

**Directions:** Solve the following problems. All written work must be your own. See the course syllabus for detailed rules.

1. [JJJ 1.28] Compute the following values of the order function.
  - (a)  $\text{ord}_2(2816)$
  - (b)  $\text{ord}_7(2222574487)$
  - (c)  $\text{ord}_p(46375)$  for each prime  $p \in \{3, 5, 7, 11\}$ .
2. [JJJ 1.29] Let  $p$  be a prime number, and let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive integers. Prove the following.
  - (a)  $\text{ord}_p(ab) = \text{ord}_p(a) + \text{ord}_p(b)$
  - (b)  $\text{ord}_p(a + b) \geq \min\{\text{ord}_p(a), \text{ord}_p(b)\}$
  - (c) If  $\text{ord}_p(a) \neq \text{ord}_p(b)$ , then  $\text{ord}_p(a + b) = \min\{\text{ord}_p(a), \text{ord}_p(b)\}$ .
3. Modular exponentiation in  $\mathbb{F}_7$ .

- (a) Fill in the table so that row  $a$  and column  $k$  contains  $a^k$ , where  $a^k \in \mathbb{F}_7$ .

$a^k$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	...
0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
6									

- (b) For each non-zero element  $a$ , find the order of  $a$  in  $\mathbb{F}_7^*$ .
  - (c) Use the table to find all primitive roots in  $\mathbb{F}_7$ . Verify that the number of primitive roots equals  $\phi(6)$ .
4. Use Fermat's Little Theorem and the fast power algorithm to compute the multiplicative inverse of 68 in  $\mathbb{F}_{101}$ .