

**COT 3100 Fall 2018 Homework #3**  
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1) In general, you were told in class that for all integers  $a$  and  $b$  and positive integers  $n$ , if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , then  $f(a) \equiv f(b) \pmod{n}$ , where  $f$  is any function that operates on integers only. Using the definition of mod only, prove this specifically for the function  $f(a) = a^3$ .

2) Convert the following values from the bases indicated to base 10:

i)  $2165_7$

iv)  $21302_4$

ii)  $BCF2_{16}$

v)  $101001111101_2$

iii)  $12345_8$

3) Convert the following base 10 values to the bases indicated:

i) 22111 to base 12

iv) 3209 to base 7

ii) 83810 to base 16

v) 4095 to base 8

iii) 907 to base 2

4) Prove or disprove: if  $n(3n+1)$  is an even integer, then  $n$  is an integer.

5) A common divisibility rule is that a positive integer  $n = d_k d_{k-1} \dots d_0$ , (where each  $d_i$  represents a single digit of  $n$ ), is divisible by 9 if and only if  $d_k + d_{k-1} + \dots + d_0$  is divisible by 9. Rigorously prove this divisibility rule via mod rules.

6) Let  $x$  and  $y$  be integers such that  $13 \mid (2x + 3y)$ . Prove that  $13 \mid (31x + 27y)$ .

7) Give a summary of the life and mathematical contributions of Pierre de Fermat. Please aim for a length of roughly 200 - 400 words. **Your summary must be typed.** Please state the sources you used in writing your summary.