

Problem 1 – Grab Bag. This is a problem to get some practice and familiarity with the topics from number theory. Full proofs are not necessary.

- (a) For what numbers a does $-1|a$?
- (b) For what numbers a does $a|-1$?
- (c) True or False: for positive integers a and b , if $a|b$ then $a \leq b$.
- (d) Find q and r satisfying the division theorem for $n = -15, d = 7$.
- (e) Use Euclid's algorithm to find $\gcd(483, 91)$.
- (f) Write out the elements of the set $S = \{p + n : \exists p \in \mathbb{N}, \exists n \in \mathbb{N}, n = p^2, n < 10\}$.

Problem 2 – GPT4 vs. Number Theory. In this problem, I have asked GPT4 to prove a number theory statement. Identify everywhere a mistake is present in the solution.

Problem: Prove that if 27 divides XYZ , then 27 also divides YZX . (Here, XYZ is the three-digit number with **digits** X , Y , and Z , not $X \times Y \times Z$.)

GPT4 Solution:

- (1) To prove this, we will use the fact that a number is divisible by 27 if and only if the sum of its digits is divisible by 27.
- (2) Let the three-digit number XYZ be represented as $100X + 10Y + Z$. Here, X , Y , and Z are the digits of the number and each ranges from 0 to 9. We are given that 27 divides XYZ , i.e., 27 divides $(100X + 10Y + Z)$.
- (3) Consider the number YZX , which can be represented as $100Y + 10Z + X$. We need to show that 27 also divides $(100Y + 10Z + X)$.
- (4) We start by rearranging the expression for XYZ :

$$100X + 10Y + Z = 99X + X + 10Y + Z = 99X + (X + 10Y + Z)$$

- (5) Since 27 divides $(100X + 10Y + Z)$, it must also divide $(X + 10Y + Z)$ because $99X$ is a multiple of 27 (as $99 = 3 \times 33$, and 27 is a multiple of 3).
- (6) Now, consider the expression for YZX :

$$100Y + 10Z + X = 99Y + Y + 10Z + X = 99Y + (Y + 10Z + X).$$

- (7) We already know that 27 divides $(X + 10Y + Z)$. We can rearrange $(X + 10Y + Z)$ as follows:

$$X + 10Y + Z = X + 10(Y + Z) - 9Z = X - 9Z + 10(Y + Z).$$

- (8) Similarly, rearranging $(Y + 10Z + X)$:

$$Y + 10Z + X = Y + 10(Z + X) - 9X = Y - 9X + 10(Z + X).$$

- (9) Since $(X + 10Y + Z)$ and $(Y + 10Z + X)$ are cyclic permutations of the digits, they are congruent modulo 9 (as subtracting 9 times a digit does not affect divisibility by 9). Therefore, if 27 divides one of these sums, it divides both sums.
- (10) Thus, since 27 divides $(X + 10Y + Z)$, it must also divide $(Y + 10Z + X)$. Therefore, 27 divides $100Y + 10Z + X$, which means 27 divides the number YZX .
- (11) This concludes the proof that if 27 divides a three-digit number XYZ , then 27 also divides YZX .

Problem 3 Now it's your turn! Prove that if 27 divides XYZ , then 27 also divides YZX .
Hint: GPT-4 did do some things right! In particular, $XYZ = 100X + 10Y + Z$ is a helpful place to start.