

**ASSIGNMENT 3. DUE IN CLASS FRI, SEP 15, 2017.**

1. (a) If  $p_1, \dots, p_t$  are prime numbers, prove that  $p_1 \cdots p_t + 1$  is not divisible by any one of the primes  $p_1, \dots, p_t$ .  
(b) Prove using contradiction and part (a) that the number of primes is infinite.
2. Recall from class the equivalence relation on integers defined by  $m \sim n$  if and only if 4 divides  $m - n$ . Denote by  $[n]$  the equivalence class of an integer  $n$  under this equivalence relation.  
(a) Prove that all primes greater than 2 belong either to  $[1]$  or  $[3]$ .  
(b) Prove that the equivalence class  $[1]$  is closed under multiplication (i.e. the product of two elements of  $[1]$  belongs to  $[1]$ ).  
(c) Prove that the number of primes in  $[3]$  (i.e. the number of primes that can be written in the form  $4k + 3$ ) is infinite.
3. Using Euclidean division compute the gcd of 1024 and 560 and express the gcd as  $1024x + 560y$  where  $x, y$  are integers (Bezout identity).
4. Prove using the principle of mathematical induction that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \left( \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right)^2.$$

5. Using the binomial formula and the principle of induction prove that  $n^p - n$  is divisible by  $p$  for any natural number  $n$  and prime  $p$ .