

# Exercise 6.1

$$(i) \quad x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow 1 = x^2 + pk \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (x+1)(x-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow p \mid x+1 \vee p \mid x-1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$$

(ii) Each  $a$  in  $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$  has an inverse  $a^* \in \{1, \dots, p-1\}$  modulo  $p$ , that satisfies  $aa^* \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . This inverse is unique and follows that  $(a^*)^* = a$ . If  $a = a^*$ , then  $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

From i) we know that  $a \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$

$a$  can only be 1 or  $p-1$ .

In the product  $(p-1)! = 1 \times \dots \times (p-1)$ , we pair of each term save for 1 and  $p-1$  with its inverse modulo  $p$ .

$$(p-1)! \equiv 1 \times (p-1) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

(iii) As  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

Since  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , every integer from  $1 \dots \frac{p-1}{2}$  can be reached.

$$1 \equiv -(p-1), 2 \equiv -(p-2) \dots \frac{p-1}{2} \equiv -\frac{p+1}{2}$$

$$\text{So } \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)! \equiv (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \frac{(p-1)!}{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)!} \pmod{p}, \text{ then } \left(\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)!\right)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

iv) Let  $p$  be a prime and  $n = p-1$ .

$$n! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \text{ and } (p-1)! + 1 > p \text{ for } p \geq 5.$$

And these  $n! + 1$  are composite.

Exercise 6.2

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1 x + \dots + a_n x^n \quad a_0, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}.$$

For prime  $p$ :

We choose the smallest  $n$  so that  $p(x)$  has more than  $n$  roots.

roots:  $r_1, \dots, r_{n+1}$ .

$$p(x) - p(r_1) = (x - r_1) q(x) \quad q(x) \text{ is at most } n-1 \text{ degree.}$$

Since  $p(x)$  has more than  $n$  roots,  $q(x)$  has at least  $n$  roots.

And this leads to the contradiction

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## Assignment 6

**Date Due: See canvas**

This assignment has a total of **(35 points)**.

**Note:** Unless specified otherwise, you must show the details of your work via logical reasoning for each exercise. Simply writing a final result (whether correct or not) will receive **0 point**. **Explain** (briefly) if you claim something is trivial or straightforward. Provide a counterexample if you are trying to disprove something. It is **NOT OK** to write something like “how do we know that blahblahblah is even true...” In addition, be careful that some problems might be ill-defined.

**Exercise 6.1 (7 pts)** Given  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , show that

- (i) (1 pt)  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  iff  $x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$ .
- (ii) (2 pts) (Wilson’s theorem)  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .
- (iii) (2 pts) If  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , then  $\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)! \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$ .
- (iv) (2 pts) Use (ii) to show that there are infinitely many composite numbers of the form  $n! + 1$ .

**Exercise 6.2 (2 pts)** Given  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ , consider the polynomial  $p$  of degree  $n$  given by

$$p(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \cdots + a_nx^n, \quad a_0, \dots, a_n \in \mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$$

show that  $p$  has at most  $n$  roots in  $\mathbb{Z}/p\mathbb{Z}$ . (Hint: factor  $p$  and use induction.)

**Exercise 6.3 (2 pts)** Apply Chinese remainder theorem to show that  $a^{561} \equiv a \pmod{561}$  for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

**Exercise 6.4 (6 pts)** Given  $p, q \in \mathbb{P}$ ,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , show that

- (i) (2 pts) If  $a^q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , then either  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$  or  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .
- (ii) (2 pts) If  $5 \mid a$  and  $p \mid a^4 + a^3 + a^2 + a + 1$ , then  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ .
- (iii) (2 pts) Use (ii) to show that there are infinitely many primes of the form  $10n + 1$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Exercise 6.5 (2 pts)** Find prime factors of  $F_5 = 2^{2^5} + 1$  by applying Fermat’s theorem.

**Exercise 6.6 (2 pts)** Show that 2077 is not prime by Fermat test.

**Exercise 6.7 (2 pts)** Solve the following system of linear congruence

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ x &\equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ x &\equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ x &\equiv 4 \pmod{5} \\ x &\equiv 5 \pmod{6} \\ x &\equiv 6 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 6.8 (4 pts)**

- (i) (2 pts) Show that  $6x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  has no solutions.
- (ii) (2 pts) Show that  $6x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$  has infinitely many solutions.

**Exercise 6.9 (6 pts)** Given public key  $(n, E) = (2077, 97)$ , where  $2077 = 31 \times 67$ .

- (i) (2 pts) Encrypt the message 1984 by the encryption function  $e(x) = x^E \pmod{n}$ .
- (ii) (2 pts) Compute the private key  $D = E^{-1} \pmod{\varphi(n)}$ .
- (iii) (2 pts) Decrypt the encrypted message in (i) using Chinese remainder theorem. Is it possible to do the encryption in (i) using Chinese remainder theorem?

**Exercise 6.10 (2 pts)** Is the group  $(\mathbb{Z}/12\mathbb{Z})^\times$  is cyclic? Explain.

# Exercice 6.9

$$c_i) \text{ ec}(x) = x^E \pmod{n}$$

$$E = 97, n = 2077$$

$$e_{1984} = 1984^{97} \pmod{2077}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1984^{97} \pmod{2077} &= 341^{48} \cdot 1984 \pmod{2077} \\ &= 961^{12} \cdot 1984 \pmod{2077} \\ &= 1581^4 \cdot 1984 \pmod{2077} \\ &= 930^2 \cdot 1984 \pmod{2077} \\ &= 868 \times 1984 \pmod{2077} \\ &= 279 \pmod{2077} \end{aligned}$$

(ii)

$$DE = 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$$

$$\varphi(2077) = \varphi(31) \varphi(67) = 30 \times 66 = 1980$$

$$97D \equiv 1 \pmod{1980}$$

$$97D + 1980k = 1$$

$$D = -347 \equiv 1633 \pmod{1980}$$

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$$1980 = 97 \times 20 + 40$$

$$97 = 40 \times 2 + 17$$

$$40 = 17 \times 2 + 6$$

$$17 = 2 \times 6 + 5$$

$$6 = 5 \times 1 + 1$$

Back tracing

$$1 = 6 - 5 = 6 - (17 - 2 \times 6) = 6 \times 3 - 17$$

$$= (40 - 17 \times 2) \times 3 - 17$$

$$= 40 \times 3 - 17 \times 7$$

$$= 40 \times 3 - (97 - 40 \times 2) \times 7$$

$$40 \times 17 - 97 \times 7$$

$$= 1780 \times 27 - 97 \times 347$$

### Exercise 6.3

if

$$\gcd(a, 3) = 1,$$

$$a^{561} \equiv (a^2)^{280} \cdot a \equiv a \pmod{3}.$$

similarly

$$a^{561} \equiv (a^{10})^{56} a \equiv a \pmod{11}.$$

$$\text{if } 11 \mid a \quad a^{561} \equiv 0 \equiv a \pmod{11}.$$

$$a^{561} \equiv (a^{16})^{35} a \equiv a \pmod{17}.$$

$$\begin{cases} a^{561} \equiv a \pmod{3} \\ a^{561} \equiv a \pmod{11} \\ a^{561} \equiv a \pmod{17} \end{cases}$$

$$a^{561} \equiv a \pmod{3 \times 11 \times 17} \equiv a \pmod{561}$$

### Exercise 6.4

$$i) \quad a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, \text{ if } \gcd(a, p) = 1 \text{ (which is true)}$$

$$a^q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\underline{a^{p(q-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.}$$

$$\text{if } p \equiv 1 \pmod{q}, \text{ then proved}$$

$$\text{if } p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{q}, \quad a' \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$ii) \frac{a^5 - 1}{a - 1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$a^5 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{As } a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{So } a^{(p-1,5)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{If } a \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, a^4 + \dots + 1 \equiv 5 \pmod{p}$$

So  $p=5$ . However  $5|a \Rightarrow 5 \nmid a^5 - 1$  contradicts

So  $a \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . So  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$

iii) Choose  $a_1 = 5$ ,  $a_n = a_1 \dots a_{n-1} + 1$

So with different  $a$ ,  $a^4 + \dots + a + 1$  is different.

but each has a distinct factor  $p$ .

This is because  $a_n^4 + \dots + a_n + 1 \equiv 5 \pmod{a_1}$   
and  $p \neq 5$

So  $a_i \nmid a_n^4 + \dots + 1$ .

So  $a_n^4 + \dots + 1$  has distinct prime factor

$$p, p \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$