

### 3.1 The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Note Title

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1.  $n^2 - 2$ :  $n = 2 \Rightarrow 2^2 - 2 = 2$  All primes  
 $n = 3 \Rightarrow 9 - 2 = 7$   
 $n = 5 \Rightarrow 25 - 2 = 23$   
 $n = 7 \Rightarrow 49 - 2 = 47$   
 $n = 9 \Rightarrow 81 - 2 = 79$

2.  $25 \stackrel{?}{=} p + a^2$ .  $a = 1$   $p = 24$   $\therefore$  No prime  
 $a = 2$   $p = 21$   $p$  for all  
 $a = 3$   $p = 16$  possible values  
 $a = 4$   $p = 9$  of  $a$ .  
 $a = 5$   $p = 0$

3. (a) If  $3n+1$  is prime, so is  $6m+1$

Pf:  $3n+1$  prime  $\Rightarrow 3n+1$  is odd. Let  
 $p = 3n+1$ , Then  $p-1 = 3n$  is even.  
 $\therefore n$  is even,  $\therefore n = 2m$ , some  $m$ ,  
 $\therefore p = 3(2m)+1 = 6m+1$

(b) Every integer of form  $3n+2$  has a prime factor of that form.

Pf: Let  $p$  be any prime factor of  $3n+2$   
 $\therefore p = 3k+1$  or  $3k+2$ , some  $k$ , by  
Division Alg.

$$\therefore 3n+2 = (3k_1+1)(3k_2+1)\cdots(3k_r+1), \text{ by}$$

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But this latter product is of form  $[3^r k_1 \cdots k_r + \dots + 1]$ , where every term, except 1, is a factor of 3.  $\therefore$  Product is of form  $3q+1$ , a contradiction.

(c) The only prime of form  $n^3-1$  is 7.

$$\text{Pf: } n^3-1 = (n-1)(n^2+n+1)$$

For  $n^3-1$  to be prime,  $n=1$

$$\text{For } n=2, n^3-1 = (2-1)(7) = 7$$

For any  $n>2$ ,  $p = n^3-1$  will be a factor of two integers, neither of which is 1.  $\therefore$  for  $n \neq 2$ ,  $p$  can't be prime.

(d) The only prime  $p$  for which  $3p+1$  is a perfect square is  $p=5$ .

$$\text{Pf: } 3(5)+1 = 16 = 4^2$$

Suppose  $3p+1 = n^2$ , some  $n \neq 4$

$$\therefore 3p = n^2-1 = (n+1)(n-1)$$

If  $n+1 = p$ , Then  $n-1 = 3$ ,  $n = 4$   
 Assume  $n+1 \neq p$ .  $\therefore \gcd(n+1, p) = 1$ .  
 $\therefore n+1 \mid 3$ , by Euclid's Lemma.  
 $\therefore n+1 = 1$  or  $3$ ,  $\therefore n = 2$ .  $\therefore 3p+1 = 4$ ,  
 $p = 1$ , a contradiction.  
 $\therefore n+1$  must be  $p$ , and  $\therefore n$  must be  $4$

Similar reasoning for  $n-1$ .

If  $n-1 = p$ , Then  $n+1 = 3$ ,  $n = 2$ , leading  
 to contradiction of  $3p+1 = 4$ ,  $p = 1$ .  
 $\therefore n-1 \neq p$ , Then  $\gcd(n-1, p) = 1$ ,  $\therefore$   
 $n-1 \mid 3$  by Euclid's Lemma.  $\therefore n-1 = 1$  or  $3$ .  
 $\therefore n = 4$

(e) The only prime of form  $n^2 - 4$  is  $5$ .

Pf: Let  $p = n^2 - 4 = (n+2)(n-2)$

Since  $p$  is prime, one of the factors must be  $1$  and the other must be  $p$ .

Suppose  $n+2 = p$ ,  $\therefore n-2 = 1$ ,  $\therefore n = 3$ ,  
 $\therefore p = 5$

Suppose  $n+2 = 1$ .  $\therefore n = -1$ , and  
 $\therefore p = n-2 = -3$ .  $\therefore n+2 \neq 1$ .  
 $\therefore$  Only possibility is  $n = 3$ ,  $\therefore p = 5$

4.  $p \geq 5$ , Then  $p^2 + 2$  is composite

Pf: By Div. Alg.,  $p = 6k + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 6$

$$r \neq 0 \text{ as } p = 6k \Rightarrow 6 | p$$

$$r \neq 2 \text{ as } p = 6k + 2 \Rightarrow 2 | p$$

$$r \neq 3 \text{ as } p = 6k + 3 \Rightarrow 3 | p$$

$$r \neq 4 \text{ as } p = 6k + 4 \Rightarrow 2 | p$$

$$\therefore p = 6k + 1 \text{ or } p = 6k + 5$$

$$\therefore p^2 + 2 = 36k^2 + 12k + 3 \text{ or}$$

$$p^2 + 2 = 36k^2 + 60k + 27$$

In either case,  $3 | p^2 + 2$ , so  $p^2 + 2$  is composite.

5. (a)  $p$  prime,  $p | a^n \Rightarrow p^n | a^n$

Pf: By Corollary 1 (p. 41),  $p | a^n \Rightarrow p | a$   
 $\therefore a = pK$ , some  $K$ , so  $a^n = p^n K^n \Rightarrow p^n | a^n$

(b) If  $\gcd(a, b) = p$ , Then by (a) above,  $p^2 | a^2$ ,  $p^2 | b^2$ ,  
so  $\gcd(a^2, b^2) = p^2$

$$\gcd(a^2, b) = p$$

$$\gcd(a^3, b^2) = p^2$$

6. (a) For all  $n > 1$ ,  $n^4 + 4$  is composite

$$\text{Pf: } n^4 + 4 = (n^2 - 2n + 2)(n^2 + 2n + 2)$$

Since  $n > 1$ ,  $n \geq 2$ ,  $n^2 \geq 2n$ , and  
 $\therefore n^2 - 2n \geq 0$ ,  $n^2 - 2n + 2 \geq 2 > 0$

$\therefore$  Both factors are positive.

Since  $n^4 + 4$  has two integer positive factors, it is composite.

Find the factors by guessing the roots (or using a calculator).

$$\text{Note that } (1+i)(1+i) = 2i, (2i)^2 = -4$$

$\therefore 1+i$  is a root, and  $\therefore$  so is  $1-i$

$$\therefore (n-1-i)(n-1+i) = (n-1)^2 - i^2$$

$$= n^2 - 2n + 1 + 1$$

$$= n^2 - 2n + 2,$$

and so  $n^2 - 2n + 2$  is a factor

Find the other by division.

(b) If  $n > 4$  is composite, then  $n$  divides  $(n-1)!$

Pf: Since  $n$  is composite, let  $n = p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r}$  be the unique prime factorization.

If  $r > 1$ , Then  $n > p_i^{k_i}$ , so  $n-1 \geq p_i^{k_i}$   
 $\therefore$  since all integers  $\leq n-1$  are terms of  $(n-1)!$ , Then each  $p_i^{k_i}$  is represented by one of the terms of  $(n-1)!$ .  $\therefore p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r} \mid (n-1)!$

Suppose  $r=1$ , so  $n = p^k$ .  $k > 1$   
since  $n$  is composite.

$\therefore n = p^{k-1} \cdot p$   
 $\therefore n > p$  and  $n > p^{k-1}$   
 $\therefore n-1 \geq p$  and  $n-1 \geq p^{k-1}$

If  $p \neq p^{k-1}$ , Then each is represented in  $(n-1)!$ , so  $p \cdot p^{k-1} = n \mid (n-1)!$

Suppose  $p = p^{k-1}$ , so  $k=2$ .  $\therefore n = p^2$   
 $\therefore n > p$ , so  $n-1 \geq p$

Since  $n \geq 6$ , Then  $p \neq 2$

And  $2(n-1) < (n-1)!$  for  $n > 4$

$\therefore 2(n-1)$  is a term of  $(n-1)!$

$\therefore$  Each of  $p$  and  $2p$  are terms of  $(n-1)!$ .  $\therefore 2p^2 \mid (n-1)!$ , so  $p^2 \mid (n-1)!$ .  $\therefore p^2 = n \mid (n-1)!$

(c)  $8^n + 1$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , is composite

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf: } a^3 + 1 &= (a+1)(a^2 - a + 1) \\ \therefore (2^n)^3 + 1 &= (2^n + 1)(2^{2n} - 2^n + 1) \\ \therefore 2^n + 1 &\mid 2^{3n} + 1, \\ &\text{and } 2^{3n} = 8^n \\ \therefore 2^n + 1 &\mid 8^n + 1 \end{aligned}$$

(d)  $n > 11$ , Then  $n$  is the sum of two composite numbers

Pf: Suppose  $n$  is even. Then  $\exists K$  s.t.  $n = 2K$ .  
 $n = 2K = 6 + 2(K-3)$

$\therefore n$  is the sum of 6 ( $= 2 \cdot 3$ ) and  $2(K-3)$

If  $K \geq 5$  (so  $K-3 > 1$ , so  $2(K-3)$  is product of two numbers  $> 1$ ), then  $2K \geq 10$ ,  $n > 11$ , and  $n$  is the sum of two composites.

Suppose  $n$  is odd. Then  $\exists K$  s.t.  $n = 2K+1$   
 $\therefore n = 2K+1$

$$= 2(K-1) + 3 \quad 3 \text{ is prime}$$

$$= 2(K-2) + 5 \quad 5 \text{ is prime}$$

$$= 2(K-3) + 7 \quad 7 \text{ is prime}$$

$$= 2(K-4) + 9$$

So, if  $K \geq 6$ , then  $2(K-4)$  is the

product of two numbers  $> 1$ , so  $n = 2k+1 \geq 13$ , and  $n$  is the sum of two composites.

7. Find all primes that divide  $50!$

All primes  $< 50$  will divide  $50!$  since each is a term of  $50!$

By Fund. Th. of Arithmetic, each term  $k$  of  $50!$  that is non-prime has a unique prime factorization, and each term of the unique factorization of  $k$  is smaller than  $k$ , and so is a prime that is  $< 50$ .  $\therefore$  There is no prime  $> 50$  represented in this factorization of  $k$ .

$\therefore$  All primes  $< 50$  are all the primes that divide  $50!$

8.  $p \neq q \geq 5$ ,  $p, q$  primes,  $24 \mid p^2 - q^2$

Pf: From #4 above,  $p = 6r+1$  or  $6r+5$   
 $q = 6s+1$  or  $6s+5$

Three possibilities

(1)  $p = 6r+1, q = 6s+1$

(2)  $p = 6r+5, q = 6s+5$

(3)  $p = 6r+1, q = 6s+5$



The situation of  $p = 6r + 5$ ,  $q = 6s + 1$  is equivalent to # (3).

(1) Let  $p = 6r + 1$ ,  $q = 6s + 1$  ( $r, s \geq 0$ ,  $p, q \geq 7$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } p, q \geq 5, \text{ then } r, s \neq 0 \\ \therefore p^2 - q^2 &= (p+q)(p-q) \\ &= (6r+1+6s+1)(6r+1-[6s+1]) \\ &= (6r+6s+2)(6r-6s) \\ &= 2 \cdot 6(3r+3s+1)(r-s) \end{aligned}$$

if  $r, s$  are both even or both odd, then  $r-s$  is even and  $\neq 0$ , so  $r-s = 2k$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore p^2 - q^2 &= 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 2(3r+3s+1)(k) \\ &= 24(3r+3s+1)(k) \therefore 24 \mid p^2 - q^2 \end{aligned}$$

if one is even and one is odd, then

$3r+3s+1$  is even, so  $3r+3s+1 = 2k$

$$\therefore p^2 - q^2 = 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 2(k)(r-s) = 24(k)(r-s)$$

$$\therefore 24 \mid p^2 - q^2$$

(2) Let  $p = 6r + 5$ ,  $q = 6s + 5$  ( $r, s \geq 0$ , so  $p, q \geq 5$ )

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore p^2 - q^2 &= (p+q)(p-q) \\ &= (6r+5+6s+5)(6r-6s) \\ &= (6r+5+6s+10)(6r-6s) \\ &= 2 \cdot 6(3r+3s+5)(r-s) \end{aligned}$$

if  $r, s$  are both even or both odd, then  
 $r-s$  is even and  $\neq 0$ , so  $r-s = 2k$

$$\therefore p^2 - q^2 = 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 2(3r + 3s + 5)(k) \\ = 24(3r + 3s + 5)(k) \therefore 24 \mid p^2 - q^2$$

if one is even, one odd, then

$3r + 3s + 5$  is even, so  $3r + 3s + 5 = 2k$

$$\therefore p^2 - q^2 = 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 2(k)(r-s) = 24(k)(r-s) \\ \therefore 24 \mid p^2 - q^2$$

$$(3) p = 6r + 1, q = 6s + 5 \quad (r > 0, s \geq 0, \text{ so } p, q \geq 5)$$

$$\therefore p^2 - q^2 = (p+q)(p-q) \\ = (6r+1+6s+5)(6r-6s-4) \\ = (6r+6s+6)(6r-6s-4) \\ = 6 \cdot 2(r+s+1)(3r-3s-2)$$

If one is even, one odd, then  $r+s+1$  is even,  
 so  $r+s+1 = 2k$ .

$$\therefore p^2 - q^2 = 24(k)(3r-3s-2), \text{ so } 24 \mid p^2 - q^2$$

if both even or both odd, then

$3r-3s-2$  is even, so  $3r-3s-2 = 2k$

$$\therefore p^2 - q^2 = 24(r+s+1)(k), \text{ so } 24 \mid p^2 - q^2$$

$$9. (a). 2^4 + 1 = 17$$

$$2^8 + 1 = 257$$

$$(b) 1^2 + 1 = 2$$

$$2^2 + 1 = 5$$

$$4^2 + 1 = 17$$

$$6^2 + 1 = 37$$

$$10^2 + 1 = 101$$

10.  $p \neq 5, p \neq 2$ , prove  $10 \mid p^2 - 1$  or  $10 \mid p^2 + 1$

Pf:  $p$  is of the form:  $10K+1, 10K+3,$   
 $10K+7, 10K+9$ .

$10K + \text{even}$ : can factor out 2, so not prime.

$$(10K+1)^2 = 100K^2 + 20K + 1 \quad \therefore 10 \mid p^2 - 1$$

$$(10K+3)^2 = 100K^2 + 60K + 9 \quad \therefore 10 \mid p^2 + 1$$

$$(10K+7)^2 = 100K^2 + 140K + 49 \quad \therefore 10 \mid p^2 + 1$$

$$(10K+9)^2 = 100K^2 + 180K + 81 \quad \therefore 10 \mid p^2 - 1$$

11. (a)  $2^3 - 1 = 7$        $2^7 - 1 = 127$   
 $2^5 - 1 = 31$        $2^{13} - 1 = 8091$

(b) if  $p = 2^k - 1$  is prime, show  $k$  is odd, if  $k \geq 2$

$$\text{Pf: } a^n - b^n = (a-b)(a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}b + \dots + ab^{n-2} + b^{n-1})$$

$$\therefore 4^n - 1 = (4-1)(4^{n-1} + \dots + 1)$$

$$= 3(4^{n-1} + \dots + 1)$$

$$\therefore 3 \mid 4^n - 1 \Rightarrow 3 \mid 2^{2n} - 1 \quad (n \geq 1)$$

$2n$  is even, so if  $p = 2^k - 1$  is prime,  $k$  must be odd ( $n \geq 1 \Rightarrow 2n \geq 2$ , so  $k \geq 3$ ).

12.  $1234 = 2 \cdot 617$

$$10140 = 10 \cdot 1014 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 \cdot 507 = 2^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 13^2$$

$$= 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 13^2$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 36000 &= 36 \cdot 1000 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 10 \cdot 25 \cdot 4 \\
 &= 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 2^2 \\
 &= 2^5 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^3
 \end{aligned}$$

13. If  $n > 1$  not of form  $6k+3$ , Then  $n^2 + 2^n$  is composite.

Pf:  $n$  of form  $6k, 6k+1, 6k+2, 6k+4, 6k+5$

$$6k: n^2 + 2^n = 36k^2 + 2^{6k}. \text{ Since } k > 0,$$

$$2 \mid 36k^2 + 2^{6k} \therefore \text{composite}$$

$$6k+1: n^2 + 2^n = (6k+1)^2 + 2^{6k+1}$$

$$36k^2 + 12k + 1 + 2^{6k+1}$$

$$= 36k^2 + 12k + 1^{6k+1} + 2^{6k+1}$$

$$\text{From } a^n \cdot b^n = (a+b)(a^{n-1} + a^{n-2}b + \dots + ab^{n-2} + b^{n-1})$$

substitute  $(-1 \cdot b)$  for  $b$  and get,

$$a^n - (-1)^n b^n = (a+b)(a^{n-1} - a^{n-2}b + \dots + (-1)^{n-1}b^{n-1})$$

$$\therefore a^{6k+1} - (-1)^{6k+1} b^{6k+1} = a^{6k+1} + b^{6k+1} = (a+b)(\quad)$$

$$\therefore n^2 + 2^n = 36k^2 + 12k + 2^{6k+1} + \{$$

$$= 36k^2 + 12k + (2+1)(2^{6k} - \dots + (-1)^{6k} 1^{6k})$$

$$= 36k^2 + 12k + 3(2^{6k} - \dots + 1)$$

$$\therefore 3 \mid n^2 + 2^n$$

$$6k+2: n^2 + 2^n = (6k+2)^2 + 2^{6k+2}$$

$$= 36k^2 + 24k + 4 + 2^2 \cdot 2^{6k}$$

$$\therefore 2 \mid n^2 + 2^n$$

$$6K+4: n^2 + 2^n = 36K^2 + 48K + 16 + 2^{6K+4}$$

$$\therefore 2 \mid n^2 + 2^n$$

$$6K+5: n^2 + 2^n = 36K^2 + 60K + 25 + 2^{6K+5}$$

$$= 36K^2 + 60K + 24 + 2^{6K+5} + 1$$

$$= 36K^2 + 60K + 24 + (2+1)(2^{6K+4} \dots)$$

$$= 3 \left[ \dots \right] \text{ similar to } 6K+1 \text{ above}$$

$$\therefore 3 \mid n^2 + 2^n$$

Note for  $6K+3$ ,  $36K^2 + 36K + 9$ ,  $9 = 8 + 1$ ,  
so can't use The  $a^n + b^n = (a+b)(\dots)$  trick.

$$14. \begin{array}{lll} 10 = 149 - 139 & 10 = 419 - 409 & 10 = 719 - 709 \\ 10 = 191 - 181 & 10 = 431 - 421 & 10 = 797 - 787 \\ 10 = 251 - 241 & 10 = 557 - 547 & 10 = 821 - 811 \\ 10 = 293 - 283 & 10 = 587 - 577 & 10 = 839 - 829 \\ 10 = 347 - 337 & 10 = 701 - 691 & 10 = 929 - 919 \end{array}$$

15.  $a \geq 1$  is a square  $\Leftrightarrow a$  in canonical form has all even exponents for the primes.

Pf: Suppose  $a$  is a square.  $\therefore a = n^2$   
 Let  $p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_r^{k_r} = n$ .  $\therefore n^2 = p_1^{2k_1} \dots p_r^{2k_r}$

so all exponents are even.

Suppose all exponents of  $p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r} = a$  are even.

$\therefore k_i = 2m_i$ , some  $m_i$  for each  $k_i$

$$\therefore a = p_1^{2m_1} p_2^{2m_2} \dots p_r^{2m_r}$$

$$= (p_1^{m_1} \dots p_r^{m_r})^2$$

16. (a)  $n > 1$  is square free  $\Leftrightarrow n$  can be factored into a product of distinct primes.

Suppose  $n$  is square free, and let  $n = p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r}$  be the prime factorization.

Suppose any  $k_i > 1$ .  $\therefore k_i \geq 2$ , and  $\therefore p_i^2$  will divide  $n$ , a contradiction of def. of square free.  $\therefore$  each  $k_i = 1$ .

Suppose  $n = p_1 \dots p_r$ , each  $p_i \neq p_k$ .

Suppose  $n$  is not square free, and

let  $a^2 \mid n$ .  $\therefore n = x a^2$ ,  $x$  an integer.

Let  $a = q_1^{k_1} \dots q_s^{k_s}$ .

$$\therefore p_1 \dots p_r = x q_1^{2k_1} \dots q_s^{2k_s} \quad \therefore q_i \mid p_1 \dots p_r$$

$\therefore$  By corollary 2 (p. 41),  $q_i = p_k$   
for some  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq r$ .

After factoring out  $q_i$  and  $p_k$ ,  
we still have,

$$p_1 \dots p_r = K q_1^{2k_1} \dots q_i \dots q_s^{2k_s}, \text{ so that}$$

$q_i \mid p_1 \dots p_r$ . But the original

factorization  $p_1 \dots p_r$  was unique,  
and  $q_i$  was factored out.

$\therefore q_i$  can't divide the remaining  
factorization.  $\therefore n$  must be  
square free.

(6) Every  $n > 1$  is the product of a square free integer  
and a perfect square.

Pf: Let  $n = p_1^{k_1} \dots p_s^{k_s}$  be the canonical form  
for  $n$ . If  $k_i$  is odd and  $k_i > 1$ , then  
 $k_i - 1$  is even. Let  $a = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_m^{k_m}$ ,

where  $1 \leq r_i \leq s$  and  $k_{r_i}$  is odd  
and  $k_{r_i} \geq 1$ .

$$\text{Consider } b = p_1 \dots p_m.$$

$$\therefore a = b p_1^{k_1-1} p_2^{k_2-1} \dots p_m^{k_m-1}$$

Also,  $b$  is square free, by (a) above.  
 $p_{r_i}^{k_{r_i}-1} = p_{r_i}^{2x_i}$  since each  $k_{r_i}-1$  is even. Let  $c = p_{r_1}^{x_1} \dots p_{r_m}^{x_m}$

$$\therefore a = b c^2$$

Finally, let  $a|n = p_{t_1}^{k_{t_1}} \dots p_{t_j}^{k_{t_j}}$ , where

all  $k_{t_i}$  are even since  $a|n$  has factored out all of the odd exponents in the canonical form of  $n$ .  
 By #15 above,  $a|n = d^2$

$$\therefore n = b c^2 d^2 = b (cd)^2,$$

where  $b$  is square free.

17.  $n = 2^k m$ ,  $n \neq 0$ ,  $k \geq 0$ ,  $m$  odd

Pf: Assume  $n > 0$  (if  $n < 0$ , choose  $k, m$  s.t.  $-n = 2^k m$ ,  $\therefore n = 2^k (-m)$ ).

If  $n$  is odd, choose  $k=0$ ,  $m=n$ .

If  $n$  is even, then  $n = 2k_1$ . Note  $k_1 < n$ .

If  $k_1$  is odd, choose  $k=1$ ,  $m=k_1$ .

If  $k_1$  is even, then  $k_1 = 2k_2$ , so



$n = 2^2 K_2$ . Note  $K_2 < K_1$ .

(Continue this process till  $K_i$  is odd.  $\therefore m = K_i$ ,  $k = i$ . Since  $K_{i+1} < K_i$ , this is a finite process (i.e., ultimately will reach 1 is no other odd integer reached by then).

18.	3, 53	47, 97	107, 157
	11, 61	53, 103	113, 163
	17, 67	59, 109	131, 181
	23, 73	83, 139	149, 199
	29, 79	101, 151	173, 223

19. If  $n > 0$  is square-free, then  $n = a^2 b^3$ ,  $a, b > 0$ .

Pf: Let  $n = p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r}$ . Since  $n$  is square-free,  $k_i \geq 2$ .

Write  $p_1^{k_1} \dots p_r^{k_r} = q_{m_1}^{k_{m_1}} \dots q_{m_s}^{k_{m_s}} q_{n_1}^{k_{n_1}} \dots q_{n_t}^{k_{n_t}}$

where  $k_{m_i}$  are odd (so  $k_{m_i} \geq 3$ ), and

$k_{n_i}$  are even, such that

$k_{m_i} = k_j$  and  $k_{n_i} = k_w$  (i.e., writing

n so that odd exponents listed first,  
even exponents listed last).

$$\therefore K_{n_i} = 2V_i, \text{ some } V_i.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore n &= q_{m_1}^{K_{m_1}} \dots q_{m_s}^{K_{m_s}} (q_{n_1}^{2V_1} \dots q_{n_r}^{2V_r}) \\ &= q_{m_1}^{K_{m_1}} \dots q_{m_s}^{K_{m_s}} (q_{n_1}^{V_1} \dots q_{n_r}^{V_r})^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore n = q_{m_1}^{K_{m_1}} \dots q_{m_s}^{K_{m_s}} (x^2), \quad x = q_{n_1}^{V_1} \dots q_{n_r}^{V_r}$$

Since  $K_{m_i}$  is odd and  $\geq 3$ ,  $K_{m_i} - 3$  is even.

$$\therefore n = q_{m_1}^3 \dots q_{m_s}^3 (q_{m_1}^{m_1-3} \dots q_{m_s}^{m_s-3}) (x^2)$$

$$\text{Let } m_i - 3 = 2w_i, \quad q_{m_1} \dots q_{m_s} = 6,$$

$$\therefore n = 6^3 (q_{m_1}^{2w_1} \dots q_{m_s}^{2w_s}) (x^2). \quad \text{Let } y = q_{m_1}^{w_1} \dots q_{m_s}^{w_s}$$

$$\therefore n = 6^3 y^2 x^2. \quad \text{Let } a = yx,$$

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