

**Homework due Friday, October 11, 11:59pm**

- (1) An *ordered ring* is a (commutative) ring  $R$  with a total order  $\leq$  (*total order* just means any two elements can be compared) such that for all  $a, b, c \in R$ ,
  - If  $a \leq b$ , then  $a + c \leq b + c$
  - If  $0 \leq a$  and  $0 \leq b$ , then  $0 \leq ab$ .
  - (a) Show that if  $a < 0$ , then  $a$  is not a square. That is, there is no  $b$  such that  $a = b^2$ .
  - (b) Show that  $\mathbb{C}$  is *not* an ordered ring.
- (2) Show that if  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime, then  $\gcd(a - b, a + b) \in \{1, 2\}$ .
- (3) Prove or disprove the following implications:
  - (a)  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, c) \implies \gcd(a^2, b^2) = \gcd(a^2, c^2)$
  - (b)  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, c) \implies \gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, b, c)$
  - (c) Let  $p$  be a prime.  $(p \mid a^2 + b^2 \wedge p \mid b^2 + c^2) \implies p \mid a^2 + c^2$
- (4) Prove that a positive odd integer  $n$  has a unique representation  $n = x^2 - y^2$  if and only if  $n$  is prime.
- (5) Show that  $(3 + \sqrt{10})^n$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{10}] := \{a + b\sqrt{10} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  for all  $n$ .
- (6) Show that a Euclidean domain  $R$  is a *principal ideal domain*, that is every ideal  $I$  is of the form  $I = (a) = \{ra : r \in R\}$ .

**Additional Problems not to be turned in:**