

Some Own Problems In Number Theory

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Here are some problems proposed by me, and the problems or their solutions have not been approved by someone else. So if any fault occurs, I shall take the whole responsibility. In this case, please inform me. Among the problems, many were posted by me on **AoPS** fora, so I thank the users who posted replies and solutions there. A notable fact is that I put the problems not in order to difficulty, just randomly - which is, in my opinion, more interesting.

1 Notations

- $\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n, \dots\}$: the set of positive integers.
- $\mathbb{Z} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, n, \dots\}$: the set of integers.
- $\mathbb{N}_0 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}$: the set of nonnegative integers.
- $a \in A$: a is an element of the set A .
- $a \mid b$: b is divisible by a .
- $a \nmid b$: b is not divisible by a .
- $a \mid b \wedge c$: b and c are both divisible by a .
- $\gcd(a, b)$: the Greatest Common Divisor of a and b .
- a and b are coprime : $\gcd(a, b) = 1$.
- $\varphi(m)$: the number of positive integers x , not exceeding m with the property $\gcd(x, m) = 1$.
- $\lfloor x \rfloor$: the largest integer not exceeding x .
- a is squarefree : there does not exist $x \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $x^2 \mid a$.
- $a \in \mathbb{N}$ is a perfect number : sum of positive divisors of a is $2a$.
- $\text{ord}_m(a) = x$: x is the order of a modulo m .

2 Problems

1. Prove that there does not exist a pair $(n, m) \in \mathbb{N}$ so that $n+3m$ and n^2+3m^2 are both perfect cubes. Find all such pairs if $(m, n) \in \mathbb{Z}$.
2. Find all primes p such that the number $11^p + 10^p$ is a perfect power of a positive integer.
3. In a single person game, Alex plays maintaining the following rules:
 She is asked to consider the set of all natural numbers less than n on a board. Then she starts from 1 and whenever she gets an integer co-prime to n , she writes 1 on the board, otherwise she writes 0. That is she will write a binary sequence with either 1 or 0.
 She denotes the number of 1's in this binary sequence of n by $\Phi_1(n)$ and the number of 0's by $\Phi_0(n)$.
 Now, she wins if she can choose an n having at least 2 prime factors in the first choice such that $\Phi_1(n)|n$. Prove the following:
 * 1 : There exist infinitely many n such that she can win in the first move.
 * 2 : If she chooses an n having more than 3 prime factors, she can't never win.
 * 3 : If $n = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{a_i}$, then $\prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{a_i-1} | \Phi_0(n) + 1$.
 * 4 : Find all such n such that she can win.
4. Prove that for all odd $p \nmid c$, $\text{ord}_{p^k}(c) = \text{ord}_p(c) \cdot p^{k-1}$.
5. Let $F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$ be the n^{th} Fermat number. Prove that

$$2^{2^m+2^n} \mid F_n^{F_m-1} - 1, \quad \forall m, n \in \mathbb{N}.$$
6. Let $a > 2$ be an integer. Show that $a^{a-1} - 1$ is never squarefree.
7. Show that there are infinitely many pairs of positive integers (a, b) such that if the number $\frac{a^5+b^5}{a^3b^3+1}$ is an integer, then it is a perfect cube.
8. Let $p \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ be a prime number. Show that there exists a complete set of residue class of p such that the sum of its elements is divisible by p^2 .
9. Prove that $81|10^{n+1} - 10 - 9n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}_0$.
10. Find all positive integers n such that $n|2^{n!} - 1$.
11. Find all positive integers n such that
 1. $n \mid 2^n + 1$,
 2. $n \mid 3^n + 1$.
12. Let p be a prime. Determine all perfect numbers having p factors.
13. Prove that a number which has only one prime factor, can't be a perfect number.

14. Find all pairs (a, b) of positive integers such that $ab \mid a^3 + b^3$.

15. Solve in positive integers the equation

$$a^7 + b^7 = 823543 \cdot (ac)^{1995}.$$

16. Find all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

1. the number $n^2 - 27n + 182$ is a perfect square.

2. the number $n^2 - 27n + 183$ is a perfect square

17. Find all $(a, b) \in \mathbb{N}_0$ such that the number $7^a + 11^b$ is a perfect square.

18. Consider a complete set of residues modulo p . Show that we can partition this set into two subsets with equal number of elements such that the sum of elements in each set is divisible by p .

19. Let a_i, m , and n be positive integers such that $a_i + m$ is a prime for all $1 \leq i \leq n$. Let $N = \prod_{i=1}^n p_i^{a_i}$ and let S be the number of ways of expressing N as a product of m positive integers. Prove that $m^n \mid S$.

20. Let n be a positive integer. Prove that there exists $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that

$$\frac{n}{\lfloor \sqrt[m]{n} \rfloor} > \frac{n+k}{\lfloor \sqrt[m]{n+k} \rfloor}.$$

21. Find all integers (a, b, c, d) such that $abc - d = 1$ and $bcd - a = 2$.

22. Find all positive integer values that $\frac{x^2+y^2+1}{xy+1}$ can take where x and y positive integers.

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