

Assignment: Project 2

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1. State the theorem that we called Extended Euclid.

Let a, b be integers with at least one of a, b non-zero

Then \exists integers s, t such that $as + bt = \gcd(a, b)$

In particular, if a, b are relatively prime, $as + bt = 1$

2. We said in class that any positive integer > 1 can be written uniquely in canonical form. Write 34720 in canonical form.

Canonical form: factorization of a number into primes.

Factorization:

34720

$2 * 17360$

$2 * 2 * 8680$

$2 * 2 * 2 * 4340$

$2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * 2170$

$2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * 1085$

$2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * 5 * 217$

$2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * 2 * 5 * 7 * 31$

Therefore, the canonical form of 34720 is $2^5 * 5 * 7 * 31$.

3. Define congruence exactly as we defined it in class.

Let n be a positive integer

two integers a, b are said to be congruent modulo n written $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

if $a - b = kn$ for some integer k

4. Suppose $n = 1! + 2! + 3! + \dots + 100!$

Use congruence to find the remainder when n is divided by 12. This requires an argument, not a calculator. Show your work.

Let a be an integer where $a > 4$

As such, $a! = 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 * \dots * a$

Thus $a \bmod(12) \equiv 0$ because $a!$ has factors 3 and 4 which have a product of 12 which shows that a is a multiple of 12

Now let b, c be integers such that b and c are multiples of 12.

This means that b can be written as $12 * d$ and c can be written as $12 * e$ for some integers d, e

As such, $b + c = 12d + 12e$

$$12d + 12e = 12(d + e)$$

$$\text{Thus, } (b + c) \bmod 12 \equiv 0$$

By this reasoning, $(1! + 2! + 3! + \dots + 100!) \bmod 12 \equiv (1! + 2! + 3! + 4!) \bmod 12 + 0$

Since $4!$ also contains factors 3 and 4 which have a product of 12, $4! \bmod(12) \equiv 0$ as well

$$\text{Thus } (1! + 2! + 3! + 4!) \bmod 12 \equiv (1! + 2! + 3!) \bmod 12 \equiv (1 + 2 + 6) \bmod 12 \equiv 9$$

Therefore, since $n \bmod(12) \equiv 9$, the remainder when n is divided by 12 is 9

5. Use Extended Euclid to prove Euclid's Lemma: if $a|bc$ with a and b relatively prime, then $a|c$

From Extended Euclid, $\gcd(a, b) = as + bt$.

Since a and b are relatively prime, $as + bt = 1$.

By multiplying both sides with c , $c = c(as + bt) = cas + cbt$.

The above lemma assumes $a|bc$, so we can say $a|cas$ and $a|cbt$.

Thus, $a|(cas + cbt)$ too.

Because $cas + cbt = c$, then $a|c$.

6. Prove that any two integers are congruent mod 1

Let a, b be integers.

1 is the smallest positive integer and any number divided by 1 leaves a remainder of 0.

Thus, a and b are congruent $\bmod 1$ for all a, b since their remainder when divided by 1 will always be equivalent (0).

7. Prove that any two integers are congruent mod 2 if both are even or both are odd

Let a belong to the set of positive integers and b belong to the set of negative integers.

$$a = 2n$$

$$b = 2n + 1$$

Isolating n in both equations, we get

$$\frac{a}{2} = n$$

$$\frac{b}{2} = n + \frac{1}{2}$$

If a is the set of negative integers and b is the set of positive integers, then a similar case is produced.

$$a = 2n + 1 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{2} = n + \frac{1}{2}$$

$$b = 2n \Rightarrow \frac{b}{2} = n$$

So, a and b cannot be equal if their signs are different.

Thus, any two integers can be congruent $\text{mod } 2$ only if $a, b > 0$ or if $a, b < 0$.

8. Prove the Modulus Addition Theorem

*Let x, y, p, n be integers with $n > 0$
if $x \equiv y \pmod{n}$, then $x \equiv (y + pn) \pmod{n}$*

By definition of congruence, $x \equiv (y + pn) \pmod{n}$ shows that $x - (y + pn) = kn$ for some integer k

$$x - (y + pn) = kn$$

$$\Rightarrow x - (y) - pn = kn$$

$$\Rightarrow x - (y) = kn + pn$$

$$\Rightarrow x - (y) = n(k + p)$$

Since $(k + p)$ is the sum of two integers, $(k + p)$ must also be an integer

As such, $x \equiv (y) \pmod{n}$

Therefore, if $x \equiv (y) \pmod{n}$, then $x \equiv (y + pn) \pmod{n}$ where x, y, p, n are integers with $n > 0$.

9. Use properties of congruence and the principle of mathematical inductions to show that for any positive integer, k,

if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ then $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n}$

$$k = 1$$

So, $n | (a - b)$ such that $(a - b) \pmod{n} = 0$.

Thus, $a^1 - b^1 \equiv (a - b) \pmod{n}$ such that $a^1 \equiv b^1$.

$$k = m + 1$$

Assume $a^m \equiv b^m \pmod{n}$.

By induction, $a^{m+1} = a^m * a = b^m * b$.

By congruence, $(a - b) \pmod{n} = 0$.

As such, $(a^m * a - b^m * b) \pmod{n} \Rightarrow (a^m - b^m) * (a - b) \pmod{n} = 0 * \pmod{n} = 0$

Therefore, $a^{m+1} \equiv b^{m+1} \pmod{n}$.

Thus, $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n}$ for any positive integer k.

10. Use the result from 9 (plus other properties of congruence) to show that 41 divides $2^{20} - 1$

$$2^5 \pmod{41} \equiv 32 \pmod{41} \equiv -9$$

By the property proven in question 9, $(-9)^2 \equiv 2^{10} \pmod{41}$

$$81 \equiv 2^{10} \pmod{41}$$

$$81 + 1 \bmod(41) \equiv 2^{10} \bmod(41) + 1 \bmod(41)$$

$$82 \equiv (2^{10} + 1) \bmod(41)$$

$$82 = 2 * 41, \text{ so } 82 \bmod(41) \equiv 0$$

$$(2^{10} + 1) \bmod(41) \equiv 0$$

$$(2^{10} - 1)(2^{10} + 1) \bmod(41) \equiv 0$$

$$\text{Therefore } (2^{20} - 1) \bmod(41) \equiv 0$$