

## Homework #6 Due Wed Mar 15

**Reminder:** There will be an in-class midterm next Friday (the 17th). More on this later.

Davenport: 4.13, 4.14, 5.02, 5.03

N1: Let  $d, n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Show that if  $x^2 - dy^2 = n$  has one solution with  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$  then it has infinitely many.

N2: Let  $a + b\sqrt{p}$  be the smallest solution to  $x^2 - py^2 = 1$  there  $p$  is a prime congruent to 1 mod 4. Show that  $x^2 - py^2 = -1$  has a solution with  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ . If you like, you can follow the following outline:

- Show  $a$  is odd.
- Show  $a \pm 1 = 2u^2, a \mp 1 = 2pv^2, 2uv = b$ .
- Show  $u^2 - pv^2 = \pm 1$ .
- Show that in the last step it's a  $-1$ .

N3: Show that the Diophantine equation  $x^4 - 2y^4 = 1$  has no solutions with  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ .