

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

1. Dirichlet product and Mobius pairs. Let  $\mathbb{O}: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the identically zero function.
  - (a) Prove that the Dirichlet product is bilinear. That is, for all functions  $f, g, h: \mathbb{Z}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  and all constants  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , we have  $f * (\alpha g + \beta h) = \alpha(f * g) + \beta(f * h)$ .
  - (b) Prove that if  $f * g = \mathbb{O}$ , then  $f = \mathbb{O}$  or  $g = \mathbb{O}$ .
  - (c) Show that if both  $(h_1, h_2)$  and  $(h_2, h_1)$  are Mobius pairs, then  $h_1 = h_2 = \mathbb{O}$ .
2. *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  $m$ .
3. *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.
4. [NT 8-1.4] Modify the proof of Theorem 8–1 to prove that there exist infinitely many primes congruent to 5 (mod 6).
5. [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  $n$ ?
6. *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  $C$ .
7. *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  $z_n \geq (1 - o(1)) \ln \ln n$ .
8. [**Challenge**] Let  $A$  be the set of all integers  $n$  such that  $n$  divides  $3^n - 1$ .
  - (a) Prove that if  $m$  and  $n$  are in  $A$ , then  $\gcd(m, n) \in A$ .
  - (b) Prove that if  $n \in A$  and  $p$  is a prime that divides  $n$ , then  $np \in A$ .
  - (c) Prove that if  $n \in A$  and  $p$  is the largest prime dividing  $n$ , then  $n/p \in A$ . Hint: express  $n$  as  $n = mp^k$  where  $p \nmid m$  and study the order of  $3^m$  modulo  $mp^{k-1}$ .