

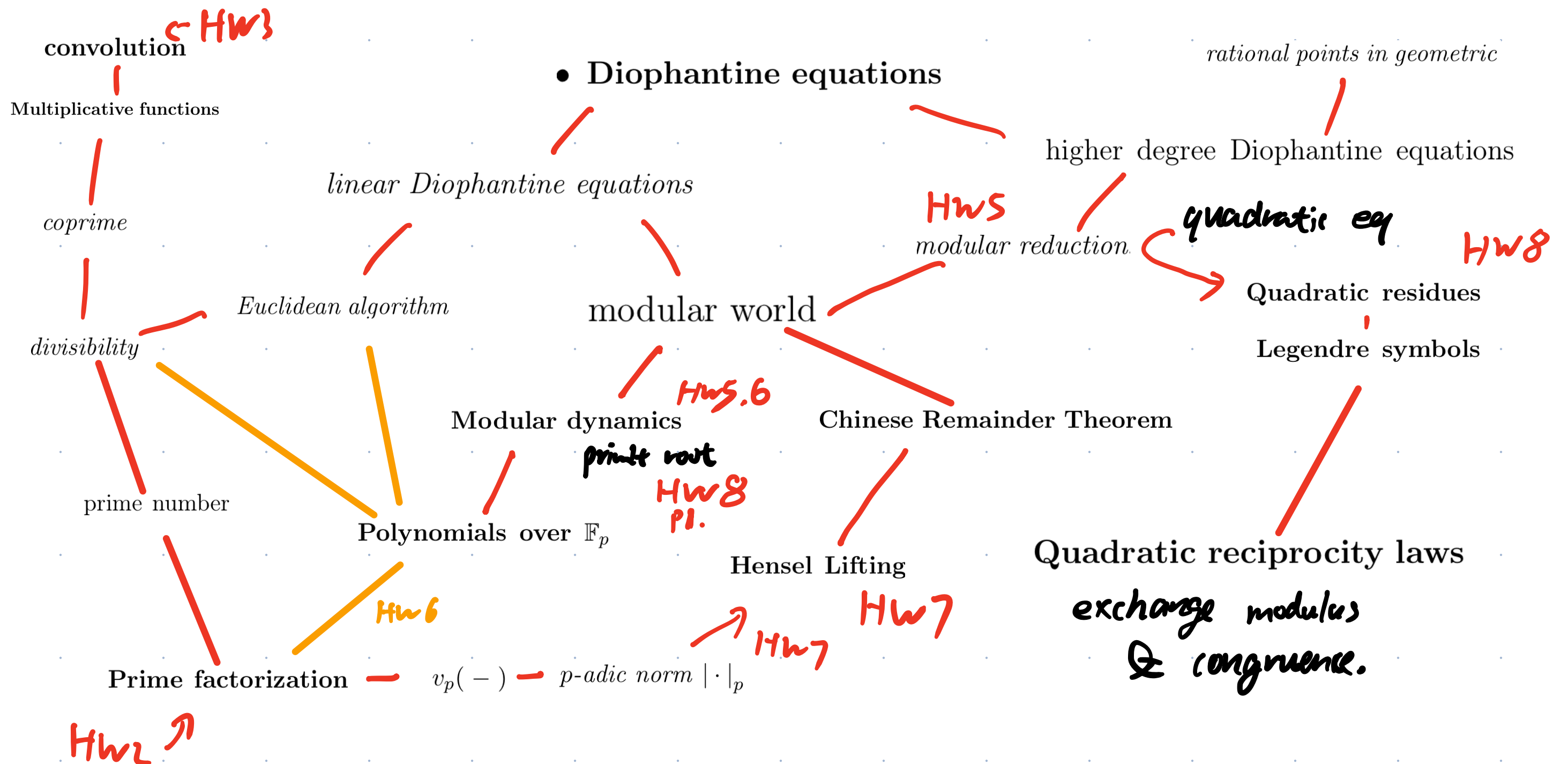
# SETS:

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# Outline of Final

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The followings are topics in each lecture

Lecture 1: Euclidean algorithm

Lecture 2: GCD and the solvability of the linear Diophantine equation  $ax + by = c$ .

Lecture 3: LCM and the solution set of the homogeneous linear Diophantine equation  $ax + by = 0$ .

Lecture 4: General solutions of the linear Diophantine equation  $ax + by = c$ .

Lecture 5: Hasse diagram, prime numbers, coprime, and Prime Factorization.

Lecture 6: Unique Prime Factorization property, the function  $V_p(-)$ .

Lecture 7: Distributions of prime numbers, divisor set, and multiplicative functions.

Lecture 8: Multiplicative functions, Mersenne primes, rational numbers.

Lecture 9: Irrational number, algebraic number, and transcendental number.

HW 1

HW 2

HW 3 convolution

Lecture 10: Diophantine approximation, Ford circles, and kiss of fractions.

Lecture 11: Dirichlet's approximation theorem and mediant of fractions.

Lecture 12: Pythagorean triples, rational points in circles, and modular world. 

Lecture 13: Modular world and additive modular dynamics.

Lecture 14: Modular dynamics.

Lecture 15: Fermat's little theorem and primality testings.

Lecture 16: Similarity between additive modular dynamics and multiplicative modular dynamics, primitive roots.

Lecture 17: primitive root theorem

Lecture 18: Polynomials mod  $p$

Lecture 19: Polynomials mod  $p$  and Chinese remainder theorem

HW 9

HWS

HW 6

HW 8 P1

Lecture 20: Chinese remainder theorem

Practice it by yourself !!

Lecture 21: Hensel's lemma **HW7**

Lecture 22: Quadratic residue

Lecture 23: Legendre symbols and Quadratic Reciprocity Law

**HW8**  
**Prob 3.**

Lecture 24-26: prove the Quadratic Reciprocity Law

Lecture 26-27: applications of Quadratic Reciprocity Law

Q1: Solve  $x^2 \equiv 22 \pmod{63}$

Step 1: Prime factorization  $63 = 7 \times 9$

Step 2: Solve  $x^2 \equiv 22 \pmod{63}$

$(\leadsto) x^2 \equiv 22 \pmod{7} \quad \& \quad x^2 \equiv 22 \pmod{9}$

2.1)  $x^2 \equiv 22 \pmod{7}$   
 $\equiv 1 \pmod{7}$  has solutions  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$   
and  $x \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$

2.2)  $x^2 \equiv 22 \pmod{9}$   
 $\equiv 4 \pmod{9}$  has solutions  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$   
and  $x \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$

Step 3: Use CRT to combine the solutions.

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{or } x \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$$

$$\text{or } x \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$$

$2 \times 2 = 4$  cases:

|              | $1 \pmod{7}$   | $6 \pmod{7}$  |
|--------------|--|---|
| $2 \pmod{9}$ | $1 \cdot (-3) \cdot 9$<br>$+ 2 \cdot (4) \cdot 7$<br>$= 29$      | $6 \cdot (-3) \cdot 9$<br>$+ 2 \cdot (4) \cdot 7$<br>$= -106 \equiv 20$ |
| $7 \pmod{9}$ | $1 \cdot (-3) \cdot 9$<br>$+ 7 \cdot (4) \cdot 7$<br>$\equiv 43$ | $6 \cdot (-3) \cdot 9$<br>$+ 7 \cdot (4) \cdot 7$<br>$\equiv 34$        |

$M$  = product of moduli  
 $M_i = M/m_i$        $M = 63$

$$m_1 = 7 \quad m_2 = 9$$

$$M_1 = 9 \quad M_2 = 7$$

$$N_1 M_1 + N_2 M_2 = 1$$

$$-3 \cdot 9 \quad 4 \cdot 7$$

$$x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i} \text{ for all } i$$

$$a_1 = 1 \quad a_2 = 2$$

$$x \equiv \sum a_i N_i M_i \pmod{M}$$

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Only need the final answer being natural rep.

Q2: Solve  $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$

↑ It is already a prime power.  
So No CRT.

Step 1 (Reduce to prime modulus)

$$x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

The solutions are :  $0, 1, -1$  ✓

Step 2 (Hensel's lifting)

First check  $f'(a) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$   $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1 \equiv 2x + 1 \pmod{3}$

$$f'(-1) = 2 \cdot (-1) + 1 = -1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad \checkmark$$

Then we can lift it :

$$x_1 \equiv -1 \pmod{3} \quad \& \quad f(x_1) \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$



$$x_1 = -1 + 3 \cdot t$$

$$x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$3x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$f(-1) + f'(-1) \cdot 3 \cdot t \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

TWO WAYS TO find  $t$ :

① lifting of multiplicative inverse

$$0 + 2 \cdot 3 \cdot t \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

in general, could be nonzero

$$3 \cdot t \equiv \boxed{2^{-1}} \cdot 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$\equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

obtained by lift inverse of 2 mod 3 to mod 9.

② descend to mod 3  $p \mid f(a), p \mid p, p \nmid 0$

$$0 + 2 \cdot t \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad \text{9/3}$$

$$t \equiv \boxed{2^{-1}} \cdot 0 \pmod{3}$$

just the inverse of 2 mod 3.

$$x_1 = -1 + 2 \cdot t = -1 \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$

Let's lift  $x_1 = 8$  to mod 27.

$$x_2 = 8 + 9 \cdot T$$

$$x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$3x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$f(x_1) + f'(x_1) \cdot 9 \cdot T \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$$

$$8^3 + 8^2 + 8 + 1 + (3 \cdot 8^2 + 2 \cdot 8 + 1) \cdot 9 \cdot T \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$$

$$18 + 20 \cdot 9 \cdot T \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$$

① lift  $20^{-1} \pmod{9}$  to mod 27

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 2 + 20 \cdot T \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$2 + 2T \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$T \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$

$$x_2 = 8 + 9 \cdot 8$$

$$= 80 \pmod{27}$$

$$\equiv 26 \pmod{27}.$$

Q3: For which  $p$ ,  $2x^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{p}$  has a solution?

$p=2$ :  $LHS \equiv 0$   $0 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{2}$  no sol

$p$  is odd.

$2x^2 \equiv 5 \pmod{p}$  has a solution

$\Leftrightarrow$

$x^2 \equiv 2^{-1} \cdot 5 \pmod{p}$  has a solution.

$\Leftrightarrow$

$2^{-1} \cdot 5$  is a QR mod  $p$

$\Leftrightarrow$

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)^{-1} \cdot \left(\frac{5}{p}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{2^{-1} \cdot 5}{p}\right) = \text{either } 0 \text{ or } 1$$

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right)^{-1} = \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) \neq 1 \Leftrightarrow p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$$

$\Leftrightarrow$   
 $p|5$  i.e.  $p=5$

$$\Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{2^{-1} \cdot 5}{p}\right) = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \mathbb{F}(p) \ni g^e & \longleftrightarrow & \bar{e} \in \mathbb{Z}/p-1 \\ \uparrow \text{primitive root.} & & \\ -1 & \longleftrightarrow & \frac{p-1}{2} \end{array}$$

Homework 8 (due Dec. 2)

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**Problem 1.** Let  $p$  be an odd prime. Recall that a primitive root modulo  $p$  is an integer  $g$  such that  $p - 1$  is the smallest positive integer  $e$  such that

$$g^e \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

The map preserves the binary operation on  $\mathbb{F}_p^\times$ : multi,  $\bar{1}$

- (a) (5 pts) Consider  $\mathbb{F}_p^\times = \mathbb{F}_p \setminus \{0\}$ . Show that there is an *isomorphism* (a bijective map preserving addition, multiplication, zero, and one) from  $\mathbb{F}_p^\times$  to  $\mathbb{Z}/(p-1)$ . of groups

*Hint.* First show that  $\mathbb{F}_p^\times = \{g^e \mid 0 \leq e < p-1\}$ , where  $g$  is a primitive root. (Why there is a primitive root?)  $g^e \mapsto \bar{e}$

on  $\mathbb{F}_p^\times$ : multi,  $\bar{1}$

on  $\mathbb{Z}/p-1$ : add,  $\bar{0}$

- (b) (5 pts) Use a primitive root  $g$  to demonstrate that  $-1$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $p$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .  $\exists x \in \mathbb{F}_p^\times$  s.t.  $x^2 = -1 = g^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$

- (c) (5 pts) Use a primitive root  $g$  to prove the *Wilson Theorem*:  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .  $x = g^e$

*Hint.* First show that  $(p-1)! \equiv g^{1+2+\dots+(p-2)} \pmod{p}$ .  $(p-1)!$  prod of all elem in  $\mathbb{F}_p^\times \rightarrow$  sum of all elem in  $\mathbb{Z}/p-1$

$a = g^e$  is QR

$\exists x$  s.t.  $x^2 = a$

$x = g^f$   $g^{2f} = g^e$   $2f \equiv e \pmod{p-1}$  if  $\equiv e \pmod{p-1}$  then  $\uparrow$  force  $p-1$  even

- (d) (5 pts) Given a primitive root  $g$ , and an integer  $a \in \mathbb{F}(p)$ , prove that  $a$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $p$  if and only if  $a \equiv g^e \pmod{p}$  for an even number  $e$ . Use this to prove the *Euler's Theorem on quadratic residues*:  $1 + \dots + p-2 = \frac{(p-2)(p-1)}{2}$

$a$  is a quadratic residue  $\iff a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .  $(g^{\frac{p-1}{2}})^{p-2}$  has to be  $-1$

$$g^{e \cdot \frac{p-1}{2}} = (g^{\frac{p-1}{2}})^e = (-1)^e = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{even} \\ -1 & \text{odd} \end{cases}$$

**Problem 2** (10 pts). Let  $p$  be an odd prime. Compute the Legendre symbols

$$\left(\frac{\frac{p-1}{2}}{p}\right) \quad \text{and} \quad \left(\frac{\frac{p+3}{2}}{p}\right) \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{p+3}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{3}{p}\right)$$

The results should be stated in language of congruence class of  $p$  modulo a certain modulus independent of  $p$ . Namely, the conditions in the results should be of the form:

$$p \equiv \text{---} \pmod{m},$$

where  $m$  is a modulus independent of  $p$ .

*Hint.* Use the complete multiplicativity of Legendre symbol.

**Problem 3.** Consider the polynomial  $f(T) = T^2 + T + 1$ . The purpose of this problem is to figure out for which prime  $p$ ,  $f(T)$  is irreducible modulo  $p$ .

- (a) (3 pts) Show that  $f(T)$  is irreducible modulo 2.

*Hint.* Use Problem 2 (a) from HW 6.

Hence, we may assume  $p$  is odd. In what follows, we keep this assumption.

(b) (3 pts) Find an integer polynomial of the form  $(T + a)^2 + q$  such that

$$f(T) \equiv (T + a)^2 + q \pmod{p}.$$

*Hint.* Note that  $p$  is odd.

(c) (3 pts) Argue that  $f(T)$  is irreducible if and only if  $q$  (the leftover term in 3.(b)) is a quadratic non-residue modulo  $p$ .  $\Leftrightarrow \exists \alpha \text{ s.t. } f(\alpha) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Equivalently,  $f(T)$  is irreducible if and only if  $\alpha + a$   
 $(\alpha + a)^2 - q \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

$$\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = -1.$$

(d) (6 pts) Conclude the condition for  $f(T)$  being irreducible modulo  $p$  in language of congruence of  $p$  modulo a certain modulus independent of  $p$ . Namely, the condition should be of the form:

$$p \equiv \text{---} \pmod{m},$$

where  $m$  is a modulus independent of  $p$ .