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## 1 Problem 1

(10 points) Determine whether 227 and 79 are relatively prime.

**Solution** We use **Euclidean Algorithm** to compute  $\gcd(227, 79)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}227 &= 79 \times 2 + 69 \\79 &= 69 \times 1 + 10 \\69 &= 10 \times 6 + 9 \\10 &= 9 \times 1 + 1 \\9 &= 1 \times 9 + 0\end{aligned}\tag{1}$$

Therefore, we have  $\gcd(227, 79) = 1$ , that is, 227 and 79 are relatively prime.

## 2 Problem 2

(10 points) Find the multiplicative inverse of 79 mod 229.

**Solution** We use **Extended Euclidean Algorithm** to solve this problem.  
First, we use **Euclidean Algorithm** to compute  $\gcd(229, 79)$

$$\begin{aligned}229 &= 79 \times 2 + 71 \\79 &= 71 \times 1 + 8 \\71 &= 8 \times 8 + 7 \\8 &= 7 \times 1 + 1 \\7 &= 1 \times 7 + 0\end{aligned}\tag{2}$$

Therefore, we have  $\gcd(229, 79) = 1$ , that is:

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= 8 - 7 \times 1 \\&= 8 - (71 - 8 \times 8) \times 1 = 9 \times 8 - 71 \\&= 9 \times (79 - 71 \times 1) - 71 = 9 \times 79 - 10 \times 71 \\&= 9 \times 79 - 10 \times (229 - 79 \times 2) = 29 \times 79 - 10 \times 229\end{aligned}\tag{3}$$

Therefore, we have  $(29 \times 79 - 10 \times 229) \bmod 229 = 29 \times 79 \bmod 229 = 1$ . That is, the multiplicative inverse of 79 mod 229 is 29.

### 3 Problem 3

(10 points) Without calculating anything, by simply looking at the numbers, can you tell whether 7932 has a multiplicative inverse mod 11958? Explain your solution.

**Solution** It's obvious that 7932 doesn't have a multiplicative inverse mod 11958, and the reason is that:

No matter which number does 7932 multiply, the result must be an even number, and since 11958 is also even,  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{11958}$  must require that  $n$  is an odd number. Therefore, 7932 doesn't have a multiplicative inverse mod 11958.

### 4 Problem 4

(20 points) Show the steps of how to calculate  $\phi(315)$ .

**Solution** We first operate **Prime Factorization** on 315, we have:

$$315 = 7 \times 5 \times 3^2$$

Then according to the **Factorization Property**, we have that:

$$\phi(315) = 315 \times (1 - 1/7) \times (1 - 1/5) \times (1 - 1/3) = 144$$

Therefore, we have  $\phi(315) = 144$ .

### 5 Problem 5

(20 points) Calculate  $227^{54996213} \pmod{21}$  as efficient as possible.

**Solution** We first use Euclidean Algorithm to prove that 227 and 21 are relatively prime.

$$\begin{aligned} 227 &= 21 \times 10 + 17 \\ 21 &= 17 \times 1 + 4 \\ 17 &= 4 \times 4 + 1 \\ 4 &= 1 \times 4 + 0 \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

That is,  $\gcd(227, 21) = 1$ . Then, according to Generalization of **Fermat's little Theorem**, we know that:

$$\begin{aligned}
227^{54996213} \bmod 21 &= 227^{54996213 \bmod \phi(21)} \bmod 21 \\
&= 227^{54996213 \bmod 12} \bmod 21 \\
&= 227^9 \bmod 21 \\
&= (227^4 \times 227^2 \times 227^2 \times 227) \bmod 21 \\
&= ((17^4 \bmod 21) \times (17^2 \bmod 21) \times (17^2 \bmod 21) \times 17) \bmod 21 \\
&= (4 \times 16 \times 16 \times 17) \bmod 21 \\
&= 20
\end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

## 6 Problem 6

(30 points) Determine whether the following groups are cyclic. If they are, give a generator of the group.

1.  $(Z_5, +)$  (i.e., the set of numbers modulo 5 with addition as the group operation)
2.  $(Z_8^*, \times)$

**Solution** We have:

1.  $Z_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$  is cyclic group, and a generator of it is 1.

**Prove.**

$$\begin{aligned}
i = 1 : 1 \bmod 5 &= 1 \\
i = 2 : (1 + 1) \bmod 5 &= 2 \\
i = 3 : (1 + 1 + 1) \bmod 5 &= 3 \\
i = 4 : (1 + 1 + 1 + 1) \bmod 5 &= 4 \\
i = 5 : (1 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1) \bmod 5 &= 0
\end{aligned}$$

Prove completed.

2.  $Z_8^* = \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  is not a cyclic group.

**Prove** Obviously 1 can't be the generator.

For 3, we can know that  $3^n \bmod 8 = 3^{n \bmod \phi(8)} \bmod 8 = 3^{n \bmod 4} \bmod 8 \in \{1, 3\}$

For 5, we can know that  $5^n \bmod 8 = 5^{n \bmod \phi(8)} \bmod 8 = 5^{n \bmod 4} \bmod 8 \in \{1, 5\}$

For 7, we can know that  $7^n \bmod 8 = 7^{n \bmod \phi(8)} \bmod 8 = 7^{n \bmod 4} \bmod 8 \in \{1, 7\}$

Prove completed.