

1. Why is  $\gcd(n, n+1) = 1$  for two consecutive integers  $n, n+1$

Let's say  $n$  has a divisor  $q$  for which  $n/q = p, p \in \mathbb{Z}$

If we divide  $n+1$  by  $q$ , we obtain  $\frac{n+1}{q} = p + 1/q$ , thus for all  $q \neq 1$  (since  $\gcd(1, q) = 1$ ),  $n+1$  will not be divisible by  $q$

Therefore  $\gcd(n, n+1) = 1$

2. Using Fermat's theorem, find  $3^{201} \bmod 11$ .

Fermat's theorem states that if  $p$  is prime and  $a$  is a positive integer, not divisible by  $p$ , then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

$$3^{201} \bmod 11 = (3^{10})^{20} \cdot 3 \bmod 11$$

$$(3^{10}) \bmod 11 = 1$$

$$= (1)^{20} \cdot 3 \bmod 11$$

$$= 3 \bmod 11$$

$$= 3 //$$

3. Using Fermat's theorem Find a number between 0 and 72 with a congruent to 9794 modula 73

According to Fermat's theorem

$$a \equiv 9794 \bmod 73$$

$$\equiv 12$$

$$a \equiv 12 //$$



4. Use Fermat's theorem to find a number  $x$  between 0 and 28 with  $x^{85}$  congruent to 6 modulo 29 (You should not use any brute force searching)

From Fermat's theorem

$$x^{28} = 1 \pmod{29}$$

Raising both side to the power of 3

$$x^{84} = 1 \pmod{29}$$

then multiply by  $x$  on both sides

$$x^{85} = x(1 \pmod{29})$$

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{29}$$

$$x \equiv 6$$

5. Use Euler's theorem to find a number  $x$  between 0 and 28 with  $x^{85}$  congruent to 6 modulo 35.

$$x^{85} = 6 \pmod{35} \text{ --- ①}$$

$$\text{As } 35 = 5 \times 7, \quad \gcd(5, 7) = 1$$

$$\text{①} \Rightarrow x^{85} = 6 \pmod{5} = 1$$

$$\text{As } \phi(5) = 4, \quad 85 = 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$x = 1 \pmod{5} \text{ --- ②}$$

$$\text{②} \Rightarrow x^{85} = 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{As } \phi(7) = 6, \quad 85 = 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$x = 6 \pmod{7} \text{ --- ③}$$

$$x = 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$x = 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$1 + 5k = 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$5k = 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$k = 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$k = 1 + 7m$$

$$1+5(1+7m) = 1+5+35m$$

$$= 6+35m$$

$$a=6 //$$

6. It can be shown that  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$  then  $\phi(m, n) = \phi(m)\phi(n)$   
Determine the following

(a)  $\phi(41)$

41 is a prime number

$$\phi(41) = 40$$

(b)  $\phi(27) = \phi(3^3)$   
 $= 3^3 - 3^2$   
 $= 27 - 9$   
 $= 18$

(c)  $\phi(231) \Rightarrow \phi(3) \times (\phi(7)) \times \phi(11)$   
 $= 2 \times 6 \times 10$   
 $= 120$

(d)  $\phi(440) = \phi(2^3) \times \phi(5) \times \phi(11)$   
 $= \phi(2^3 - 2^2) \times 4 \times 10$   
 $= (8 - 4) \times 4 \times 10$   
 $= 160$

n	$\phi$
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	2
5	4
6	2
7	6
8	4
9	6
10	4
11	10

7. If  $n$  is composite and passes miller-rabin test for base  $a$ , then  $n$  is a strong pseudoprime to a base  $a$ , Show that 2047 is a strong pseudoprime to the base 2

$$n = 2047$$

$$a = 2$$

$$n-1 = 2046 = 2 \times 1023$$

$$m = 1023, k = 1$$

$$T = 2^{1023} \bmod 2047$$

$$2^1 \bmod 2047 = 2$$

$$2^2 \bmod 2047 = 4$$

$$2^4 \bmod 2047 = 16 = (4)^2$$

$$2^8 \bmod 2047 = (16)^2 = 256$$

$$2^{16} \bmod 2047 = (256)^2 = 32$$

$$2^{32} \bmod 2047 = (32)^2 = 1024$$

$$2^{64} \bmod 2047 = (1024)^2 = 512$$

$$2^{128} \bmod 2047 = (512)^2 = 128$$

$$2^{256} \bmod 2047 = (128)^2 = 8$$

$$2^{512} \bmod 2047 = (8)^2 = 64$$

$$2^{1024} \bmod 2047 = (64)^2 = 2$$

$$T = 2^{1023} \bmod 2047$$

$$1023 = 512 + 256 + 128 + 64 + 32 + 16 + 8 + 4 + 2 + 1$$

$$= (64 \times 8 \times 128 \times 512 \times 1024 \times 32 \times 256 \times 16 \times 4 \times 2) \bmod 2047$$

$$= 1$$

$T=1 \Rightarrow$  Hence composite

2047 is a strong composite pseudoprime to base 2

8. The example used by Sun-Tsu was

$$x = 2 \bmod 3$$

$$x = 3 \bmod 5$$

$$x = 2 \bmod 7$$

Solve for  $x$ .

Let's take  $x = 2 \bmod 3$

$$x = 3 \bmod 5$$



$$2 + 3k = 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$3k = 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$k = (3^{-1}) \pmod{5}$$

$$k = 2 + 5l$$

$$2 + 3k = 2 + 3(2 + 5l)$$

$$= 2 + 6l + 15l$$

$$= 8 + 15l$$

$$x \equiv 8 \pmod{15}$$

Let's take  $x = 8 \pmod{15}$ ,  $x = 2 \pmod{7}$

$$2 \pmod{7} = 2 + 7k$$

$$2 + 7k = 8 \pmod{15}$$

$$7k = 6 \pmod{15}$$

$$k = (-7^{-1})^6 \pmod{15}$$

$$k \equiv (13) \cdot (6) \pmod{15}$$

$$k = 78 \pmod{15}$$

$$k = 3 \pmod{15}$$

$$k = 3 + 15l$$

$$2 + 7k = 2 + 7(3 + 15l)$$

$$= 2 + 21 + 105l$$

$$= 23 + 105l$$

$$x \equiv 23 \pmod{105}$$

$$x = 23.$$

9.

If the day in the question is the  $x^{\text{th}}$  (counting from and including the first monday)

$$x = 1 + 2k_1$$

$$x = 2 + 3k_2$$

$$x = 3 + 4k_3$$

$$x = 4 + k_4$$

$$x = 5 + k_5$$

$$x = 6 + k_6$$

$$x = 7 + k_7$$

$$\textcircled{1} x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$\textcircled{4} x \equiv 4 \pmod{1}$$

$$\textcircled{7} x \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$\textcircled{2} x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$\textcircled{5} x \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$$

$$\textcircled{3} x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

$$\textcircled{6} x \equiv 6 \pmod{5}$$

$\textcircled{1}$  and  $\textcircled{3}$  are congruent.

$\textcircled{2}$  and  $\textcircled{5}$  are congruent

While considering equation 3

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \mid 7 \pmod{8} \mid 11 \pmod{12}$$

While considering equation 5

$$x \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \mid 11 \pmod{12}$$

So equation 3 and 5 are congruent

$x \equiv 4 \pmod{1}$ , so ignore equation 4

Therefore

$$x \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$$

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

Let's take  $x \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{5}$$

$$6 \pmod{5} = 1 + 5k$$

$$1 + 5k \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$$

$$5k \equiv (11-1) \pmod{12}$$

$$5k \equiv 10 \pmod{12}$$

$$k \equiv (10) \pmod{12} \Rightarrow (5^{-1}) 10 \pmod{12}$$

$$= 50 \pmod{12}$$

$$= 2 \pmod{12} = 2 + 12l$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 1+5k &= (1+5(2+12)) \\
 &= 1+10+60 \\
 &= 11+60
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = 11 \pmod{60}$$

Let's take  $x = 11 \pmod{60}$  and  $x = 0 \pmod{7}$

$$0 \pmod{7} = 0 + 7k$$

$$-7k = 11 \pmod{60}$$

$$k = (-7^{-1})(11) \pmod{60}$$

$$= 43 \cdot (11) \pmod{60}$$

$$= 473 \pmod{60}$$

$$k = 53 \pmod{60}$$

$$k = 53 + 60l$$

$$0 + 7k = 0 + 7(53 + 60l)$$

$$= 371 + 420l$$

$$x = 371 \pmod{420}$$

The first  $x$  satisfying the condition is 371

$$\therefore x = 371$$

10. Find all primitive roots of 25

$$\phi(25) = \phi(5^2) = 5^2 - 5^1 = 20$$

According to Euler's theorem

$$a^{20} = 1 \pmod{25}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{25} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 24\}$$

for  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ , primitive roots are 2, 3

if  $g$  is primitive root,  $g + p$  may / may not be primitive

$$7, 8, 12, 13, 17, 18, 22, 23$$

7 and 18 are not primitive roots because their powers are not distinct

Hence primitive roots are

2, 3, 8, 12, 13, 17, 22, 23.