

**Directions:** You may work to solve these problems in groups, but all written work must be your own. Unless the problem indicates otherwise, all problems require some justification; a correct answer without supporting reasoning is not sufficient. Submissions must be stapled. See “Guidelines and advice” on the course webpage for more information.

1. Prove the following (using any method).
  - (a) There is a prime number between 90 and 100.
  - (b) If  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $a^3 \equiv a \pmod{3}$ .
  - (c) There exists a positive real number  $x$  for which  $x^2 < \sqrt{x}$ .
  - (d) Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $a + b$  is odd, then  $a^2 + b^2$  is odd.
  - (e) There exist unique non-negative integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $145408 = x \cdot 2^y$  and  $x$  is odd.
2. Let  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$  and suppose that  $bc - ad = 1$ . Prove that  $\gcd(an + b, cn + d) = 1$  for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Hint: show that  $bc - ad$  is an integer combination of  $an + b$  and  $cn + d$ . That is, find integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x(an + b) + y(cn + d) = bc - ad = 1$ .
3. Let  $n$  be an integer such that  $n \geq 3$ , and suppose that  $n$  lights are arranged in a circle. Initially, all lights are off. Each light is attached to a switch, but flipping a switch toggles the on/off status of its light and the two neighboring lights. In terms of  $n$ , what is the minimum number of switch flips needed to turn all lights on? Prove that your answer is correct.