

M328K Homework 5

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0.1 3.7.8

$18x + 33y = 549$ where $x, y > 0$ and $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

Find: $\min(x + y)$

We first find $x, y > 0$ such that $18x + 33y = (18, 33) = 3$

By inspection, $18(2) + 33(-1) = 3$ is a solution to the above equation.

$$549 = 183(3)$$

$$= 183(18(2) + 33(-1))$$

$$= (183)18(2) + (183)33(-1)$$

$$= 18(366) + 33(-183).$$

$$\therefore \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, 549 = 18(366 - 33(n)) + 33(-183 + 18(n)).$$

$$\therefore 549 = 18(3) + 33(15) \text{ when } n = 11$$

$$n > 11 \rightarrow x < 0 \text{ and } n < 11 \rightarrow y < 0.$$

$$\therefore n = 11, x = 3, y = 15.$$

$$\therefore \min(x + y) = 3 + 15 = 18.$$

0.2 4.1.26

Show that if $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{m}$ and $a^{k+1} \equiv b^{k+1} \pmod{m}$ where $a, b, k, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $k, m > 0$ such that $(a, m) = 1$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$. Is $(a, m) = 1$ required to show this?

$$a^{k+1} \equiv b^{k+1} \pmod{m}$$

$$a \cdot a^k \equiv b \cdot b^k \pmod{m}$$

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$$a^k \perp m \leftrightarrow a \nmid m \text{ by the fundamental theorem of arithmetic.}$$

$$(a, m) = 1.$$

$$\therefore a \nmid m$$

$$\therefore a^k \perp m$$

$$a^k \perp m \rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{m} \text{ by modular division by numbers coprime to the modulus.}$$

If $(a, m) \neq 1$ then modular division would be prohibited and the result could not be shown.

0.3 4.1.30

Show $4^n \equiv 1 + 3n \pmod{9} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ using induction.

Base case:

If $n = 1$, then $4^1 \equiv 1 + 3(1) \pmod{9} \therefore 4 \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$

Inductive Step:

Suppose the conclusion is valid for $n = k$.

That is, suppose we have $4^n \equiv 1 + 3n \pmod{9}$.

$\therefore 4(4^n) \equiv 4(1 + 3n) \pmod{9}$

$\therefore 4^{n+1} \equiv 4 + 12n \pmod{9}$

$\therefore 4^{n+1} \equiv 4 + 3n \pmod{9} \therefore 9n \equiv 0 \pmod{9} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$\therefore 4^{n+1} \equiv 1 + 3(n + 1) \pmod{9}$, so the conclusion holding for $n = k$ implies that it hold for $n = k + 1$, and $4^n \equiv 1 + 3n \pmod{9} \quad \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$.

0.4 4.1.34

Show that if $p \in \mathbf{P}$ and $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, the solutions to $x^2 \equiv x \pmod{p^k}$ can be represented as the set $\{x \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid x \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k} \text{ or } x \equiv 1 \pmod{p^k}\}$.

$p^k \mid (x^2 - x)$ by the definition of modulus.

$\therefore p^k \mid x(x - 1)$.

\therefore either $p^k \mid x$ or $p^k \mid (x - 1)$ because $x \perp (x - 1) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Case $p^k \mid x$:

$p^k \mid (x - 0)$

$\therefore x \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k}$.

Case $p^k \mid (x - 1)$:

$x \equiv 1 \pmod{p^k}$ by definition of modulo.

\therefore either $x \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k}$ or $x \equiv 1 \pmod{p^k} \quad \forall p \in \mathbf{P}, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$