

**HOMEWORK III**  
**MATH-UA 0248-001 THEORY OF NUMBERS**

due on September, 29, 2017

1. Prove each of the following assertions:
  - (a) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $m \mid n$  then  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .
  - (b) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $c > 0$ , then  $ca \equiv cb \pmod{cn}$ .
2. Find the remainders when  $2^{50}$  and  $41^{65}$  are divided by 7.
3. Prove that for any positive integer  $n$ , the following congruences hold:
  - (a)  $2^{2n} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .
  - (b)  $2^{3n} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ .
  - (c)  $2^{4n} \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$ .
4. Prove that, if  $p$  is an odd prime, then
  - (a)  $1^{p-1} + 2^{p-1} + 3^{p-1} + \dots + (p-1)^{p-1} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ ;
  - (b)  $1^p + 2^p + 3^p + \dots + (p-1)^p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .
5. Establish that if  $a$  is an odd integer, then

$$a^{2^n} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^{n+2}}.$$

(Hint: proceed by induction on  $n$ )