

Worksheet 3

1. Assume $n \geq p$ and $n \equiv r \pmod{p-1}$, where $1 \leq r \leq p-1$, then $x^n \equiv x^r \pmod{p}$ for all x .
2. Use (1) to reduce the polynomial $x^{11} + 2x^8 + x^5 + 3x^9 + 4x^3 + 1 \pmod{5}$.
3. (High School dream). Prove $(x+y)^p \equiv x^p + y^p \pmod{p}$.
4. Prove that the system of linear congruences in one variable given by

$$x \equiv b_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

$$x \equiv b_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

is solvable if and only if $\gcd(m_1, m_2) \mid (b_1 - b_2)$. In this case, prove that the solution is unique modulo $\text{lcm}(m_1, m_2)$.

5. Let $\{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{\phi(m)}\}$ be a reduced residue system modulo m . Prove that m divides $r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_{\phi(m)}$ for $m > 2$.

Hint: Show $(r_i, m) = 1$, then $(m - r_i, m) = 1$.

Show $\phi(m)$ is even.