

CSE 311: Foundations of Computing I  
Assignment #4  
due: Fri, Apr 29, 1:30pm

1. (15 points) Section 3.4, exercise 14
2. (15 points) Section 3.5, exercise 18
3. (15 points) Define  $\phi(n)$  as in the previous problem. Let  $p_1, p_2, p_3$  be distinct primes.
  - (a) Calculate  $\phi(15)$ .
  - (b) State and prove a formula for  $\phi(p_1 p_2)$ . *Hint: use inclusion-exclusion.*
  - (c) State and prove a formula for  $\phi(p_1 p_2 p_3)$ .
4. Euclid's algorithm:
  - (a) (5 points) Section 3.6, exercise 24c
  - (b) (5 points) Find integers  $m, n$  such that  $123m + 277n = \gcd(123, 277)$ .
5. (10 points) In Western music, the octave is divided into 12 semitones. Normally they are named A, A $\sharp$ , B, C, C $\sharp$ , D, D $\sharp$ , E, F, F $\sharp$ , G, G $\sharp$ , but for this problem, call them  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$ . A "perfect fifth" is an interval of 7 semitones. When we reach the top of the scale (G $\sharp$  or 11), we repeat from the bottom (A or 0). This means that a perfect fifth starting on note  $x$  will end on note  $x + 7 \pmod{12}$ .
  - (a) If we start on note  $x$  and ascend by perfect fifths, we will encounter  $x, x+7 \pmod{12}, x+14 \pmod{12}$ , etc. How many perfect fifths do we need to ascend by until we come back to note  $x$ ?
  - (b) The dissonant "tritone" is an interval of 6 semitones. If we start with note  $x$ , then how many tritones do we need to ascend by until we come back to  $x$ ?
6. (10 points) Solve the congruence  $14x \equiv 7 \pmod{17}$ .
7. (10 points) Section 3.7, exercise 14 (both parts)
8. (15 points) Suppose that  $x, y, n$  are all positive integers with  $n > 1$ . Suppose that  $x \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n}$  and  $y \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n}$  but  $xy \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ . Prove that  $n$  must be composite.