

Final Examination  
Mathematics 189-346B  
Number Theory

**Justify all your assertions**

1. (a) Let  $a, b, m, n$  be positive integers with  $a, b$  relatively prime and  $m^a = n^b$ . Show that there is a positive integer  $c$  such that  $m = c^b$ ,  $n = c^a$ .  
(b) Show that  $1 + 1/2 + \dots + 1/n$  is not an integer for  $n > 1$ .
2. (a) Give a method for computing  $a^b \pmod{c}$  by taking products of certain successive squares of  $a$  modulo  $c$ . Use this method to compute  $2^{45} \pmod{91}$ .  
(b) Given that  $2^{693} \equiv 512 \pmod{1387}$ , what can you say about the primality of 1387.
3. (a) If  $c$  is an integer relatively prime to  $n$  such that  $c^m \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  but  $c^{m/p} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  for each prime divisor  $p$  of  $m$ , show that  $m$  is the order of  $c$  modulo  $n$ .  
(b) Show that 3 is a primitive root modulo 49. Is it a primitive root modulo 343?
4. (a) Given that 3 is a primitive root modulo 49, find all solutions of  $x^5 \equiv 2 \pmod{49}$ .  
(b) Find all solutions of  $x^3 + 2x - 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{49}$ .
5. (a) Find all primes  $p$  such that 10 is a square modulo  $p$ .  
(b) Determine whether or not 137 is a square modulo 401.
6. Using the fact that  $4001x^2 + 6204xy + 2405y^2$  is a quadratic form with discriminant  $-4$ , find a representation of 4001 as a sum of two squares.
7. Find all integer solutions of the system

$$\begin{aligned}x + 2y + 4z &= 3 \\ 2x + 7y - z &= -6.\end{aligned}$$

8. Using the fact that the Euler function  $\varphi$  is multiplicative, show that

$$\sum_{d|n} \varphi(d) = n.$$

Using the Möbius inversion formula, show how to deduce a formula for  $\varphi(n)$ .