## Section 9.1

3) a) 
$$6 = 30 - 2 \cdot 12 = 30 - 2(42 - 30) = 3(30) - 2(42).$$
  
b)  $3 = 39 - 3 \cdot 12 = 39 - 3(90 - 2 \cdot 39) = 7(39) - 3(90).$   
c)  $1 = 10 - 3 \cdot 3 = 10 - 3(143 - 14 \cdot 10) = 43(10) - 3(143) = 43(153 - 143) - 3(143) = 43(153) - 46(143).$ 

4) a) In 
$$\mathbb{Z}_7$$
,  $(3+5)(6+4)+6 = (1)(3)+6 = 3+6 = 2$   
b) In  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ ,  $(2^4 \cdot 3^2) + (2^4 \cdot 5) = (4 \cdot 3) + (4 \cdot 5) = 0+2=2$ .

5) a) 11x = 1 implies 11x + 24y = 1. We use the Euclidean Algorithm.  $24 = 2 \cdot 11 + 2$ .  $11 = 5 \cdot 2 + 1$ . So

$$1 = 11 - 5 \cdot 2 = 11 - 5(24 - 2 \cdot 11) = 11(11) - 5(24)$$

We see x = 11.

b) 41x = 1 implies 41x + 77y = 1. We use the Euclidean Algorithm.  $77 = 1 \cdot 41 + 36$ .  $41 = 1 \cdot 36 + 5$ .  $36 = 7 \cdot 5 + 1$ . So

$$1 = 36 - 7 \cdot 5 = 8(36) - 7(41) = 8(77) - 15(41)$$

We see x = -15, which in  $\mathbb{Z}_{77}$ , is equivalent to 62.

8)

$$q_1b + r_1 = q_2b + r_2$$
  
 $(q_1 - q_2)b = r_2 - r_1$ 

Since  $0 \le r_1 \le r_2 < b$ , we see that  $0 \le r_2 - r_1 < b$ . However, we have just seen that  $r_2 - r_1$  is a multiple of b. This forces  $r_2 - r_1 = 0$ . So  $r_1 = r_2$ . Therefore,  $(q_1 - q_2)b = 0$ , so  $q_1 = q_2$  as well.

9)  $k \cdot a = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  means that n divides  $k \cdot a$ . Since g = gcd(n, a), g divides both n and a. Therefore,  $k \cdot a = \frac{n}{g} \cdot a = \frac{n \cdot a}{g} = n \cdot \frac{a}{g}$ , and  $\frac{a}{g}$  is an integer. Thus, n divides  $k \cdot a$  as desired. Now suppose that  $a \cdot x = 1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  for some x. Then in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ 

$$k = k \cdot (a \cdot x) = (k \cdot a) \cdot x = 0 \cdot x = 0.$$

But 0 < k < n, so  $k \neq 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ . Contradiction.  $a \cdot x = 1$  has no solution.

10) Let p be prime and a be an arbitrary positive integer. gcd(p, a) is a divisor of p, and so is either 1 or p. If it is 1, we are done. If it is p, then since gcd(p, a) is also a divisor of a, we see p|a.

- 11) 1 = gcd(a, c). So there exist integers x, y such that ax + cy = 1. Thus, abx + cby = b. Since c|ab, cn = ab for some integer n, and so b = cnx + cby = c(nx + by). Therefore, c|b.
- 12) Let a, b, and p be positive integers with p prime and p|ab. By Problem 10, either p|a or gcd(p, a) = 1. By Problem 11, if gcd(p, a) = 1, then p|b. Therefore, either p|a or p|b.
- 13) Suppose that n has two factorizations into primes.  $p_1^{r_1} \cdots p_k^{r_k} = n = q_1^{s_1} \cdots q_l^{s_l}$ , where  $p_1, \ldots, p_k$  are distinct primes,  $q_1, \ldots, q_l$  are distinct primes, and  $r_1, \ldots, r_k, s_1, \ldots, s_l$  are positive integers. For all  $1 \le i \le k$ ,  $p_i$  divides  $n = q_1^{s_1} \cdots q_l^{s_l}$ , and so by Problem 12,  $p_i$  must divide one of the factors  $q_j$  on the right-hand side. Therefore, since  $q_j$  is prime,  $p_i = q_j$ . Therefore, each  $p_i$  is one of the  $q_j$ 's. Reversing the argument shows that each  $q_j$  is one of the  $p_i$ 's. In other words, the list of  $p_i$ 's and  $q_j$ 's are the same. Therefore, k = l, and we can assume  $p_1 = q_1$ ,  $p_2 = q_2$ , etc.

So  $p_1^{r_1} \cdots p_k^{r_k} = n = p_1^{s_1} \cdots p_k^{s_k}$ . We need to show that  $r_i = s_i$  for each *i*. Suppose for contradiction, that  $r_1 < s_1$ . Then  $p_2^{r_2} \cdots p_k^{r_k} = p_1^{s_1-r_1}p_2^{s_2} \cdots p_k^{s_k}$ .  $s_1 - r_1 \ge 1$ , so  $p_1$  divides the right-hand side, but does not divide the left-hand side. Contradiction. Therefore,  $r_1 = s_1$ . Similarly,  $r_i = s_i$  for each *i*. Thus, the factorization is unique.

## Section 9.2

- 1) a)  $3x^2 + 5$ 
  - b) 2x + 3
  - c)  $2x^2 + 4x$
  - d) x + 3
- **2a)**  $2x^3 + x^2 9 = (2x 5)(x^2 + 3x) + (15x 9).$
- **3a)**  $x^3 + x^2 + 1 = (x)(x^2 + x + 1) + (x + 1).$
- **4a)**  $2x^2 + 3x + 4 = (3x + 3)(3x + 5) + (3).$
- 9) a)  $\max(-\infty, n) = n$  makes sense because  $-\infty$  should be smaller than any number. The notation of  $-\infty + n = -\infty$  makes sense if you consider a generalization of the statement for continuous functions  $\lim_{x\to c} (a(x)+b(x)) = \lim_{x\to c} a(x)+\lim_{x\to c} b(x)$ . Indeed, if we say  $\lim_{x\to -\infty} (x+n) = (\lim_{x\to -\infty} x) + n$ , we arrive at the desired equation.
  - b) If q(x) = 0, then p(x)q(x) = 0 no matter what p is. therefore,  $\deg(p(x)q(x)) = \deg(0) = -\infty$ , and  $\deg(p(x)) + \deg(q(x)) = \deg(p(x) + -\infty) = -\infty$ , so the statement holds.
  - c) If q(x) is the zero polynomial, then  $\deg(p(x) + q(x)) = \deg(p(x))$ , and

 $\max(\deg(p(x)), \deg(q(x))) = \max(\deg(p(x)), -\infty) = \deg(p(x))$ . Similarly, we get equality if p(x) is zero. Finally, we need to consider the case where neither p or q are identically 0. Let  $n = \deg p(x)$  and  $m = \deg q(x)$ .

$$p(x) = a_n x^n + \ldots + a_0$$
  
$$q(x) = b_m x^m + \ldots + b_0$$

where  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are nonzero. If n > m, then  $a_n x^n$  is the leading term in p(x) + q(x). Therefore,  $\deg(p(x) + q(x)) = n = \max(n, m) = \max(\deg(p(x)), \deg(q(x)))$ . Similarly, if m > n, then  $\deg(p(x) + q(x)) = m = \max(\deg(p(x)), \deg(q(x)))$ . Finally, if m = n, then the leading term of p(x) + q(x) is  $(a_n + b_n)x^n$  unless  $a_n + b_n = 0$ . If this is the case, then the degree can only decrease. Therefore,  $\deg(p(x) + q(x)) \le n = \max(\deg(p(x)), \deg(q(x)))$ .