

## Homework 5

**Problem 1:** Find the last digit of  $\left[ \frac{10^{20000}}{10^{100} + 3} \right]$ .

**Problem 2:** Problem 5.1.10

**Problem 3:** Problem 5.1.13 (Hint: Given  $n$ , when is  $\left[ \frac{n + 2^k}{2^{k+1}} \right] \neq \left[ \frac{n + 1 + 2^k}{2^{k+1}} \right]$ ?)

**Problem 4:** Let  $p$  be an odd prime.

- 1) Show that there is a prime  $q \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$  such that  $q | (1 + p + p^2 + \dots + p^{p-1})$ .
- 2) Show that if  $q$  is as in 1) then  $n^p \not\equiv p \pmod{q}$  for all integers  $n$ .

**Problem 5:** Show that there exists a natural number  $n$  which has exactly 2004 prime divisors and such that  $n | (2^n + 1)$ . Hint: Show first that  $3^k | (2^{3^k} + 1)$  for every  $k$ .

**Problem 6:** 1) Prove that if a prime  $p$  divides  $2^n - 1$  then  $n$  has a prime divisor smaller than  $p$ .

2) Suppose that natural numbers  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  satisfy

$$n_1 | 2^{n_2} - 1, \quad n_2 | 2^{n_3} - 1, \quad \dots, \quad n_{k-1} | 2^{n_k} - 1, \quad n_k | 2^{n_1} - 1.$$

Prove that  $n_1 = n_2 = \dots = n_k = 1$ .

**Problem 7:** Let  $p$  be an odd prime number. For  $0 < k < p$  denote by  $h_k$  the unique integer such that  $0 < h_k < p$  and  $kh_k \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

- 1) Prove that  $p | (h_1 - h_2 + h_3 - \dots \pm h_m)$ , where  $m = [2p/3]$ .
- 2) Use 1) to prove that  $\binom{p}{1} + \binom{p}{2} + \dots + \binom{p}{m}$  is divisible by  $p^2$ , where  $m = [2p/3]$ .  
Hint: Show that  $\binom{p-1}{k} \equiv (-1)^k \pmod{p}$ .
- 3) Prove that  $\frac{2^p - 2}{p} \equiv h_{k+1} + h_{k+1} + \dots + h_{2k} \pmod{p}$ , where  $p = 2k + 1$ .  
Hint: Note that  $2^p = \binom{p}{0} + \binom{p}{1} + \dots + \binom{p}{p}$ .