a} + a^{n+1} = \frac{1-a^{n+1} + a^{n+1}(1-a)}{1-a} = \frac{1-a^{n+2}}{1-a}$$

d) **Base:**  $\frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$

**Inductive Step:** Suppose that  $\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)n} = \frac{n-1}{n}$  then

$$\frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \dots + \frac{1}{(n-1)n} + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n-1}{n} + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n^2}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$$

- 7.4 a)  $\mathbb{E}$ -primes are numbers of the form  $2q$  where  $q$  is odd.  
 b) Suppose every even number up to  $2n$  can be factored as a product of  $\mathbb{E}$ -primes, then if  $2n+2 = 2(n+1)$  is an  $\mathbb{E}$ -prime we are done, otherwise  $2(n+1) = 2n_1 \cdot 2n_2$  with  $n_1, n_2 < n$  but then the hypothesis implies that  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  can be factored as a product of  $\mathbb{E}$ -primes and we are done.

- c)  $2 \cdot 18 = 6 \cdot 6 = 36$ , 180 is the smallest with 3 factorizations, 360 is the smallest number with 4 factorizations.
- d) Suppose  $m = 2^s n$  with  $s > 1$  and  $n$  odd, then  $m$  has a unique factorization as a product of  $\mathbb{E}$ -primes if either  $n$  is prime or  $m$  is  $\mathbb{E}$ -prime. Conversely, suppose that  $m = 2^s n$  has a unique factorization as a product of  $\mathbb{E}$ -primes, then if  $s = 1$ ,  $m$  is prime. If  $s > 1$  then  $n$  must be prime, otherwise if  $n = pq$  with  $p, q > 1$  we get two different factorizations:  $m = (2p)(2q)(2^{s-2})$  and  $m = (2pq)(2^{s-1})$