

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

1. [8.1] Let  $p$  be a prime and let  $d = \gcd(m, p - 1)$ . Prove that  $N(x^m = a) = \sum_{\{\chi: \chi^d = \varepsilon\}} \chi(a)$ .
2. [8.{3,4,6}] Let  $\chi$  be a nontrivial character of  $F_p$  and let  $\rho$  be the character of order 2.
  - (a) Show that  $\sum_t \chi(1 - t^2) = J(\chi, \rho)$ . (Hint: evaluate  $J(\chi, \rho)$  using the relation  $N(x^2 = a) = 1 + \rho(a)$ .)
  - (b) Let  $k \in F_p^*$ . Show that  $\sum_t \chi(t(k - t)) = \chi(k^2/2^2)J(\chi, \rho)$ . (Hint: multiply the identity in part (a) by  $\chi(k^2/2^2)$  and use a change of variable.)
  - (c) Show that  $J(\chi, \chi) = \chi(2)^{-2}J(\chi, \rho)$ . (Hint: Apply (b) with  $k = 1$ .)
3. [8.7] Suppose that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and that  $\chi$  is a character of order 4, and let  $\rho = \chi^2$ . Prove that  $J(\chi, \chi) = \chi(-1)J(\chi, \rho)$ .
4. [8.{12,13}] Uniqueness of representations.
  - (a) Suppose that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , so that  $p = a^2 + b^2$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that if we require  $a$  and  $b$  to be positive, with  $a$  odd and  $b$  even, then  $a$  and  $b$  are uniquely determined. (Hint: argue that  $a + bi$  is prime in the unique factorization domain  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ .)
  - (b) Suppose that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , so that  $4p = A^2 + 27B^2$  for some  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that if we require that  $A \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , then  $A$  is uniquely determined. (Hint: show that if  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$  and  $|\alpha|^2 = p$ , then  $\alpha$  is prime in the unique factorization domain  $\mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ .)
5. [8.14] Suppose that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  and that  $\chi$  is a character of order  $n$ . Show that  $g(\chi)^n \in \mathbb{Z}[\eta]$  where  $\eta = e^{2\pi i/n}$ .
6. [8.19] Find a formula for the number of solutions to  $x_1^2 + \cdots + x_r^2 = 0$  in  $F_p$ . Hint: first show that the number of solutions is given by  $p^{r-1} + J_0(\rho, \dots, \rho)$ , where  $\rho$  is the Legendre symbol (i.e. character of order 2) and there are  $r$  arguments to  $J_0$ . Then use Proposition 8.5.1 and Theorem 3.)
7. [9.{12,13,14}] Let  $\omega = e^{2\pi i/3}$ ,  $\lambda = 1 - \omega$ , and  $D = \mathbb{Z}[\omega]$ .
  - (a) Show that  $\omega\lambda$  has order 8 in  $D/5D$  and that  $\omega^2\lambda$  has order 24. [Hint: first show that  $(\omega\lambda)^2$  has order 4.]
  - (b) Show that  $\pi$  is a cube in  $D/5D$  if and only if  $\pi$  is congruent modulo 5 to an element in  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 1 + 2\omega, 2 + 4\omega, 3 + \omega, 4 + 3\omega\}$ .
  - (c) For which primes  $\pi \in D$  is  $x^3 \equiv 5 \pmod{\pi}$  solvable?
8. [9.15] Suppose that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and that  $p = \pi\bar{\pi}$ , where  $\pi$  is a primary prime in  $D$ . Let  $a$  be an integer. Show that  $x^3 \equiv a \pmod{p}$  has an integer solution  $x$  if and only if  $\chi_\pi(a) = 1$ . (Hint: first argue that  $\pi$  and  $\bar{\pi}$  are relatively prime. Be careful to obtain an integer solution  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and not just a solution  $x \in D$ ; it may help to recall that  $\{0, 1, \dots, p - 1\}$  is a complete set of representatives for  $D/\pi D$ .)