

**CS215: Discrete Math (H)**  
**2023 Fall Semester Written Assignment # 3**  
**Due: Nov. 13th, 2023, please submit at the beginning of class**

Q.1 What are the prime factorizations of

(a)  $12!$

(b)  $6560$

**Solution:**

(a)  $12! = 2^{10} \cdot 3^5 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11.$

(b)  $6560 = 2^5 \cdot 5 \cdot 41.$

□

Q.2

(a) Give the prime factorization of  $312$ .

(b) Use Euclidean algorithm to find  $\gcd(312, 97)$ .

(c) Find integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $\gcd(312, 97) = 312s + 97t$ .

(d) Solve the modular equation

$$312x \equiv 3 \pmod{97}.$$

**Solution:**

(a) The prime factorization is  $312 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 13$ .

(b) Applying Euclidean algorithm, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(312, 97) &= \gcd(97, 21) && [312 = 3 \cdot 97 + 21] \\ &= \gcd(21, 13) && [97 = 4 \cdot 21 + 13] \\ &= \gcd(13, 8) && [21 = 1 \cdot 13 + 8] \\ &= \gcd(8, 5) && [13 = 1 \cdot 8 + 5] \\ &= \gcd(5, 3) && [8 = 1 \cdot 5 + 3] \\ &= \gcd(3, 2) && [5 = 1 \cdot 3 + 2] \\ &= \gcd(2, 1) && [3 = 1 \cdot 2 + 1] \\ &= 1. \end{aligned}$$

(c) Reading Euclidean algorithm backwards we have

$$1 = 37 \cdot 312 - 119 \cdot 97.$$

(d) So  $312 \cdot 37 \equiv 1 \pmod{97}$ . Thus,  $312 \cdot (37 \cdot 3) \equiv 3 \pmod{97}$ . Now  $37 \cdot 3 = 111 \equiv 14 \pmod{97}$ . Hence, the solution is  $x \equiv 14 \pmod{97}$ .

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Q.3 Prove the following statement: Suppose that  $\gcd(b, a) = 1$ . Prove that  $\gcd(b + a, b - a) \leq 2$ .

**Solution:** W.l.o.g., assume that  $b \geq a$ . Now suppose that  $d \mid (b + a)$  and  $d \mid (b - a)$ . Then  $d \mid [(b + a) + (b - a)] = 2b$  and  $d \mid [(b + a) - (b - a)] = 2a$ . Thus, we have

$$d \mid \gcd(2b, 2a) = 2 \gcd(b, a) = 2.$$

Therefore, we have  $d \leq 2$ .

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Q.4 Prove that there exist two powers of 2 that differ by a multiple of 222. That is, prove that there exist two positive integers  $x$  and  $y$ , such that 222 divides  $2^y - 2^x$ .

**Solution:** We prove this by the pigeonhole principle. Let  $a_n = 2^n \bmod 222$ . By the definition of modular arithmetic,  $0 \leq a_n \leq 221$ . Since  $a_n$  is an infinite sequence but can only take finitely many values, there must be  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $a_n = a_m$  and therefore  $2^n \equiv 2^m \pmod{222}$ , and further we have  $2^n - 2^m \equiv 0 \pmod{222}$ .

Q.5 Given an integer  $a$ , we say that a number  $n$  passes the “Fermat primality test (for base  $a$ )” if  $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

(a) For  $a = 2$ , does  $n = 561$  pass the test?

(b) Did the test give the correct answer in this case?

**Solution:**

(a) We have

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{560} &\equiv 2^{20 \cdot 28} \pmod{561} \\ &\equiv (2^{20})^{28} \pmod{561} \\ &\equiv (67)^{28} \pmod{561} \\ &\equiv (67^4)^7 \pmod{561} \\ &\equiv 1^7 \pmod{561} \\ &\equiv 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus,  $2^{560} \equiv 1 \pmod{561}$ . So 561 passes the Fermat test with test value 2.

(b) We have  $561 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 17$ . So, 561 is not a prime, and thus the test failed.

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Q.6 Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive integers. Show that  $\gcd(a, b) + \text{lcm}(a, b) = a + b$  if and only if  $a$  divides  $b$ , or  $b$  divides  $a$ .

**Solution:**

“only if” Assume that  $\gcd(a, b) = d$ , then we have  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = \frac{ab}{d}$ , where  $d$  is an integer. Then we have  $d + \frac{ab}{d} = a + b$ , and we further have  $d^2 - (a + b)d + ab = 0$ . Solving this equation, we have  $d = a$  or  $d = b$ . This means  $a$  divides  $b$  or  $b$  divides  $a$ .

“if” W.l.o.g., assume that  $a|b$ . Then we have  $\gcd(a, b) = a$  and  $\text{lcm}(a, b) = b$ . The conclusion then follows.

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Q.7

(1) Show that there is no integer solution  $x$  to the equation

$$x^2 \equiv 31 \pmod{36}.$$

(2) Find the integer solutions  $x$  to the system of equations

$$\begin{cases} x^2 \equiv 10 \pmod{31}, \\ x^2 \equiv 30 \pmod{37}. \end{cases}$$

**Solution:**

- (1) Note that  $36 = 4 \cdot 9$ . If  $x$  is a solution to the equation, then we also have that

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 &\equiv 31 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}, \\x^2 &\equiv 31 \equiv 4 \pmod{9}.\end{aligned}$$

Yet, there is no  $x$  such that  $x^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . Hence there is no solution to this equation.

- (2) Let  $y = x^2$ . Since  $y \equiv 30 \pmod{37}$ , we have that

$$y = 30 + 37k$$

for some integer  $k$ . The first equation becomes

$$30 + 37k \equiv 10 \pmod{31} \Leftrightarrow 6k \equiv -20 \equiv 11 \pmod{31}.$$

To solve this equation, we note that

$$31 = 5 \cdot 6 + 1 \Rightarrow (-5) \cdot 6 \equiv 1 \pmod{31}.$$

Hence, we have

$$(-5) \cdot 6k \equiv (-5) \cdot 11 \pmod{31} \Leftrightarrow k \equiv -55 \equiv 7 \pmod{31}.$$

As a consequence,  $k$  is of the form  $7 + 31m$  for some integer  $m$ , which yields that

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 = y &= 30 + 37(7 + 31m) \\&= 30 + 37 \cdot 7 + 37 \cdot 31m \\&= 289 + 1147m = 17^2 + 1147m.\end{aligned}$$

Choosing  $m = 0$ , we obtain that  $x = 17, -17$  are the integer solutions.

Q.8 Prove that if  $a$  and  $m$  are positive integers such that  $\gcd(a, m) \neq 1$  then  $a$  does *not* have an inverse modulo  $m$ .

**Solution:** We prove this by contrapositive. Assume that  $a$  has an inverse modulo  $m$ , i.e., there exists an integer  $b$  such that

$$ab \equiv 1 \pmod{m}.$$

This is equivalent to  $m|(ab - 1)$ , which means that there is an integer  $k$  such that

$$ab - 1 = mk,$$

which is

$$ba + (-k)m = 1.$$

Suppose that  $d$  is any common divisor of  $a$  and  $m$ , i.e.,  $d|a$  and  $d|m$ . Since  $b$  and  $k$  are integers, it follows that  $d|(ba - km)$ , so  $d|1$ . Thus, we must have  $d = 1$ , which completes the proof.

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Q.9 Convert the decimal expansion of each of these integers to a binary expansion.

(a) 321      (b) 1023      (c) 100632

**Solution:** (a) 101000001

(b) 1111111111

(c) 11000100100011000

□

Q.10 Suppose that  $p, q$  and  $r$  are distinct primes. Show that there exist integers  $a, b$  and  $c$ , such that

$$a(pq) + b(qr) + c(rp) = 1.$$

**Solution:** Since  $p, q$  and  $r$  are distinct primes, we have  $\gcd(p, r) = 1$  and by Bezout's theorem, we have  $1 = sp + tr$  and further  $s(pq) + t(qr) = q$ . Now by  $\gcd(q, rp) = 1$ , so there exist integers  $u$  and  $v$  such that

$$uq + v(rp) = 1.$$

Therefore, we have

$$u(s(pq) + t(qr)) + v(rp) = (us)(pq) + (ut)(qr) + v(rp) = 1.$$

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Q.11 From Google's Corporate Information Page:

"1997 – Larry (Page) and Sergey (Brin) decide that the BackRub search engine needs a new name. After some brainstorming, they go with Google – a play on the word 'googol', a mathematical term for the number represented by the numeral 1 followed by 100 zeros. The use of the term reflects their mission to organize a seemingly infinite amount of information on the web."

The name 'googol' for  $10^{100}$  was coined (around 1920) by a nine-year old child. He also called  $10^{googol}$  a 'googolplex'. Accordingly, Googleplex is the name of Google's headquarters complex in California.

What is the remainder of a googol to a googol modulo 13, i.e.,  $(10^{100})^{(10^{100})} \bmod 13$ ?

**Solution:**

By Fermat's little theorem, we have  $10^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$ . Thus, we have

$$10^{100} \equiv 10^{12 \cdot 8 + 4} \equiv 10^4 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}.$$

It then follows that

$$(10^{100})^{(10^{100})} \bmod 13 = 3^{(10^{100})} \bmod 13.$$

Note that  $3^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$ . It is also easily seen that  $10^{100} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , which leads to  $10^{100} = 3k + 1$  for an integer  $k$ . Therefore, we have

$$(10^{100})^{(10^{100})} \bmod 13 = 3^{(10^{100})} \bmod 13 = 3^{3k+1} \bmod 13 = 3.$$

□

Q.12 Let the coefficients of the polynomial  $f(n) = a_0 + a_1n + a_2n^2 + \cdots + a_{t-1}n^{t-1} + n^t$  be integers. We now show that **no** non-constant polynomial can generate only prime numbers for integers  $n$ . In particular, let  $c = f(0) = a_0$  be the constant term of  $f$ .

- (1) Show that  $f(cm)$  is a multiple of  $c$  for all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- (2) Show that if  $f$  is non-constant and  $c > 1$ , then as  $n$  ranges over the nonnegative integers  $\mathbb{N}$ , there are infinitely many  $f(n) \in \mathbb{Z}$  that are not primes. [Hint: You may assume the fact that the magnitude of any non-constant polynomial  $f(n)$  grows unboundedly as  $n$  grows.]

- (3) Conclude that for every non-constant polynomial  $f$  there must be an  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $f(n)$  is not prime. [Hint: Only one case remains.]

**Solution:**

- (1) Let  $f(n) = g(n) + c$ , where  $g(n)$  has no constant term. Then we have  $f(cm) = g(cm) + c$ . Since  $g(n)$  has no constant term,  $g(cm)$  must have a divisor  $cm$ . Thus,  $c$  must be a divisor of  $f(cm)$ .
- (2) Since as  $n = cm$  grows, the magnitude of  $f(n)$  grows unboundedly, and  $f(n)$  is composite with a divisor  $c > 1$ . Thus, there are infinitely many  $f(n)$  that are not primes.
- (3) The only one remaining case is  $c = 1$ . Since the degree of  $f(n)$  is  $t$ , by replacing  $n$  by  $n + a$  for  $t + 1$  different values of  $a$ , we must have at least one of them such that the constant term of  $g(n + a)$  is nonzero. Suppose this value of  $a$  is  $n_0$ . Let  $h(n) = f(n + n_0)$ , and let  $d = h(0)$ . Then  $d > 1$ . By (1), we have  $h(dm)$  is always a multiple of  $d$ . Therefore, with  $n = dm - n_0$ ,  $f(n)$  is not prime.

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Q.13 Show that  $\log_2 3$  is an irrational number. Recall that an irrational number is a real number  $x$  cannot be written as the ratio of two integers.

**Solution:** Suppose that  $\log_2 3 = a/b$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $b \neq 0$ . Then  $2^{a/b} = 3$ , so  $2^a = 3^b$ . This violates the fundamental theorem of arithmetic. Hence  $\log_2 3$  is irrational.

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Q.14 Show that if  $a$  and  $m$  are relatively prime positive integers, then the inverse of  $a$  modulo  $m$  is unique modulo  $m$ .

**Solution:**

Suppose that  $b$  and  $c$  are both the inverses of  $a$  modulo  $m$ . Then  $ba \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  and  $ca \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ . Hence,  $ba \equiv ca \pmod{m}$ . Because  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$  it follows by Theorem 7 in Section 4.3 that  $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$ .

□

Q.15 Prove that there are infinitely many primes of the form  $4k + 3$ , where  $k$  is a nonnegative integer. [Hint: Suppose that there are only finitely many such primes  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n$ , and consider the number  $4q_1q_2 \cdots q_n - 1$ .]

**Solution:** Suppose that there are only finitely many primes of the form  $4k + 3$ , namely  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n$ , where  $q_1 = 3$ ,  $q_2 = 7$ , and so on.

Let  $Q = 4q_1q_2 \cdots q_n - 1$ . Note that  $Q$  is of the form  $4k + 3$  (where  $k = q_1q_2 \cdots q_n - 1$ ). If  $Q$  is prime, then we have found a prime of the desired form different from all those listed.

If  $Q$  is not prime, then  $Q$  has at least one prime factor not in the list  $q_1, q_2, \dots, q_n$ , because the remainder when  $Q$  is divided by  $q_j$  is  $q_j - 1$ , and  $q_j - 1 \neq 0$ . Because all odd primes are either of the form  $4k + 1$  or of the form  $4k + 3$ , and the product of primes of the form  $4k + 1$  is also of this form (because  $(4k + 1)(4m + 1) = 4(4km + k + m) + 1$ ), there must be a factor of  $Q$  of the form  $4k + 3$  different from the primes we listed.

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Q.16

- (a) Use Fermat's little theorem to compute  $5^{2003} \bmod 7$ ,  $5^{2003} \bmod 11$ , and  $5^{2003} \bmod 13$ .
- (b) Use your results from part (a) and the Chinese remainder theorem to find  $5^{2003} \bmod 1001$ . (Note that  $1001 = 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$ .)

**Solution:**

- (a) By Fermat's little theorem we know that  $5^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ ; therefore  $5^{1998} = (5^6)^{333} \equiv 1^{333} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ , and so  $5^{2003} = 5^5 \cdot 5^{1998} \equiv 3 \cdot 1 = 3 \pmod{7}$ , so  $5^{2003} \bmod 7 = 3$ . Similarly,  $5^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ ; therefore  $5^{2000} = (5^{10})^{200} \equiv 1^{200} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ , and so  $5^{2003} = 5^3 \cdot 5^{2000} \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$ , so  $5^{2003} \bmod 11 = 4$ . Finally,  $5^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$ ; therefore  $5^{1992} = (5^{12})^{166} \equiv 1^{166} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$ , and so  $5^{2003} = 5^{11} \cdot 5^{1992} \equiv 8 \pmod{13}$ , so  $5^{2003} \bmod 13 = 8$ .

- (b) 983

□



Q.17 Let  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n$  be pairwise relatively prime integers greater than or equal to 2. Show that if  $a \equiv b \pmod{m_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , where  $m = m_1 m_2 \cdots m_n$ .

**Solution:**

Suppose that  $p$  is a prime appearing in the prime factorization of  $m_1 m_2 \cdots m_n$ . Because the  $m_i$ 's are relatively prime,  $p$  is a factor of exactly one of the  $m_i$ 's, say  $m_j$ . Because  $m_j$  divides  $a - b$ , it follows that  $a - b$  has the factor  $p$  in its prime factorization to a power at least as large as the power to which it appears in the prime factorization of  $m_j$ . It follows that  $m_1 m_2 \cdots m_n$  divides  $a - b$ , so  $a \equiv b \pmod{m_1 m_2 \cdots m_n}$ .

□

Q.18 Show that the simultaneous solution of a system of linear congruences modulo pairwise relatively prime moduli is *unique* modulo the product of these moduli.

**Solution:** Suppose that there are two solutions to the system of linear congruences. Thus, suppose that  $x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$  and  $y \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$  for all  $i$ . We want to show that these solutions are the same modulo  $m$ . This will guarantee that there is only one nonnegative solution less than  $m$ . The assumption certainly implies that  $x \equiv y \pmod{m_i}$  for all  $i$ . But then the previous problem tells us that  $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$ , as desired.

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Q.19 Find all solutions, if any, to the system of congruences  $x \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ ,  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$ , and  $x \equiv 8 \pmod{15}$ .

**Solution:**

We cannot apply the Chinese remainder theorem directly, since the moduli are not pairwise relatively prime. However, we can use the Chinese remainder theorem, translate these congruences into a set of congruences that together are equivalent to the given congruence. Since we want  $x \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ , we must have  $x \equiv 5 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $x \equiv 5 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ . Similarly, from the second congruence we must have  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ ; and from the third congruence we must have  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  and  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ . Since these six statements are consistent, we see that our system is equivalent to the system  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$ ,  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ ,  $x \equiv 3$

(mod 5). These can be solved using the Chinese remainder theorem to yield  $x \equiv 23 \pmod{30}$ . Therefore the solutions are all integers of the form  $23+30k$ , where  $k$  is an integer.

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Q.20 Recall how the *linear congruential method* works in generating pseudorandom numbers: Initially, four parameters are chosen, i.e., the modulus  $m$ , the multiplier  $a$ , the increment  $c$ , and the seed  $x_0$ . Then a sequence of numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n, \dots$  are generated by the following congruence

$$x_{n+1} = (ax_n + c) \pmod{m}.$$

Suppose that we know the generated numbers are in the range  $0, 1, \dots, 10$ , which means the modulus  $m = 11$ . By observing three consecutive numbers 7, 4, 6, can you predict the next number? Explain your answer.

**Solution:** By the linear congruential method, we know that

$$\begin{aligned} x_{n+2} &= (ax_{n+1} + c) \pmod{m} \\ x_{n+1} &= (ax_n + c) \pmod{m}. \end{aligned}$$

Then we have

$$x_{n+2} - x_{n+1} \equiv a(x_{n+1} - x_n) \pmod{m}.$$

By the three consecutive numbers 7, 4, 6, we then have

$$\begin{aligned} (1) \quad 6 - 4 &\equiv a(4 - 7) \pmod{11}, \\ (2) \quad x - 6 &\equiv a(6 - 4) \pmod{11}, \end{aligned}$$

where  $x$  denotes the next number. Eq. (1) gives  $8a \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$ , and we further have  $a \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$ . Then by Eq. (2), we have  $x \equiv 6 + 3 \cdot 2 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ . This means the next number is 1.

□

Q.21 Recall that Euler's totient function  $\phi(n)$  counts the number of positive integers up to a given integer  $n$  that are coprime to  $n$ . Let  $m, n \geq 2$  be

positive integers such that  $m|n$ . Prove that  $\phi(m)|\phi(n)$  and that  $\phi(mn) = m\phi(n)$ .

**Solution:** Since  $m|n$ , by the fundamental theorem of arithmetic, we have

$$m = p_1^{a_1} \cdots p_s^{a_s}, \quad n = p_1^{b_1} \cdots p_s^{b_s} p_{s+1}^{b_{s+1}} \cdots p_t^{b_t},$$

where  $t \geq s$ ,  $0 < a_i \leq b_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, s$  and  $0 < b_i$  for  $i > s$ , and  $p_1, \dots, p_t$  are pairwise distinct prime numbers.

Now, we have

$$\phi(m) = (p_1 - 1)p_1^{a_1-1} \cdots (p_s - 1)p_s^{a_s-1},$$

and

$$\phi(n) = (p_1 - 1)p_1^{b_1-1} \cdots (p_s - 1)p_s^{b_s-1} (p_{s+1} - 1)p_{s+1}^{b_{s+1}-1} \cdots (p_t - 1)p_t^{b_t-1}.$$

It is then clear that  $\phi(m)|\phi(n)$ . Furthermore, since  $mn = p_1^{a_1+b_1} \cdots p_s^{a_s+b_s} p_{s+1}^{b_{s+1}} \cdots p_t^{b_t}$ , and

$$\phi(mn) = (p_1 - 1)p_1^{a_1+b_1-1} \cdots (p_s - 1)p_s^{a_s+b_s-1} (p_{s+1} - 1)p_{s+1}^{b_{s+1}-1} \cdots (p_t - 1)p_t^{b_t-1} = m\phi(n).$$

[Alternative] Suppose that the result is false and let  $m|n$  be a counterexample with the *smallest* possible  $n$ . Let  $p$  be a prime divisor of  $m$ . Thus, we can write  $m = p^a m_1$  and  $n = p^b n_1$  for some  $0 < a \leq b$  and natural numbers  $n_1, m_1$  not divisible by  $p$ . Since  $m_1|m$  and  $m|n$ , then we have  $m_1|n = p^b n_1$ . And by  $\gcd(p, m_1) = 1$ , we have  $m_1|n_1$ . By the property of the Euler's totient function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(m) &= \phi(p^a)\phi(m_1) = (p - 1)p^{a-1}\phi(m_1), \\ \phi(n) &= \phi(p^b)\phi(n_1) = (p - 1)p^{b-1}\phi(n_1), \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\phi(mn) = \phi(p^{a+b})\phi(m_1 n_1) = (p - 1)p^{a+b-1}\phi(m_1 n_1).$$

Since  $m_1|n_1$  and  $n_1 < n$ , the result is true for  $m_1, n_1$ , i.e.,  $\phi(m_1)|\phi(n_1)$  and  $\phi(m_1 n_1) = m_1 \phi(n_1)$ . However, we then have

$$\phi(m) = (p - 1)p^{a-1}\phi(m_1)|(p - 1)p^{b-1}\phi(m_1)|(p - 1)p^{b-1}\phi(n_1) = \phi(n),$$

and

$$\phi(mn) = (p - 1)p^{a+b-1}\phi(m_1 n_1) = p^a m_1 (p - 1)p^{b-1}\phi(n_1) = m\phi(n).$$

Therefore, the result is true for  $m, n$ , contradicting to our assumption. The proof is completed.

□

Q.22 Show that we can easily factor  $n$  when we know that  $n$  is the product of two primes,  $p$  and  $q$ , and we know the value of  $(p-1)(q-1)$ .

**Solution:** Suppose that we know both  $n = pq$  and  $(p-1)(q-1)$ . To find  $p$  and  $q$ , first note that  $(p-1)(q-1) = pq - p - q + 1 = n - (p+q) + 1$ . From this we can find  $s = p+q$ . Then with  $n = pq$ , we can use the quadratic formula to find  $p$  and  $q$ .

□

Q.23 Consider the RSA encryption method. Let our public key be  $(n, e) = (65, 7)$ , and our private key be  $d$ .

- (a) What is the encryption  $\hat{M}$  of a message  $M = 8$ ?
- (b) To decrypt, what value  $d$  do we need to use?
- (c) Using  $d$ , run the RSA decryption method on  $\hat{M}$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) To encrypt  $M = 8$ , we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \hat{M} &= M^e \bmod n \\
 &= 8^7 \bmod 65 \\
 &= 8^{2 \cdot 3 + 1} \bmod 65 \\
 &= 64^3 \cdot 8 \bmod 65 \\
 &= (-1)^3 \cdot 8 \bmod 65 \\
 &= -8 \bmod 65 \\
 &= 57 \bmod 65.
 \end{aligned}$$

So the encrypted message is  $\hat{M} = 57$ .

- (b) Recall we can find  $d$  by running Euclidean algorithm.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \gcd(\phi(n), e) &= \gcd(48, 7) \\
 &= \gcd(7, 6) && \text{as } 48 = 6 \cdot 7 + 6 \\
 &= \gcd(6, 1) && \text{as } 7 = 1 \cdot 6 + 1 \\
 &= 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $d = \gcd(48, 7) = 1$ . Reading backwards we get  $1 = 7 \cdot 7 - 1 \cdot 48$ .  
Then the private key  $d = 7$ .

(c) To complete the RSA decryption, we calculate

$$\begin{aligned}\hat{M}^d \bmod n &= 57^7 \bmod 65 \\ &= (-8)^7 \bmod 65 \\ &= (-8)^{2 \cdot 3 + 1} \bmod 65 \\ &= (64)^3 \cdot (-8) \bmod 65 \\ &= 8 \bmod 65.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the original message is  $M = 8$  as desired.

□

Q. 24 Consider the RSA system. Let  $(e, d)$  be a key pair for the RSA. Define

$$\lambda(n) = \text{lcm}(p-1, q-1)$$

and compute  $d' = e^{-1} \bmod \lambda(n)$ . Will decryption using  $d'$  instead of  $d$  still work? (prove  $C^{d'} \bmod n = M$ )

**Solution:** Case I:  $\gcd(M, n) = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}C^{d'} \bmod n &= M^{ed'} \bmod n = M^{k\lambda(n)+1} \bmod n \\ &= (M^{k\lambda(n)} \bmod n) M \bmod n \\ &= (M^{(p-1)(q-1)/\gcd(p-1, q-1)} \bmod n)^k M \bmod n\end{aligned}$$

By Fermat's theorem,  $M^{(p-1)(q-1)/\gcd(p-1, q-1)} \bmod p = (M^{(q-1)/\gcd(p-1, q-1)})^{p-1} \bmod p = 1$  and  $M^{(p-1)(q-1)/\gcd(p-1, q-1)} \bmod q = 1$ . Then by Chinese Remainder Theorem, we have  $C^{d'} \bmod n = M$ .

Case II:  $\gcd(M, n) = p$ .  $M = tp$  for some integer  $0 < t < q$ . We have  $\gcd(M, q) = 1$  and  $ed' = k\lambda(n) + 1$  for some integer  $k$ . By Fermat's theorem, we have

$$(M^{k\lambda(n)} - 1) \bmod q = (M^{k(p-1)(q-1)/\gcd(p-1, q-1)} - 1) \bmod q = 0.$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned}(M^{ed'} - M) \bmod n &= M(M^{ed'-1} - 1) \bmod n \\ &= tp(M^{k\lambda(n)} - 1) \bmod pq \\ &= 0\end{aligned}$$

Case III:  $\gcd(M, n) = q$ . Similar to Case II.

Case IV:  $\gcd(M, n) = pq$ . Trivial.

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