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It is important that you **show your work**. There are 125 points available on this test.

1. (15 points) Find a pair of integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $m/n$  is reduced and  $m/n = 21.\overline{364}$ .
2. (20 points)
  - (a) Find the base 6 representation of 129.
  - (b) Find the base -6 representation of 129.
  - (c) Find the base 2 representation of 6.125.
3. (20 points)
  - (a) Use the division algorithm to find the unique integers  $r$  and  $q$  satisfying

$$377 = 39q + r \text{ and } 0 \leq r < 39.$$

- (b) Solve the decanting problem for containers of sizes 377 and 39; that is find integers  $x$  and  $y$  satisfying

$$377x + 39y = d$$

where  $d$  is the GCD of 39 and 377. containers of sizes 387 and 39; that is

4. (20 points) Notice that

$$1 = 1 = 1^2 \quad (1)$$

$$1 + 3 = 4 = 2^2 \quad (2)$$

$$1 + 3 + 5 = 9 = 3^2 \quad (3)$$

$$1 + 3 + 5 + 7 = 16 = 4^2 \quad (4)$$

- (a) List the next three equations suggested by the pattern.
- (b) Given that the four equations above are the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>, write the  $n^{\text{th}}$  equation of the sequence. Notice that in the 4<sup>th</sup> equation, the last summand is 7 (not 4).
- (c) Use mathematical induction to prove that the  $n^{\text{th}}$  equation is true for all positive integer values of  $n$ .

5. (15 points) Divisors Let  $p, q,$  and  $r$  be three different prime numbers. In terms of  $p, q,$  and  $r,$  compute
- (a)  $\text{GCD}(p^3q^2r, p^2qr^3)$
  - (b)  $\text{LCM}(p^3q^2r, p^2qr^3)$
  - (c) the number of divisors of  $p^3q^2r.$
6. (20 points) State the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic. Then use it to give an argument that the square root of 2 is irrational. Why is it not possible to prove that  $\sqrt{4}$  is not rational using this method? Elaborate.
7. (15 points) Prove that for any integer  $n \geq 5,$   $2^n > n^2.$