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题目2. a 对模 m 和 n 的阶分别为 s 和 t , 证明: a 对模 $[m, n]$ 的阶为 $[s, t]$

解答.

$$\because a^s \equiv 1 \pmod{m}, a^t \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \quad (1)$$

$$\therefore a^{[s,t]} \equiv 1 \pmod{[m, n]} \quad (2)$$

then using congruence property

$$a^{[s,t]} \equiv 1 \pmod{[m, n]} \quad (3)$$

let there be an positive integer k , where $a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{[m, n]}$, then it is $a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

$$\because m \mid [m, n], [m, n] \mid (a^k - 1)$$

$$\therefore a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

$$\therefore s \mid k, t \mid k$$

$\therefore k$ is s, t 's common multiple, thus $[s, t] \mid k$

$$\therefore a \text{对模 } [m, n] \text{ 的阶为 } [s, t]$$

题目5. 若 n 和 a 均是正整数, $a \geq 2$, 证明: $n \mid \phi(a^n - 1)$

解答. Let $m = a^n - 1$

Consider the group $G = (Z/mZ)^*$ or $(Z_m)^*$, which has $\phi(m)$ elements, the order of group is $\phi(m)$

Let $\bar{a} \in Z/mZ$ be the remainder class of the integer a modulo m ,

$$\because \gcd(a, m) = \gcd(a, a^n - 1) = 1$$

$$\therefore a \in G$$

Consider the subgroup $H = \langle \bar{a} \rangle$ that is the subgroup generated by \bar{a}

Now $a^n \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ (where $m = a^n - 1$ and n is the smallest integer with this property)

but no positive integer $i < n$ satisfies $a^i \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ (since $a^i - 1$ is a positive integer smaller than m).

This implies that order of H equals n \therefore the order of a subgroup always divides the order of a group, $n \mid \phi(a^n - 1)$

题目6. 如果 $n \geq 2$, 证明: $n \nmid 2^n - 1$

解答. Proof by Contradiction:

Assume that there is an integer $n \geq 2 \ni n \mid 2^n - 1$, clearly, n is odd

Take p to be the smallest prime dividing $p \mid 2^n - 1, p \mid 2^{p-1} - 1$

$$\therefore \gcd(a^k - 1, a^l - 1) = a^{\gcd(k,l)} - 1, k, l \in \mathbb{Z}^+, a > 1$$

$$\therefore p \mid 2^d - 1, d = \gcd(n, p - 1)$$

However, since p is the smallest prime divisor of n we have $d = 1$. Hence $p \mid 2^d - 1 = 1$ is a contradiction, thus $n \nmid 2^n - 1$

题目7. 设 p 是奇素数, $n \geq 1$, 证明:

$$\sum_{k=1}^{p-1} k^n \equiv \begin{cases} -1 \pmod{p}, & \text{如果 } p-1 \mid n \\ 0 \pmod{p}, & \text{如果 } p-1 \nmid n \end{cases}. \quad (4)$$

解答. We can use the rule that every prime has a primitive root such that there is an x and considering the set

$$[x^1, x^2, \dots, x^{p-1}] \pmod{p} \equiv [1, 2, \dots, (p-1)] \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore 1^k + 2^k + \dots + (p-1)^k = x^k + x^{2k} + \dots + x^{(p-1)k} \pmod{p}$$

Using the geometric sum, then

$$\Rightarrow (x^k)(1 - x^{(p-1)k}) / (1 - x^k) \pmod{p}$$

Because of Fermat's little theorem $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$, $(1 - x^{(p-1)k}) = 0$

$$\therefore (x^k)(0) / (1 - x^k) \pmod{p} = 0 \pmod{p}$$

If $p-1 \mid n$, then $n = (p-1)j$ for some j

$$1^n + \dots + (p-1)^n \equiv 1^{(p-1)j} + \dots + (p-1)^{(p-1)j} \equiv 1 + \dots + 1 = p-1 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

because If $p-1$ divides n , then by Fermat's Theorem each term is congruent to 1 modulo p .

There are $p-1$ terms, so the sum is congruent to -1 modulo p .

题目8.

- (1) 设 $F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$ (费马数), $n \geq 1$. 证明: F_n 的每个素因子都有形式 $2^{n+1}x + 1, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 (2) 对任意给定的整数 $l \geq 1$, 证明: 若无穷多个素数模 2^l 余 1

解答.

(1) Lemma: $p^2 \Leftrightarrow p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$

Let p be a divisor of the Fermat Number $2^{2^n} + 1$

$$\therefore 2^{2^n} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore (2^{2^n})^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore 2^{2^{(n+1)}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

So $x = 2^{n+1}$ is $2^x \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ smallest integer solution

$$\therefore 2 \text{ 对模 } p \text{ 的指数是 } 2^{n+1}$$

与费马小定理 $2^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ 比较得 $2^{n+1} \mid (p-1)$

当 $n > 1$, $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$, using the lemma, 2 is p square remainder

$$\therefore 2^{(p-1)/2} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore 2^{n+1} \mid \frac{p-1}{2}, \text{ 令 } (p-1)/2 = 2^{n+1} * k \text{ 即得 } p = 2^{n+2} * k + 1$$

(2)

题目9.

- (1) 设 p 为奇素数, $a \geq 2$. 证明: 若 $a^p - 1$ 的素因子 q 不整除 $a - 1$ 则必有形式 $q = 2px + 1, x \in \mathbb{Z}$
 (2) 设 p 给定的奇素数, 证明: 形如 $2px + 1 (x \in \mathbb{Z})$ 的素数有无限多个

解答.

(1)

$$a^p - 1 = (a - 1)[a^{p-1} + a^{p-2} + \cdots + 1]$$

由费马小定理

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

$$\therefore a^{p-1} = mp + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow [a^{p-2} + \cdots + 1] = [a^{p-1} - 1]/(a - 1) = mp/(a - 1)$$

所以 $[a^{p-2} + \cdots + 1]$ 有因数 p

$[a^{p-1} + a^{p-2} + \cdots + 1]$ 共有 p 项 即奇数项

除去最后一项1 还有偶数项。无论 a 为奇数还是偶数

$[a^{p-1} + a^{p-2} + \cdots + a]$ 均为偶数

$$\therefore [a^{p-1} + a^{p-2} + \cdots + 1] = 2px + 1$$

$$\therefore a^p - 1 = (a - 1)(2px + 1)$$

如果不整除 $a - 1$, 必须整除 $2px + 1$

(2)

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题目1. 证明: m 是一个素数充分必要条件是存在 a, a 对模 m 的次数为 $m - 1$

解答. If a has order $m - 1$, then by Euler's theorem $m - 1 \mid \phi(m)$

This occurs when m is prime, since $\phi(m) = m - 1$. Thus, m is prime

题目2. 设 g 是奇素数, p 的一个原根, 证明:

(1) 当 $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ 时, $-g$ 也是 p 的一个原根

(2) 当 $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ 时, $-g$ 对 p 的次数为 $\frac{p-1}{2}$

解答.

(1) Since p is odd, and we have Fermat's little theorem,

$$\therefore a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore g \equiv g^p \equiv -(-g)^p \pmod{p}$$

Since $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$, -1 is a quadratic residual of p , (-1 is a square mod p iff $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$)

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni -1 \equiv g^{2k} \equiv (-g)^{2k} \pmod{p}$$

Thus $g \equiv (-g)^{2k}(-g)^p \pmod{p}$. Since g is congruent to $-g^p$, $-g$ is also a primitive root of p .

(2) Using a primitive root principle, that

$$a \text{ is of order } h \pmod{n}, \text{ then } a^k \text{ is of order } \frac{h}{\gcd(h,k)} \quad (5)$$

Since g is a primitive root,

$$-1 \equiv g^{(p-1)/2} \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore -g \equiv (-1)(g) \equiv g^{(p-1)/2}g \equiv g^{(p+1)/2} \pmod{p}$$

Now, the order of $g^{(p+1)/2} \pmod{p}$ according to (5) is $\frac{p-1}{\gcd((p+1)/2, p-1)}$

If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $(p+1)/2$ is odd and $\gcd((p+1)/2, p-1)$ is 1, making the order of $-g$ to be $p-1$, thus it is a primitive root.

Otherwise, the term $\frac{p+1}{2}$ is even and $\gcd(\frac{p+1}{2}, p-1) = (p-1)/2 > 1$

Therefore, the order of $-g$ is not $p-1$. i.e. not a primitive root.