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There are 122 points available on this test. You must show all your work.

1. (10 points) Find the base 8 representation of 2003.

**Solution:** Repeated division produces  $3723_8$ .

2. (10 points) Find the base 8 representation of  $4/5$ .

**Solution:** Repeated multiplication produces  $0.\overline{6314}_8$ .

3. (10 points) Find the base  $-8$  representation of 175.

**Solution:** Repeated division produces  $337_{-8}$ .

4. (10 points) Find a pair of relatively prime integers  $m$  and  $n$  for which  $\frac{m}{n} = 1.\overline{225}$ . Two numbers are relatively prime if their greatest common divisor is 1.

**Solution:** Let  $x = 1.\overline{225}$ . Then  $100x = 12.\overline{25}$ . Subtract to get  $99x = 121.3$ . Thus  $m = 1213$  and  $n = 990$ .

5. (10 points) Find a digit  $d$  such that  $d111_6 = 1d46_7$ .

**Solution:**  $d111_6 = 216d + 36 + 6 + 1 = 216d + 43$ . On the other hand,  $1d46_7 = 343 + 49d + 28 + 6 = 377 + 49d$ . Therefore,  $216d - 49d = 377 - 43 = 334$ , which holds when  $d = 2$ .

6. (12 points) Let  $M = 324,324$  and let  $N = 194,040$ .

(a) Find the prime factorizations of  $M$  and  $N$ .

(b) Compute  $LCM(M, N)$

(c) Compute  $GCD(M, N)$

(d) Find the number of divisors of  $M$ .

**Solution:**  $N = 2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$  and  $M = 2^2 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$  so  $LCM(M, N) = 2^3 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 = 22702680$  and  $GCD(M, N) = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 = 2772$ , and  $M$  has  $(2 + 1)(4 + 1)(1 + 1)(1 + 1)(1 + 1) = 120$  divisors.

7. (15 points) Solve the decanting problem for containers of sizes 99 and 79; that is find integers  $x$  and  $y$  satisfying

$$99x + 79y = d$$

where  $d$  is the GCD of 99 and 79.

**Solution:** Repeated divisions followed by substitution results in  $1 = 20 - 19 = 20 - (79 - 3 \cdot 20) = 4 \cdot 20 - 79 = 4(99 - 79) - 79 = 4 \cdot 99 - 5 \cdot 79$ , so  $x = 4$  and  $y = -5$ .

8. (15 points) Find the remainder in each case below.

- (a) When  $N = 5^{2003}$  is divided by 7.

**Solution:** We use the notation of modular arithmetic. Note that  $5 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$ ,  $5^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ ,  $5^3 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$ ,  $5^4 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$ ,  $5^5 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$ , and  $5^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ . Therefore  $5^{6n} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  for any integer  $n > 0$ , and  $5^{2003} = 5^{1998} \cdot 5^5 \equiv 1^{1998} \cdot 5^5 \equiv 1 \cdot 3 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$ .

- (b) When  $N = 123444555566667777888999$  is divided by 9.

**Solution:** The sum of the digits of  $N$  is 123, which is congruent to 6 modulo 9. Therefore  $N \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ .

- (c) When  $N = 123444555566667777888999$  is divided by 11.

**Solution:** The alternating sum of the digits of  $N$  is  $64 - 59 = 5$ , which is congruent to 5 modulo 11. Therefore  $N \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$ .

9. (10 points) Find the best (winning) move in the game of Bouton's Nim (27, 23, 22, 19).

**Solution:** Take 9 from the pile with 27. The position (18, 23, 22, 19) the only balanced position available.

10. (20 points) Look at the four equations below.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \cdot 1! &= 2! - 1 \\ 1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! &= 3! - 1 \\ 1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! &= 4! - 1 \\ 1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + 4 \cdot 4! &= 5! - 1 \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Write the next three equations in the sequence.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + 4 \cdot 4! + 5 \cdot 5! &= 6! - 1 \\ 1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + 4 \cdot 4! + 5 \cdot 5! + 6 \cdot 6! &= 7! - 1 \\ 1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + 4 \cdot 4! + 5 \cdot 5! + 6 \cdot 6! + 7 \cdot 7! &= 8! - 1 \end{aligned}$$

- (b) If the four equations above correspond to  $k = 1, 2, 3,$  and  $4,$  what is the  $n^{\text{th}}$  equation?

**Solution:**  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + \cdots + k \cdot k! = (k + 1)! - 1.$

- (c) Prove by mathematical induction that the  $n^{\text{th}}$  equation is true for all integers  $n \geq 1.$

**Solution:** Suppose we have a positive integer  $k$  for which  $P(k)$  is true. Then,  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + \cdots + k \cdot k! = (k + 1)! - 1.$  Now to prove  $P(k + 1),$  examine the left side of  $P(k + 1).$  Thus  $1 \cdot 1! + 2 \cdot 2! + 3 \cdot 3! + \cdots + k \cdot k! + (k + 1)(k + 1)! = (k + 1)! - 1 + (k + 1)(k + 1)! = (k + 1)![1 + k + 1] - 1 = (k + 2)! - 1.$  This completes the inductive step. The base case is the first equation above. Therefore, by the Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all positive integers  $n.$