

**BBM 205 - Discrete Structures: Quiz 5 - Solutions**  
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1. (5 points) What is the remainder of  $63^{9601}$  divided by 220?

**Solution:** Note that  $\gcd(63, 220) = \gcd(9 \cdot 7, 2^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11) = 1$ . Thus, by Euler's theorem,

$$63^{\Phi(220)} \equiv 1 \pmod{220}.$$

We can calculate  $\Phi(220)$  by using the distinct prime divisors of 220 as  $p_1 = 2$ ,  $p_2 = 5$ ,  $p_3 = 11$ .

$$\Phi(220) = 220 \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_3}\right) = 220 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{10}{11} = 80.$$

So,  $63^{80} \equiv 1 \pmod{220}$ . Therefore,

$$\begin{aligned} 63^{9601} \pmod{220} &\equiv 63^1 \cdot (63^{80})^{120} \pmod{220} \equiv \\ &\equiv 63^1 \cdot 1^{120} \pmod{220} \equiv 63 \pmod{220}. \end{aligned}$$

2. (5 points) Simplify the following expression  $3^{33} \pmod{11}$  using Fermat's Little Theorem.

**Solution:**

$$3^{33} \pmod{11} \equiv 3^3 \cdot (3^{10})^3 \pmod{11} \equiv 27 \cdot 1^3 \pmod{11} \equiv 5 \pmod{11}.$$

3. Bob would like to receive encrypted messages from Alice via RSA.

(a) (2 points) Bob chooses  $p = 7$  and  $q = 11$ . His public key is  $(N, e)$ . What is  $N$ ?

**Solution:**  $N = pq = 77$ .

(b) (2 points) What number is  $e$  relatively prime to?

**Solution:**  $e$  must be relatively prime to  $(p - 1)(q - 1) = 60$ .

(c) (2 points)  $e$  need not be prime itself, but what is the smallest prime number  $e$  can be? Use this value for  $e$  in all subsequent computations.

**Solution:** We cannot take  $e = 2, 3, 5$ , so we take  $e = 7$ .

(d) (2 points) What is  $\gcd(e, (p - 1)(q - 1))$ ?

**Solution:** By the RSA method's definition,  $\gcd(e, (p - 1)(q - 1)) = 1$ .

(e) (2 points) What is the decryption exponent  $d$ ? Do not calculate  $d$ , only describe what condition  $d$  should satisfy.

**Solution:** The decryption exponent is  $d = e^{-1} \pmod{60}$