

## Number Theory Theorems - Part 1 (Assignment)

### 1. Bézout Theorem Proof and Example :

Bézout's Theorem : If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then there exist integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $\gcd(a, b) = sa + tb$

→ If both  $a$  and  $b$  are zero,  $\gcd(a, b) = 0$  and we can choose  $s = 0$  and  $t = 0$ , so the theorem holds. If  $a$  or  $b$  is zero we can assume  $b$  is non-zero and then  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(0, b) = |b|$ , which can be written as  $sa + tb$  where  $s = 0$  and  $t = 1$

→ Apply the Euclidean algorithm to  $a$  and  $b$ . The algorithm generates a sequence of remainders  $r_0 = a, r_1 = b, r_2, r_3, \dots$  where each remainder is obtained from the previous two :

$$r_0 = q_1 \times r_1 + r_2$$

$$r_1 = q_2 \times r_2 + r_3$$

⋮

$$r_{(n-2)} = q_n \times r_{(n-1)} + r_{(n)}$$

$$r_{(n-1)} = q_{n+1} \times r_{(n)} + 0$$

where  $q_1, q_2$  are integers and  $r_n$  is the last non-zero remainder, which is  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

→ Finding  $s$  and  $t$ : Work backward from the last non-zero remainder,  $r(n)$ , which is  $\gcd(a, b)$ :

From the last equation,  $r(n) = r(n-2) - q_n r(n-1)$ .  
→ Substitute  $r(n-2)$  from the previous equation:

$$r(n) = [r(n-3) - q_{n-1} r(n-2)] - q_n r(n-1)$$

→ Continue substituting until you express  $r(n)$  as a linear combination of  $a$  and  $b$ .

→ The process of working backward guarantees that the resulting  $s$  and  $t$  are the smallest possible integers that satisfy the equation.

Example: Find an inverse of 101 modulo 4620.

→ First use the Euclidean algorithm to show that  $\gcd(101, 4620) = 1$



$$42620 = 45 \cdot 101 + 75$$

$$101 = 1 \cdot 75 + 26$$

$$75 = 2 \cdot 26 + 23$$

$$26 = 1 \cdot 23 + 3$$

$$23 = 7 \cdot 3 + 2$$

$$3 = 1 \cdot 2 + 1$$

$$2 = 2 \cdot 1$$

Since the last nonzero remainder is 1,

$$\gcd(101, 42620) = 1$$

Bezout coefficients:

-35 and 1601.

Working Backwards:

$$1 = 3 - 1 \cdot 2$$

$$1 = 3 - 1 \cdot (23 - 7 \cdot 3) = 1 \cdot 23 + 8 \cdot 3$$

$$1 = -1 \cdot 23 + 8 \cdot (26 - 1 \cdot 23) = 8 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot 23$$

$$1 = 8 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot (75 - 2 \cdot 26) = 26 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot 75$$

$$1 = 26 \cdot (101 - 1 \cdot 75) - 9 \cdot 75$$

$$= 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot 75$$

$$1 = 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot (42620 - 45 \cdot 101)$$

$$= -35 \cdot 42620 + 1601 \cdot 101$$

1601 is an inverse of 101 modulo 42620.

## 2. Chinese Remainder Theorem - Proof.

Let  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$  be pairwise coprime positive integers, and let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k$  be any integers.

Then, the system of congruences:

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x \equiv a_k \pmod{m_k}$$

has a unique solution modulo  $m = m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot \dots \cdot m_k$

$\Rightarrow$  Let,

$$m = m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot \dots \cdot m_k$$

For each  $i$ , define,

$$m_i' = \frac{m}{m_i}$$

So, each  $m_i'$  is the product of all  $m_j$  where  $j \neq i$

Since  $m_i$  and  $m_i'$  are coprime, there

exists an integer  $y_i$  such that,

$$m_i \cdot y_i \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i'}$$

Define,

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i \cdot m_i \cdot y_i$$

This is the formula that gives a solution  $x$ .

We check that  $x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$  for each  $i$ .

For a fixed  $i$ , all terms in the sum except  $a_i m_i y_i$  vanish modulo  $m_i$  (because each  $m_j \equiv 0 \pmod{m_i}$  for  $j \neq i$ ).

$$\text{So, } x \equiv a_i \cdot m_i \cdot y_i \pmod{m_i}$$

$$\text{But, } m_i y_i \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i}$$

$$\text{So, } x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$$

Thus, the solution satisfies all the given congruences.

If  $x$  and  $x'$  both satisfy the system, then,

$$x \equiv x' \pmod{m_i} \quad \forall i$$

Since all  $m_i$  are pairwise coprime, it

$$\text{follows that: } x \equiv x' \pmod{M}$$

Therefore, the solution is unique modulo  $M$ .  
(Proved).

### 3. Fermat's Little Theorem - Proof:

Let  $p$  be a prime number and let  $a$  be an integer not divisible by  $p$  ( $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ ).

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

$\Rightarrow$  Consider the set of integers:

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$$

Since  $p$  is prime, all of these integers are co-prime to  $p$ .

Now, multiply each element of this set by  $a$  (modulo  $p$ ):



$a \cdot 1, a \cdot 2, a \cdot 3, \dots, a \cdot (p-1)$

call this new set  $S'$ .

Since  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ , multiplying by  $a$  is a bijection in modular arithmetic.

So, the set  $S'$  contains the same elements as  $S$ , just in a different order.

Thus,

$$a \cdot 1 \cdot a \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot a \cdot (p-1) \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (p-1) \pmod{p}$$

$$a^{p-1} \cdot (1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (p-1)) \equiv (1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (p-1)) \pmod{p}$$

Now, divide both sides by  $(p-1)!$ , which is allowed because it's not divisible by  $p$ .

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

Therefore, for any integer  $a$  such that  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ , we have:

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

(Proved).

Example:  $7^{222} \bmod 11$ .

$\Rightarrow$  By Fermat's little theorem, we know that  $7^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$  and so  $(7^{10})^k \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ , for every positive integer  $k$ .

Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} 7^{222} &= 7^{22 \cdot 10 + 2} \\ &= (7^{10})^{22} 7^2 \\ &\equiv (1)^{22} \cdot 49 \\ &\equiv 5 \pmod{11}. \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $7^{222} \bmod 11 = 5$ .