


Elementary Number Theory Problems. Part I

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Summary. In this paper we demonstrate the feasibility of formalizing *recreational mathematics* in Mizar ([1], [2]) drawing examples from W. Sierpinski's book "250 Problems in Elementary Number Theory" [4]. The current work contains proofs of initial ten problems from the chapter devoted to the divisibility of numbers. Included are problems on several levels of difficulty.

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1. PROBLEM 1

One can verify that there exists an integer which is positive.

Now we state the propositions:

- (1) Let us consider a positive integer n . Then $n + 1 \mid n^2 + 1$ if and only if $n = 1$.

PROOF: If $n + 1 \mid n^2 + 1$, then $n = 1$ by [6, (2)]. \square

- (2) Let us consider integers i, n . If $|i| = n$, then $i = n$ or $i = -n$.

- (3) Let us consider a natural number n . Suppose $n \mid 24$. Then

- (i) $n = 1$, or
- (ii) $n = 2$, or
- (iii) $n = 3$, or

- (iv) $n = 4$, or
 - (v) $n = 6$, or
 - (vi) $n = 8$, or
 - (vii) $n = 12$, or
 - (viii) $n = 24$.
- (4) Let us consider an integer t . Suppose $t \mid 24$. Then
- (i) $t = -1$, or
 - (ii) $t = 1$, or
 - (iii) $t = -2$, or
 - (iv) $t = 2$, or
 - (v) $t = -3$, or
 - (vi) $t = 3$, or
 - (vii) $t = -4$, or
 - (viii) $t = 4$, or
 - (ix) $t = -6$, or
 - (x) $t = 6$, or
 - (xi) $t = -8$, or
 - (xii) $t = 8$, or
 - (xiii) $t = -12$, or
 - (xiv) $t = 12$, or
 - (xv) $t = -24$, or
 - (xvi) $t = 24$.

The theorem is a consequence of (3) and (2).

2. PROBLEM 2

Now we state the proposition:

- (5) Let us consider an integer x . Suppose $x - 3 \mid x^3 - 3$. Then
- (i) $x = -21$, or
 - (ii) $x = -9$, or
 - (iii) $x = -5$, or
 - (iv) $x = -3$, or

- (v) $x = -1$, or
- (vi) $x = 0$, or
- (vii) $x = 1$, or
- (viii) $x = 2$, or
- (ix) $x = 4$, or
- (x) $x = 5$, or
- (xi) $x = 6$, or
- (xii) $x = 7$, or
- (xiii) $x = 9$, or
- (xiv) $x = 11$, or
- (xv) $x = 15$, or
- (xvi) $x = 27$.

The theorem is a consequence of (4).

3. PROBLEM 3

Now we state the proposition:

- (6) $\{n, \text{ where } n \text{ is a positive integer : } 5 \mid 4 \cdot (n^2) + 1 \text{ and } 13 \mid 4 \cdot (n^2) + 1\}$ is infinite.

PROOF: Set $S = \{n, \text{ where } n \text{ is a positive integer : } 5 \mid 4 \cdot (n^2) + 1 \text{ and } 13 \mid 4 \cdot (n^2) + 1\}$. Define $\mathcal{F}(\text{natural number}) = 65 \cdot \$1 + 56$. Consider f being a many sorted set indexed by \mathbb{N} such that for every element n of \mathbb{N} , $f(n) = \mathcal{F}(n)$. Set $R = \text{rng } f$. $R \subseteq S$. For every element m of \mathbb{N} , there exists an element n of \mathbb{N} such that $n \geq m$ and $n \in R$. \square

4. PROBLEM 4

Now we state the proposition:

- (7) Let us consider a positive integer n . Then $169 \mid 3^{3 \cdot n + 3} - 26 \cdot n - 27$.

PROOF: Reconsider $k = n$ as a natural number. Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv 169 \mid 3^{3 \cdot \$1 + 3} - 26 \cdot \$1 - 27$. For every natural number k such that $1 \leq k$ holds $\mathcal{P}[k]$. \square

5. PROBLEM 5

Now we state the proposition:

- (8) Let us consider a natural number k . Then $19 \mid 2^{2^{6 \cdot k + 2}} + 3$.

6. PROBLEM 6 (DUE TO KRAITCHIK)

Now we state the proposition:

- (9) $13 \mid 2^{70} + 3^{70}$.

7. PROBLEM 7

Now we state the propositions:

- (10) $11 \cdot 31 \cdot 61 \mid 20^{15} - 1$.

- (11) Let us consider an integer a , and a natural number m . Then $a - 1 \mid a^m - 1$.

PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv a - 1 \mid a^{\$1} - 1$. For every natural number k , $\mathcal{P}[k]$. \square

- (12) Let us consider a natural number a , a positive integer m , and a finite 0-sequence f of \mathbb{Z} . Suppose $a > 1$ and $\text{len } f = m - 1$ and for every natural number i such that $i \in \text{dom } f$ holds $f(i) = a^{i+1} - 1$. Then $a^m - 1 \text{ div}(a - 1) = \sum f + m$.

PROOF: Define $\mathcal{P}[\text{natural number}] \equiv$ for every finite 0-sequence f of \mathbb{Z} such that $\text{len } f = \$1$ and for every natural number i such that $i \in \text{dom } f$ holds $f(i) = a^{i+1} - 1$ holds $a^{\$1+1} - 1 \text{ div}(a - 1) = \sum f + (\$1 + 1)$. $\mathcal{P}[0]$. For every natural number k , $\mathcal{P}[k]$. \square

8. PROBLEM 8

Now we state the proposition:

- (13) Let us consider a positive integer m , and a natural number a . Suppose $a > 1$. Then $\text{gcd}(a^m - 1 \text{ div}(a - 1), a - 1) = \text{gcd}(a - 1, m)$.

PROOF: Reconsider $m_0 = m$ as a natural number. Reconsider $m_1 = m_0 - 1$ as a natural number. Define $\mathcal{F}(\text{natural number}) = a^{\$1+1} - 1$. Consider f being a finite 0-sequence such that $\text{len } f = m_1$ and for every natural number i such that $i \in m_1$ holds $f(i) = \mathcal{F}(i)$ from [5, Sch.2]. $\text{rng } f \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$. $a^m - 1 \text{ div}(a - 1) = \sum f + m$. \square

9. PROBLEM 9

Now we state the propositions:

- (14) Let us consider finite 0-sequences s_1, s_2 of \mathbb{N} , and a natural number n . Suppose $\text{len } s_1 = n + 1$ and for every natural number i such that $i \in \text{dom } s_1$ holds $s_1(i) = i^5$ and $\text{len } s_2 = n + 1$ and for every natural number i such that $i \in \text{dom } s_2$ holds $s_2(i) = i^3$. Then $\sum s_2 \mid 3 \cdot (\sum s_1)$.
 PROOF: Define $\mathcal{F}(\text{natural number}) = \1^3 . Consider S_2 being a sequence of real numbers such that for every natural number i , $S_2(i) = \mathcal{F}(i)$. Define $\mathcal{G}(\text{natural number}) = \1^5 .
 Consider S_1 being a sequence of real numbers such that for every natural number i , $S_1(i) = \mathcal{G}(i)$. \square
- (15) Let us consider integers a, b , and a positive natural number m . Then $\sum \langle \binom{m}{0} a^0 b^m, \dots, \binom{m}{m} a^m b^0 \rangle = a^m + b^m + \sum \langle \langle \binom{m}{0} a^0 b^m, \dots, \binom{m}{m} a^m b^0 \rangle \upharpoonright m \rangle_{\perp 1}$.
- (16) Let us consider natural numbers n, k . If n is odd, then $n \mid k^n + (n - k)^n$. The theorem is a consequence of (15).

10. PROBLEM 10

Now we state the proposition:

- (17) Let us consider a finite sequence s of elements of \mathbb{N} , and a natural number n . Suppose $n > 1$ and $\text{len } s = n - 1$ and for every natural number i such that $i \in \text{dom } s$ holds $s(i) = i^n$. If n is odd, then $n \mid \sum s$.
 PROOF: $\text{rng}(s + \text{Rev}(s)) \subseteq \mathbb{N}$. If n is odd, then $n \mid \sum s$ by [3, (3)]. \square

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