

18.781, Fall 2007 Problem Set 2

Due: FRIDAY, September 21

1. Complete the following problems from Niven-Zuckerman-Montgomery (henceforth NZM):

NZM 2.1: 5, 9, 17, 25, 28, 46, 54, 55

NZM 2.2: 6, 8, 11, 12, 13

NZM 2.3: 7

2. CHOICE OF PARI PROGRAMS:

- Find a large integer that's probably prime. That is, pick a relatively big integer (at least 15 digits) and explain (without factoring, or asking PARI via "isprime") why you think it is probably prime.
- Write a PARI program which tests for Carmichael numbers – those numbers N for which:

$$a^{N-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{N} \quad \text{for all } a \text{ with } \gcd(a, N) = 1$$

and find at least 3 of them.