

**CS215: Discrete Math (H)**  
**2024 Fall Semester Written Assignment # 3**  
**Due: Nov. 13th, 2024, please submit at the beginning of class**

Q.1 What are the prime factorizations of

(a) 8085

(b)  $10!$

**Solution:**

(a)  $8085 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 11.$

(b)  $10! = 2^8 \cdot 3^4 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7.$

□

Q.2

(a) Use Euclidean algorithm to find  $\gcd(267, 79).$

(b) Find integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $\gcd(267, 79) = 79s + 267t.$

**Solution:**

(a) By Euclidean algorithm, we have

$$267 = 3 \cdot 79 + 30$$

$$79 = 2 \cdot 30 + 19$$

$$30 = 1 \cdot 19 + 11$$

$$19 = 1 \cdot 11 + 8$$

$$11 = 1 \cdot 8 + 3$$

$$8 = 2 \cdot 3 + 2$$

$$3 = 1 \cdot 2 + 1.$$

Thus,  $\gcd(267, 79) = 1.$

(b) By (a), we have

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 3 - 2 \\ &= 3 - (8 - 2 \cdot 3) \\ &= 3 \cdot 3 - 8 \\ &= 3 \cdot (11 - 8) - 8 \\ &= 3 \cdot 11 - 4 \cdot 8 \\ &= 3 \cdot 11 - 4 \cdot (19 - 11) \\ &= 7 \cdot 11 - 4 \cdot 19 \\ &= 7 \cdot (30 - 19) - 4 \cdot 19 \\ &= 7 \cdot 30 - 11 \cdot 19 \\ &= 7 \cdot 30 - 11 \cdot (79 - 2 \cdot 30) \\ &= 29 \cdot 30 - 11 \cdot 79 \\ &= 29 \cdot (267 - 3 \cdot 79) - 11 \cdot 79 \\ &= 29 \cdot 267 - 98 \cdot 79. \end{aligned}$$

□

Q.3 For three integers  $a, b, y$ , suppose that  $\gcd(a, y) = d_1$  and  $\gcd(b, y) = d_2$ . Prove that

$$\gcd(\gcd(a, b), y) = \gcd(d_1, d_2).$$

**Solution:** To begin, we show  $\gcd(\gcd(a, b), y) \leq \gcd(d_1, d_2)$ . Suppose that  $d \mid \gcd(a, b)$  and  $d \mid y$ . As  $d \mid \gcd(a, b)$  we know  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$ . Thus,  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid y$  so  $d \mid \gcd(a, y) = d_1$ . Similarly,  $d \mid b$  and  $d \mid y$  so  $d \mid \gcd(b, y) = d_2$ . Because  $d \mid d_1$  and  $d \mid d_2$  we know  $d \mid \gcd(d_1, d_2)$ . Hence we have  $d \leq \gcd(d_1, d_2)$ .

Next we show  $\gcd(d_1, d_2) \leq \gcd(\gcd(a, b), y)$ . Suppose that  $d \mid d_1$  and  $d \mid d_2$ . As  $d \mid \gcd(a, y) = d_1$  we know  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid y$ . Similarly, as  $d \mid \gcd(b, y) = d_2$ , we know  $d \mid b$  and  $d \mid y$ . Thus,  $d \mid a$ ,  $d \mid b$ , and  $d \mid y$ . Because  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$ , we show  $d \mid \gcd(a, b)$ . Then  $d \mid \gcd(a, b)$  and  $d \mid y$ . We know  $d \mid \gcd(\gcd(a, b), y)$ . The theorem follows.

[Alternate solution.] We can also prove this via unique prime factorizations. Let  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  be the first  $k$  primes for some large  $k$ , then for  $a, b$  and  $y$ , we can define sequences of integers (possibly zero)  $a_1, \dots, a_k, b_1, \dots, b_k$

and  $y_1, \dots, y_k$  such that

$$a = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i} = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_k^{a_k}, \quad b = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{b_i} \quad \text{and} \quad y = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{y_i}.$$

Now we have

$$\gcd(a, b) = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\min\{a_i, b_i\}} \quad \text{and} \quad \gcd(a, b) = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\min\{\min\{a_i, b_i\}, y_i\}}.$$

Similarly,

$$d_1 = \gcd(a, y) = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\min\{a_i, y_i\}} \quad \text{and} \quad d_2 = \gcd(b, y) = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\min\{b_i, y_i\}}$$

so

$$\gcd(d_1, d_2) = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\min\{\min\{a_i, y_i\}, \min\{b_i, y_i\}\}}.$$

But, since  $\min\{\min\{a_i, b_i\}, y_i\} = \min\{\min\{a_i, y_i\}, \min\{b_i, y_i\}\}$ , these values are equal.

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Q.4 Prove the following statement. If  $c|(a \cdot b)$ , then  $c|(a \cdot \gcd(b, c))$ .

**Solution:** Since  $c|(a \cdot b)$ , we know that  $kc = ab$  for some integer  $k$ . By Euclidean algorithm, we also know that  $\gcd(b, c) = sb + tc$  for some integers  $s$  and  $t$ . Thus, we have

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot \gcd(b, c) &= a \cdot (sb + tc) \\ &= asb + atc \\ &= skc + atc \\ &= (sk + at) \cdot c. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, we have  $c|(a \cdot \gcd(b, c))$ .

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Q.5 Solve the following modular equation.

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

**Solution:** Applying Euclidean algorithm, we have

$$312 = 3 \cdot 97 + 21$$

$$97 = 4 \cdot 21 + 13$$

$$21 = 1 \cdot 13 + 8$$

$$13 = 1 \cdot 8 + 5$$

$$8 = 1 \cdot 5 + 3$$

$$5 = 1 \cdot 3 + 2$$

$$3 = 1 \cdot 2 + 1.$$

Reading Euclidean algorithm backwards we have  $1 = 37 \cdot 312 - 119 \cdot 97$ . So,  $312 \cdot 37 \equiv 1 \pmod{97}$ . Thus,  $x \equiv 37 \cdot 3 \equiv 111 \equiv 14 \pmod{97}$ .

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Q.6 Find counterexamples to each of these statements about congruences.

- (a) If  $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$ , where  $a, b, c$ , and  $m$  are integers with  $m \geq 2$ , then  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .
- (b) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$ , where  $a, b, c, d$ , and  $m$  are integers with  $c$  and  $d$  positive and  $m \geq 2$ , then  $a^c \equiv b^d \pmod{m}$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) Let  $m = c = 2$ ,  $a = 0$  and  $b = 1$ . Then  $0 = ac \equiv bc = 2 \pmod{2}$ , but  $0 = a \not\equiv b = 1 \pmod{2}$ .
- (b) Let  $m = 5$ ,  $a = b = 3$ ,  $c = 1$ , and  $d = 6$ . Then  $3 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$  and  $1 \equiv 6 \pmod{5}$ , but  $3^1 = 3 \not\equiv 4 \equiv 3^6 \pmod{5}$ .

□

Q.7 Prove that if  $a$  and  $m$  are positive integer such that  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$  then the function

$$f : \{0, \dots, m-1\} \rightarrow \{0, \dots, m-1\}$$

defined by

$$f(x) = (a \cdot x) \bmod m$$

is a bijection.

**Solution:**

Since  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$  we know that  $a$  has an inverse modulo  $m$ . Let  $b$  be such an inverse, i.e.,

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

To show that  $f$  is a bijection, we need to show that it is one-to-one and onto. Let  $S = \{0, \dots, m-1\}$  denote the domain and codomain. We first show that  $f$  is one-to-one. Assume that  $x, y \in S$  and  $f(x) = f(y)$ , i.e.,

$$ax \bmod m = ay \bmod m.$$

This is equivalent to saying that

$$ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}.$$

Multiplying both sides by  $b$ , we have

$$bax \equiv bay \pmod{m},$$

which is just

$$x \equiv y \pmod{m}.$$

Thus,  $m|x - y$ . Note that since  $0 \leq x, y < m$ , we have  $|x - y| < m$ . Thus, this is only possible if  $x = y = 0$  or  $x = y$  as desired.

To show that  $f$  is onto, let  $z \in S$  be some element in the codomain. Let

$$x = bz \bmod m,$$

and note that  $x \in S$  and

$$ax \equiv abz \equiv z \pmod{m}.$$

Since  $z \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$ , this means that  $ax \bmod m = z$ . Thus,  $f(x) = z$ , as desired.

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Q.8 Convert the decimal expansion of each of these integers to a binary expansion.

(a) 231      (b) 4532

**Solution:** (a) 11100111

(b) 1000110110100

□

Q.9 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.

□

Q.10 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  $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$ .

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Q.11 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  $q_j - 1 \not\equiv 0$ . 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.

□

Q.12

- (1) Show that if  $n$  is an integer then  $n^2 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ .
- (2) Show that if  $m$  is a positive integer of the form  $4k + 3$  for some nonnegative integer  $k$ , then  $m$  is not the sum of the squares of two integers.

**Solution:**

- (1) There are two cases. If  $n$  is even, then  $n = 2k$  for some integer  $k$ , so  $n^2 = 4k^2$ , which means that  $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ . If  $n$  is odd, then  $n = 2k + 1$  for some integer  $k$ , so  $n^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 4(k^2 + k) + 1$ , which means that  $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .
- (2) By (1), the sum of two squares must be either  $0 + 0 = 0$ ,  $0 + 1 = 1$ , or  $1 + 1 = 2$ , modulo 4, never 3, and therefore not of the form  $4k + 3$ .

□

Q.13

- (a) State Fermat's little theorem.
- (b) Show that Fermat's little theorem does not hold if  $p$  is not prime.
- (c) Compute  $302^{302} \pmod{11}$ ,  $4762^{5367} \pmod{13}$ ,  $2^{39674} \pmod{523}$ .

**Solution:**

- (a) If  $p$  is prime and  $a$  is an integer not divisible by  $p$ , then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .
- (b) Take  $p = 4$  and  $a = 6$ . Note that 6 is not divisible by 4 and that

$$\begin{aligned} 6^{4-1} \pmod{4} &\equiv (3 \cdot 2)^3 \pmod{4} \\ &\equiv 2^3 \cdot 3^3 \pmod{4} \\ &\equiv 8 \cdot 3^3 \pmod{4} \\ &\equiv 0. \end{aligned}$$

- (c) By Fermat's little theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned} 302^{302} \pmod{11} &\equiv (27 \cdot 11 + 5)^{302} \pmod{11} \\ &\equiv 5^{302} \pmod{11} \\ &\equiv 5^{30 \cdot 10 + 2} \pmod{11} \\ &\equiv 5^2 \cdot (5^{10})^{30} \pmod{11} \\ &\equiv 5^2 \pmod{11} \\ &\equiv 3. \end{aligned}$$



Note that 13 is a prime. Then by Fermat's little theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 4762^{5367} \pmod{13} &\equiv (366 \cdot 13 + 4)^{5367} \pmod{13} \\
 &\equiv 4^{5367} \pmod{13} \\
 &\equiv 4^{447 \cdot 12 + 3} \pmod{13} \\
 &\equiv 4^3 \pmod{13} \\
 &\equiv 64 \pmod{13} \\
 &\equiv 12.
 \end{aligned}$$

Note that 523 is a prime. Then by Fermat's little theorem, we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^{39674} \pmod{523} &\equiv 2^{76 \cdot 522 + 2} \pmod{523} \\
 &\equiv 2^2 \pmod{523} \\
 &\equiv 4.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Q.14 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.15 Solve the system of congruence  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  and  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  using the methods of Chinese Remainder Theorem or back substitution.

**Solution:**

By definition, the first congruence can be written as  $x = 6t + 3$  where  $t$  is an integer. Substituting this expression for  $x$  into the second congruence tells us that  $6t + 3 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ , which can be easily be solved to show that

$t \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$ . From this we can write  $t = 7u + 6$  for some integer  $u$ . Thus,  $x = 6t + 3 = 6 \cdot (7u + 6) + 3 = 42u + 39$ . Thus, our answer is all numbers congruent to 39 modulo 42.

□

Q.16 For a collection of balls, the number is not known. If we count them by 2's, we have 1 left over; by 3's, we have nothing left; by 4, we have 1 left over; by 5, we have 4 left over; by 6, we have 3 left over; by 7, we have nothing left; by 8, we have 1 left over; by 9, nothing is left. How many balls are there? Give the details of your calculation.

**Solution:** This is equivalent to solve the following system of congruences:

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ x &\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ x &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ x &\equiv 4 \pmod{5} \\ x &\equiv 3 \pmod{6} \\ x &\equiv 0 \pmod{7} \\ x &\equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ x &\equiv 0 \pmod{9}. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$ , we have  $x = 6k + 3$  and further have  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . Thus,  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$  is redundant in the system and can be ignored. Note that  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  implies both  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$  and  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ , and  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$  implies  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . We thus have an equivalent but refreshed system of congruences as:

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 4 \pmod{5} \\ x &\equiv 0 \pmod{7} \\ x &\equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ x &\equiv 0 \pmod{9}. \end{aligned}$$

All the  $m_i$ 's are pairwise relatively prime, and we are able to use Chinese Remainder Theorem or back substitution to solve this system of congruences. Note that  $m = 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 = 2520$ ,  $M_1 = 7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 = 504$ ,  $M_2 = 5 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 = 360$ ,

$M_3 = 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 9 = 315$ , and  $M_4 = 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 8 = 280$ . By extended Euclidean algorithm, we have  $y_1 = 4$ ,  $y_2 = 5$ ,  $y_3 = 3$  and  $y_4 = 1$ . Then by Chinese Remainder Theorem, we have the solution is

$$x \equiv 4 * 504 * 4 + 0 + 1 * 315 * 3 + 0 \pmod{2520} \equiv 1449 \pmod{2520}.$$

□

Q.17 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.18 Recall that Euler's totient function  $\phi(n)$  counts the number of positive integers up to a given integer  $n$  that are coprime to  $n$ . Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 3$ ,  $\phi(n)$  is even.

**Solution:** If  $n$  is odd, for every integer  $a$  with  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , we also have  $\gcd(n - a, n) = \gcd(a, n) = 1$  and  $n - a \neq a$  for  $n$  odd. Thus,  $\phi(n)$  must be even for  $n$  odd.

For  $n$  even, we discuss two cases. If  $n = 4k + 2$  for an integer  $k$ , then we have

$$\phi(n) = \phi(4k + 2) = \phi(2)\phi(2k + 1) = \phi(2k + 1),$$

which is again odd, and thus is even. If  $n = 4k$  for an integer  $k$ , then we have

$$\phi(n) = \phi(4k) = \phi(4 \cdot 2^r k') = \phi(2^{r+2} k') = \phi(2^{r+2})\phi(k') = 2^{r+1}\phi(k'),$$

where  $k'$  is odd. Thus,  $\phi(n)$  is also even for  $n = 4k$ .

□

Q.19 Recall the RSA public key cryptosystem: Bob posts a public key  $(n, e)$  and keeps a secret key  $d$ . When Alice wants to send a message  $0 < M < n$  to Bob, she calculates  $C = M^e \pmod{n}$  and sends  $C$  to Bob. Bob then decrypts this by calculating  $C^d \pmod{n}$ . In class we learnt that in order to make this scheme work,  $n, e, d$  must have special properties.

For each of the three public/secret key pairs listed below, answer whether it is a **valid** set of RSA public/secret key pairs (whether the pair satisfies the required properties), and explain your answer.

(a)  $(n, e) = (91, 25), d = 51$

(b)  $(n, e) = (91, 25), d = 49$

(c)  $(n, e) = (84, 25), d = 37$

**Solution:**

Recall that the conditions for a pair to be correct is

- (i)  $n = pq$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are prime numbers

(ii)  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$ , where  $\phi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$ .

(a)  $(n, e) = (91, 25)$ ,  $d = 51$

This is not a valid key pair. It is true that  $n = 7 \cdot 13$ , so  $p, q$  are prime. But  $\phi(n) = 72$ , and  $25 \cdot 51 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{72}$ .

(b)  $(n, e) = (91, 25)$ ,  $d = 49$

This is a valid key pair since  $n = 7 \cdot 13$ , and  $25 \cdot 49 \equiv 1 \pmod{72}$ .

(c) This is not a valid key pair since  $n = 7 \cdot 12$  and 12 is not a prime.

□

Q.20 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  $d' = e^{-1} \pmod{\lambda(n)}$ . Will decryption using  $d'$  instead of  $d$  still work? (prove  $C^{d'} \pmod{n} = M$ )

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

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

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

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

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

Then

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

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

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

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