

1. (a) **(4 marks)** Suppose  $\varphi$  is one-to-one. Then  $\varphi(\bar{x}) \neq \varphi(\bar{y})$  for distinct  $\bar{x}, \bar{y} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ , so that the image  $\varphi(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  contains  $n$  elements. But  $\varphi(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is a subset of  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  has  $n$  elements, so  $\varphi(\mathbb{Z}_n) = \mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $\varphi$  is onto.
- (b) **(4 marks)** Suppose  $\varphi$  is onto. If  $\varphi$  is not one-to-one, then  $\varphi(\bar{x}) = \varphi(\bar{y})$  for some  $\bar{x} \neq \bar{y}$ , so that the number of elements in  $\varphi(\mathbb{Z}_n)$  is less than  $n$  and  $\varphi$  is not onto. This contradiction implies that  $\varphi$  is one-to-one.
- (c) **(7 marks)** Suppose  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ . Then  $\bar{a}$  is invertible in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , that is, there is some  $\bar{b} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  such that  $\bar{a} \cdot_n \bar{b} = \bar{1}$ .  
 Suppose  $\psi(\bar{c}) = \psi(\bar{d})$  for some  $\bar{c}, \bar{d} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . Then  $\bar{a} \cdot_n \bar{c} = \bar{a} \cdot_n \bar{d}$ , so  $\bar{b} \cdot_n \bar{a} \cdot_n \bar{c} = \bar{b} \cdot_n \bar{a} \cdot_n \bar{d}$ , that is,  $\bar{1} \cdot_n \bar{c} = \bar{1} \cdot_n \bar{d}$  and  $\bar{c} = \bar{d}$ , it follows that  $\psi$  is one-to-one and by (a) above it is onto.

2. **(3 marks)** For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $7 \mid 3^{4n+1} + 4^{n+1} \iff 3^{4n+1} + 4^{n+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ .

Now **(7 marks)**

$$\begin{aligned}
 3^{4n+1} + 4^{n+1} &\equiv (3^4)^n \cdot 3 + 4^n \cdot 4 \\
 &\equiv (9)^n \cdot 3 + 4^n \cdot 4 \\
 &\equiv (2^2)^n \cdot 3 + 4^n \cdot 4 \\
 &\equiv 4^n \cdot 3 + 4^n \cdot 4 \\
 &\equiv 4^n \cdot 7 \\
 &\equiv 0 \pmod{7},
 \end{aligned}$$

so  $7 \mid 3^{4n+1} + 4^{n+1}$ .

3. (a) **(6 marks)**  $4x^2 - x + 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \iff 4\bar{x}^2 - \bar{x} + \bar{2} = \bar{0}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 \bar{x} = \bar{0} &\implies 4\bar{x}^2 - \bar{x} + \bar{2} = \bar{2} \\
 \bar{x} = \bar{1} &\implies 4\bar{x}^2 - \bar{x} + \bar{2} = \bar{0} \\
 \bar{x} = \bar{2} &\implies 4\bar{x}^2 - \bar{x} + \bar{2} = \bar{3} \\
 \bar{x} = \bar{3} &\implies 4\bar{x}^2 - \bar{x} + \bar{2} = \bar{0} \\
 \bar{x} = \bar{4} &\implies 4\bar{x}^2 - \bar{x} + \bar{2} = \bar{2}.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $\bar{x} = \bar{1}$  and  $\bar{3}$  are the solutions in  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ , and so **(2 marks)**  $x \in \bar{1} \cup \bar{3}$  are solutions, that is,  $x \in \{5k + 1, 5k + 3 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

- (b) **(3 marks)**  $25x \equiv 10 \pmod{30} \iff 25x + 30y = 10$  for some  $y \in \mathbb{Z} \iff 5x + 6y = 2$  for some  $y \in \mathbb{Z} \iff 5x \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \iff \bar{5} \cdot_6 \bar{x} = \bar{2}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .

**(4 marks)** Now

$\bar{x}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{4}$	$\bar{5}$
$\bar{5} \cdot_6 \bar{x}$	0	5	4	3	2	1

Thus  $5x \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \iff \bar{x} = \bar{4} \iff x \in \bar{4}$ , that is,  $x \in \{6k + 4 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

4. (a) **(5 marks)** Note

$\bar{x}$	$\bar{0}$	$\bar{1}$	$\bar{2}$	$\bar{3}$	$\bar{4}$
$3 \cdot_5 \bar{x}$	0	3	1	4	2

Thus  $3^{-1} = 2$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ , and  $f(x) = (3x^2 + 2)(2x^3 + 2x + 4) + (2x + 1)$ . So  $q(x) = 2x^3 + 2x + 4$ ,  $r(x) = 2x + 1$ .

(b) **(5 marks)**

$$f(x) = g(x)(x - 2) + (x^2 + 2)$$

$$g(x) = (x^2 + 2)(x^2 + 2x + 2) + 0.$$

Thus  $(x^2 + 2)$  is a greatest common divisor.