

## ERRATA/COMMENTS FOR

Underwood Dudley, *Elementary Number Theory*, Second Edition, 1978

- p. 2, footnote: pp. 226ff  $\rightarrow$  pp. 227ff
- p. 5, line 7: but first we need.  $\rightarrow$  but first we need [Delete the period.]
- p. 5, line 5 of proof of **Theorem 2**: greater than  $b$   $\rightarrow$  greater than or equal to  $b$
- p. 5, line 7 of proof of **Theorem 2**: be.  $\rightarrow$  be smaller.
- p. 6, 1st sentence: Not true. If  $a < 0$  and  $b > 0$ , then  $a - b$ ,  $a - 2b$ ,  $\dots$ , are all negative and less than  $a$ . Thus we need to include  $a + b$ ,  $a + 2b$ , etc.
- p. 6, first two sentences after **Exercise 8**: Replace 69 with 70 (3 times) and add “by Exercise 6” at the end of the second sentence. OR: Change the second sentence to read “From  $69 = 3 \cdot 21 + 6$  we get  $(69, 21) = (21, 6)$  and from  $21 = 3 \cdot 6 + 3$  we get  $(6, 3) = 3$ .”
- p. 19, Problem 14:  $2^{n-1}$   $\rightarrow$   $2^n - 1$
- p. 22, line 1: odd number of horses and cowboys (plural)  $\rightarrow$  odd number of horses (plural)
- p. 29, line 4:  $m(l_1 - q_2)$   $\rightarrow$   $m(q_1 - q_2)$
- p. 30, line 12:  $3 \cdot 4 \equiv 2 \cdot 8$   $\rightarrow$   $3 \cdot 4 \equiv 3 \cdot 8$
- p. 31, last line: by  $\rightarrow$  be
- p. 56, line 1:  $1/3 + 1/6 = 15/6$   $\rightarrow$   $1/3 + 1/6 = 12/6$  [This is the end of an equation from p. 55.]
- p. 62, Problem 12: is  $\rightarrow$  are [We need both  $p$  and  $2p + 1$  to be prime.]
- p. 99, first displayed equation: Change the second exponent from  $(q - 1)$  to  $(q - 1)/2$ .
- p. 99, equation (6):  $\left[ \frac{28}{35} \right]$   $\rightarrow$   $\left[ \frac{28}{11} \right]$
- p. 126, Problem 15: Does every rational  $\rightarrow$  Does every nonnegative rational
- p. 137, lines -7, -6: and look at  $b^2 = m^2 - n^2$  modulo 4. Remember that  $x^2 \equiv -1$  agree  $\rightarrow$  and we agree
- p. 144, line 4 of proof: for some integer  $k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ .  $\rightarrow$  for some integer  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k < p$ .
- p. 144, line 7 of proof: for some  $k_1$ , with  $k_1 < k$ .  $\rightarrow$  for some  $k_1$ , with  $1 \leq k_1 < k$ .
- p. 144, middle of page: The proof shows there is an integer  $u$  such that  $u^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ ; i.e.,  $u^2 + 1 = kp$  for some  $k$ ,  $k \geq 1$ . Choose  $u$  so that  $|u| < p/2$ . Then  $kp = u^2 + 1 < p^2/4 + 1 < p^2$ , so  $k < p$ . [We will use this fact later.]
- p. 145, last two sentences of proof of **Lemma 4**: Change to: Thus  $k \mid p$ , but since  $p$  is prime and  $1 \leq k < p$ , we must have  $k = 1$ . It follows that  $x^2 + y^2 = p$  and the lemma is proved.
- p. 147, line 20: for which  $g(k)$  is known.  $\rightarrow$  for which  $g(k)$  is not known.
- p. 152, line 2:  $mp = x^2 + v^2 + 1^2 + 0^2$   $\rightarrow$   $mp = x^2 + y^2 + 1^2 + 0^2$ .
- p. 157, line 9: For  $n = -1$   $\rightarrow$  For  $N = -1$
- p. 225, line -9: Ivan Niven and H. S. Zukerman  $\rightarrow$  Ivan Niven and H. S. Zuckerman
- p. 231, answer to last part of Section 3, Problem 3:  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 6$  and  $x = 3$ ,  $y = 1$   $\rightarrow$   $x = 6$ ,  $y = 1$  and  $x = 1$ ,  $y = 3$
- p. 232, answer to Section 6, Problem 7: 101  $\rightarrow$  31
- p. 233, answer to Section 9, Problem 15: 5, 8, and 12  $\rightarrow$  5, 8, 10, and 12
- p. 234, answer to Section 16, Problem 3: 625  $\rightarrow$  629
- p. 244, answer to Miscellaneous Problem 29:  $(1 - x^2)$   $\rightarrow$   $(1 - x)^2$