

**Directions:** Solve the following problems. See the course syllabus and the Homework Webpage on the course website for general directions and guidelines.

1. *Primitive Roots I.*

- (a) Find all primitive roots modulo 5, modulo 9, modulo 11, modulo 13, and modulo 15.
- (b) Let  $a$  and  $m$  be positive, relatively prime integers. Let  $S$  be the set of primes dividing  $\phi(m)$ . Prove that if  $a^{\phi(m)/p} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  for each  $p \in S$ , then  $a$  is a primitive root of  $m$ .

2. *Primitive Roots II.*

- (a) Let  $m_1$  and  $m_2$  be relatively prime integers, and suppose that  $p$  and  $q$  are odd primes such that  $p \mid m_1$  and  $q \mid m_2$ . Let  $m = m_1 m_2$ . Prove that if  $a$  and  $m$  are relatively prime, then  $a^{\phi(m)/2} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .
  - (b) Show that if  $m$  has two distinct odd prime divisors, then  $m$  has no primitive roots.
3. [NT 8-1.4] Modify the proof of Theorem 8–1 to prove that there exist infinitely many primes congruent to 5 (mod 6).
4. [NT 8-1.16] Let  $n = 132!$ . How many zeros are at the end of the base 2 representation of  $n$ ? How many zeros are at the end of the base 10 representation of  $n$ ?
5. *Upper bound on  $\sum_{p \leq n} \frac{1}{p}$ .* Let  $P[a, b)$  be the set of all primes  $p$  such that  $a \leq p < b$ . Let  $H_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$  and recall  $\ln n \leq H_n \leq 1 + \ln n$ .
- (a) Show that  $\sum_{p \in P[1, 2^t)} \frac{1}{p} \leq 16H_t$ . (Hint: use Chebychev's theorem to bound  $\sum_{p \in P[2^{k-1}, 2^k)} \frac{1}{p}$ .)
  - (b) Prove that  $\sum_{p \leq n} \frac{1}{p} \leq C \ln \ln n$  for some constant  $C$ .
6. *Lower bound on  $\sum_{p \leq n} \frac{1}{p}$ .* Let  $z_n = \sum_{p \leq n} \frac{1}{p}$  and let  $H_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k}$ .
- (a) Use an integral comparison to show that  $\sum_{k \geq t} \frac{1}{k^2} \leq \frac{1}{t-1}$ . Conclude that  $\sum_p \frac{1}{p^2} \leq \frac{3}{4}$ .
  - (b) Prove that  $e^{z_n} \geq \prod_{p \leq n} (1 + \frac{1}{p})$ .
  - (c) Prove that  $\prod_{p \leq n} (1 + \frac{1}{p}) \geq (1 - \sum_{p \leq n} \frac{1}{p^2}) H_n$ . Conclude that  $z_n \geq (1 - o(1)) \ln \ln n$ .
7. [Challenge] Let  $f(x)$  be a non-constant polynomial with integer coefficients. Prove that for infinitely many primes  $p$ , there exists an integer  $n$  such that  $p \mid f(n)$ .