To get credit for this homework it must be submitted no later than Wednesday, December 12th via email to michael.walter@ist.ac.at, please use "MC18 Homework 9" as subject. Please put your solutions into a single pdf file<sup>1</sup> and name this file Yourlastname\_HW9.pdf.

## 1. Groups

- Let  $N \in \mathbb{Z}_{>0}$  and let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_N$ . Prove that G is a group under the operation  $a \cdot b = (a+b) \mod N$ .
- List the elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}^*$ ; what is its order?; What are the orders of 3 and 9?; Is  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}^*$  cyclic?
- Does the set  $\mathbb{Z}_{15} \setminus \{0\}$  form a group under multiplication? If not, why?
- 2. Extended Euclidean Algorithm:
  - [B.1 in book, 2nd edition] Prove correctness of the extended Euclidean algorithm (extGCD).
  - Use the extGCD to compute X, Y for a = 2498 and b = 8712. Illustrate all steps.
  - Discuss how extGCD can be used to compute multiplicative inverse elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$ .
- 3. Euler phi function
  - Let p be prime and  $e \ge 1$  an integer. Show that  $\varphi(p^e) = p^{e-1}(p-1)$ .
  - Let p, q be relatively prime. Show that  $\varphi(pq) = \varphi(p) \cdot \varphi(q)$ .