

**Assignment 10.**

This homework is due *Thursday* April 5.

There are total 48 points in this assignment. 43 points is considered 100%. If you go over 43 points, you will get over 100% for this homework (up to 115%) and it will count towards your course grade.

Collaboration is welcome. If you do collaborate, make sure to write/type your own paper *and give credit to your collaborators in your pledge*. Your solutions should contain full proofs. Bare answers will not earn you much.

- (1) (9.3.1abcd) Compute the following Legendre symbols (you can take for granted that all denominators below are prime):
- (a) [2pt]  $(71/73)$ ,
  - (b) [2pt]  $(-219/383)$ ,
  - (c) [2pt]  $(461/773)$ ,
  - (d) [2pt]  $(1234/4567)$ .
- (2) (9.3.3) Determine if the following quadratic congruences are solvable (you are not asked to actually solve them):
- (a) [2pt]  $x^2 \equiv 219 \pmod{419}$ ,
  - (b) [2pt]  $3x^2 + 6x + 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{89}$ ,
  - (c) [2pt]  $2x^2 + 5x - 9 \equiv 0 \pmod{101}$ .
- (3) (9.3.5)
- (a) [3pt] Prove that if  $p > 3$  and is an odd prime, then
 
$$\left(\frac{-3}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{6}; \\ -1 & \text{if } p \equiv 5 \pmod{6}. \end{cases}$$
  - (b) [3pt] Using part (a), show that there infinitely many primes of the form  $6k + 1$ . (*Hint*: Assume that  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r$  are all primes of the form  $6k + 1$  and consider  $N = (2p_1p_2 \cdots p_r)^2 + 3$ .)
- (4) (9.3.10ab) Establish each of the following assertions:
- (a) [3pt]  $(5/p) = 1$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1, 9, 11,$  or  $19 \pmod{20}$ .
  - (b) [3pt]  $(6/p) = 1$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1, 5, 19,$  or  $23 \pmod{24}$ .
- (5) (a) [2pt] Show that if  $p$  is a prime number,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  are coprime with  $p$ , and  $a^2x \equiv b^2 \pmod{p}$ , then  $(x/p) = 1$ .
- (b) [2pt] (9.3.13a) Show that if  $p$  is prime divisor of  $839 = 38^2 - 5 \cdot 11^2$ , then  $(5/p) = 1$ . Use this fact to conclude that 839 is a prime number. (*Hint*: It suffices to consider primes under 29 because  $29^2 = 841 > 839$ .)

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- (6) (9.4.2) Solve the following congruences:
- (a) [2pt]  $x^2 \equiv 7 \pmod{3^3}$ ,
  - (b) [2pt]  $x^2 \equiv 14 \pmod{5^3}$ .
  - (c) [2pt]  $x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{7^3}$ .
- (7) [4pt] ( $\sim$ 9.4.8) For fixed *odd*  $n > 1$ , show that all solvable congruences  $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{n}$  with  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$  have the same number of solutions.
- (8) (a) [2pt] Without finding them, determine the number of solutions of the congruences  $x^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{11^2 \cdot 23^2}$  and  $x^2 \equiv 16 \pmod{3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7^2}$ .
- (b) [3pt] Same question for  $x^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7^2}$ .
- (c) [3pt] Solve congruence  $x^2 \equiv 16 \pmod{3 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7^2}$ .