

**MATH 295A/395A: CRYPTOGRAPHY  
HOMEWORK #2**

PROBLEMS

**Problem 1.** Compute  $357 \cdot 862 \cdot 193$  modulo 943.

**Problem 2.** Let  $m \geq 1$  be an integer and suppose that

$$a_1 \equiv a_2 \pmod{m} \quad \text{and} \quad b_1 \equiv b_2 \pmod{m}.$$

Prove that

$$a_1 + b_1 \equiv a_2 + b_2 \pmod{m} \quad \text{and} \quad a_1 b_1 \equiv a_2 b_2 \pmod{m}.$$

**Problem 3.** Let  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$  be odd and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that  $2m + a^2$  is never a perfect square.