

# Exercises for TATA55, batch 1, 2021

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Solutions to the exercises below should be handed in no later than October XXX, 2021.

1. (3p) Find all solutions to

$$13x + 17y = 999, \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Which solutions have both  $x$  and  $y$  positive?

2. (3p) Solve (by hand, though you may check your answer using machines)

$$x \equiv 112 \pmod{95}$$

$$x \equiv 115 \pmod{97}$$

3. (3p) For any positive integer  $n$ , solve the linear Diophantine equation

$$x_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = 1$$

4. (3p) Let  $m, n$  be positive integers. Find a square matrix  $A$  such that  $A^m = A^{m+kn}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , and such that furthermore  $A^0, \dots, A^{m-1}$  are all distinct.

5. (3p) For  $2 \leq n \leq 20$ , check whether  $U_n = \mathbb{Z}_n^\times$  is cyclic. Formulate a bold hypothesis.

6. (6p) Let  $\mathcal{T} = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid |z| = 1\}$  be the group of complex numbers of unit modulus, under multiplication.

- (a) For any positive integer  $n$ , show that there is a unique subgroup of  $\mathcal{T}$  of cardinality  $n$ , and that this subgroup is cyclic.
- (b) Show that there are infinitely many different subgroups of  $\mathcal{T}$  that are isomorphic to the infinite cyclic group  $C_\infty$ .
- (c) Show that, for each positive integer  $r$ , there are infinitely many different subgroups of  $\mathcal{T}$  that are isomorphic to the direct product  $C_\infty^r$ .
- (d) Show that, for each positive integers  $n, r$ , there are infinitely many different subgroups of  $\mathcal{T}$  that are isomorphic to the direct product  $C_n \times C_\infty^r$ .
- (e) Show that any “interval” in  $\mathcal{T}$  containing 1 generates  $\mathcal{T}$ .
- (f) Must any generating set of  $\mathcal{T}$  contain such an interval?

7. (4p) Let  $G$  be the group generated by the permutations  $(1, 2)$ ,  $(2, 3)$ , and  $(4, 5)$ .

- (a) List all elements in  $G$
- (b) Is  $G$  cyclic?
- (c) Is  $G$  abelian?
- (d) Which well-known group is  $G$  isomorphic to?