

Fall 2019 COT 3100 Section 2 Homework #2
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- 1) Prove that if n is an odd integer, then $8 \mid (n^2 - 1)$. You may use a previously proved result from class that for any integer a , $a(a+1)$ is an even integer.
- 2) Prove or disprove: If an integer n has three unique prime divisors, then it follows that the largest prime divisor of n is less than or equal to $\sqrt[3]{n}$.
- 3) A triangle has all integer side lengths and two of those sides have lengths 9 and 16. Consider the altitudes to the three sides. What is the largest possible value of the ratio of any two of those altitudes?
- 4) Consider the two different numbers 327_b (327 is base b) and 327_{b+1} (327 in base $b+1$), where b is a positive integer 8 or greater. If the difference between these two numbers is 89, what is the value of b ?
- 5) Let $S = \{2, 6, 8, 9\}$ and $T = \{1, 2, 5\}$. Explicitly list the members of the following sets: $S \cup T$, $S \cap T$, $S - T$, $S \times T$, $T \times S$, $\emptyset(S)$ and $\emptyset(T)$.
- 6) Use set laws to prove that the two following sets are equivalent.

$$(1) \overline{(\bar{A} \cap \bar{B}) \cup (C \cap \bar{C})} \cup ((A \cup B) \cap (A \cap B)) \quad (2) A \cup B$$

- 7) Give a summary of life and work of mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani. Please aim for a length of roughly 200 - 400 words. **Your summary must be typed.** Please state the sources you used in writing your summary.