

This practice prereq is much longer than the actual prereq will be.

A1: In complete English sentences, on your own sheets of paper, please write, (double-spaced), the following definitions and proofs, Do not restate the problem.

i A number $\beta \in \mathbb{C}$ is **algebraic** IFF ...

ii The **degree** of β is ...

p1 The Chinese Remainder Theorem says
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p2 Let $T_n := 18^n + 1$ for $n = 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, \dots$. Prove that each such T_n is composite.

p3 Define a sequence $\vec{b} = (b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots)$ by $b_0 := 0$ and $b_1 := 3$ and

†: $b_{n+2} := 7b_{n+1} - 10b_n$, for $n = 0, 1, \dots$

Use induction to prove, for all $k \in [0.. \infty)$, that

‡: $b_k = 5^k - 2^k$.

Further. Given recurrence (†) and initial conditions, *explain* how you could have discovered/computed the numbers 5 and 2 in the (‡) formula.

Can you generalize to getting a (‡)-like formula when the recurrence is $b_{n+2} := \mathbf{S}b_{n+1} - \mathbf{P}b_n$, for arbitrary real-number coefficients \mathbf{S} and \mathbf{P} ?

A2: Math-Greek alphabet: Please write the **two** missing data of lowercase/uppercase/name. Eg:

“iota: α : B: .” You fill in: ι I A alpha β beta.
 Σ : Δ : Υ :
 γ : ω : ζ :
lambda nu rho xi

A3: Show no work. Please write **DNE** in a blank if the described object does not exist or if the indicated operation cannot be performed.

a And $y =$ is the smallest natnum with

$y \equiv_{20} 1, \quad y \equiv_{15} 11, \quad y \equiv_{12} 5.$

b $N := \varphi(100) =$ So $\varphi(N) =$
EFT says that $3^{1621} \equiv_N$ $\in [0.. N)$. Hence (by EFT) last two digits of $7^{[3^{1621}]}$ are

c Euler $\varphi(121000) =$
Express your answer as a product $p_1^{e_1} \cdot p_2^{e_2} \cdot \dots$ of primes to posit powers, with $p_1 < p_2 < \dots$

d May lightning ⚡ strike this table! (I.e, please fill in.)

n	r_n	q_n	s_n	t_n
0	100	—	1	0
1	23		0	1
2				
3				
4				
5				
6				

Thus $1 = [\dots \cdot 100] + [\dots \cdot 23]$.

e LBolt gives $G := \text{Gcd}(1533, 413) =$ And $1533S + 413T = G$, where $S =$ & $T =$ are integers.

f LBolt: $\text{Gcd}(70, 42) =$ $\cdot 70 +$ $\cdot 42$.
So (LBolt again) $G := \text{Gcd}(70, 42, 60) =$ and
..... $\cdot 70 +$ $\cdot 42 +$ $\cdot 60 = G$.

g Note that $\text{Gcd}(15, 21, 35) = 1$. Find particular integers S, T, U so that $15S + 21T + 35U = 1$:
 $S =$, $T =$, $U =$
[Hint: $\text{Gcd}(\text{Gcd}(15, 21), 35) = 1$.]

h Mod $K := 50$, the recipr. $\langle \frac{1}{21} \rangle_K =$ $\in [0.. K)$.
[Hint: $\frac{1}{21}$] So $x =$ $\in [0.. K)$ solves $4 - 21x \equiv_K 1$.

i Consider the three congruences C1: $z \equiv_{21} 18$, C2: $z \equiv_{15} 3$, and C3: $z \equiv_{70} 53$. Let z_j be the *smallest natnum* [or *DNE*] satisfying (C1) \wedge (Cj). Then

$z_2 = \dots$; $z_3 = \dots$

j Consider the four congruences C1: $z \equiv_8 1$, C2: $z \equiv_{18} 15$, C3: $z \equiv_{21} 18$ and C4: $z \equiv_{10} 3$. Let z_j be the *smallest natnum* satisfying (C1) \wedge (Cj). Then

$z_2 = \dots$; $z_3 = \dots$; $z_4 = \dots$

k If $5^K \nmid 1000$, then $K = \dots$

l If $7^e \nmid [2007!]$, then $e = \dots$

m Let $N := 9876!$ (factorial). Written in base-10, this N ends in \dots many zeros?

A4: Here are High-school and calculus problems. Show no work. *NOTE:* The **inverse-fnc** of g , often written as g^{-1} , is *different* from the **reciprocal fnc** $1/g$. E.g, suppose g is invertible with $g(-2) = 3$ and $g(3) = 8$: Then $g^{-1}(3) = -2$, yet $[1/g](3) \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} 1/g(3) = 1/8$.

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n Line $y = Mx + B$ is orthogonal to $y = \frac{1}{5}x + 2$ and owns $(4, 10)$. So $M = \dots$ and $B = \dots$

o The solutions to $7x^2 = 2 - 5x$ are $x = \dots$

p $[\sqrt{5}^{\sqrt{2}}]^{\sqrt{32}} = \dots$. $\log_{81}(27) = \dots$

q If $\log_B(64) = 3$ then $B = \dots$

r Repeating decimal $2.3\overline{841}$ equals $\frac{n}{d}$, where posints $n \perp d$ are $n = \dots$ and $d = \dots$

s Compute the sum of this geometric series:
 $\sum_{n=3}^{\infty} [-1]^n \cdot [3/5]^n = \dots$

t For natural number K , the sum
 $\sum_{n=3}^{3+K} 4^n$ equals \dots

u $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} r^n = \frac{5}{8}$. So $r = \dots$ or **DNE**.

[Hint: The sum starts with n at **one**, not zero.]

v Let $y = f(x) := [5 - \sqrt[3]{x}]/3$. Its inverse-function is $f^{-1}(y) = \dots$

A5: More proofs.

a *Prove:* THM: There are ∞ many primes.

Start with... **PROOF:** FTSCContradiction, suppose

$p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_k < \dots < p_{L-1} < p_L$

is a list of **all** prime numbers. I will now produce a prime q which *differs* from every member of $(*)$, as follows. (*Continue your proof from here.*)