

## Assignment 2, due 9/27, before class

1. (30) Textbook problems 1.11, 1.12, 1.13. For these problems, use the the modular arithmetic rules we learned in class (ref. “algNumbers.pdf”, and Chapter 1 in textbook). You may also find the following fact useful:

**Definition 0.1** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_N^* = \{a \in \mathbb{Z}_N \mid \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$  (i.e., set of integers co-prime with  $N$ ). Let  $x$  denote the order of  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$ . Then, without loss of generality, if  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ :

$$a^y \bmod N = a^{y \bmod x} \bmod N$$

where  $y \geq 0$ .

**Example of how to apply the definition:** Find  $4^{50} \bmod 9$ .

Here  $N = 9$ , So,  $\mathbb{Z}_N^* = \mathbb{Z}_9^* = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$ , and so,  $x = |\mathbb{Z}_9^*| = 6$ .  $y = 50$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 4^{50} \bmod 9 &= 4^{50 \bmod 6} \bmod 9 \\ &= 4^2 \bmod 9 \\ &= 16 \bmod 9 \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

As you can guess, the rule will be useful only when  $y \geq x$ , which it is, in our 3 problems.<sup>1</sup>

2. (40 points) We had worked out a few examples of Euclid’s algorithm and the extended Euclidean algorithm in class. Use that as a reference to solve the following:
  - (a) Find  $d = \gcd(423, 128)$ . Are they co-prime? Now find integers  $x, y$ , such that  $d = x \cdot 423 + y \cdot 128$ .
  - (b) Find  $d = \gcd(588, 210)$ . Are they co-prime? Now find integers  $x, y$ , such that  $d = x \cdot 588 + y \cdot 210$ .
  - (c) Find  $d = \gcd(420, 96)$ . Are they co-prime? Now find integers  $x, y$ , such that  $d = x \cdot 420 + y \cdot 96$ .
  - (d) Find  $d = \gcd(33, 27)$ . Are they co-prime? Now find integers  $x, y$ , such that  $d = x \cdot 33 + y \cdot 27$ .
3. (15 points) In class, we had computed multiplicative inverses of elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ . Find the multiplicative inverses of all elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}$ .
4. (15 points) Textbook problem 1.17.

How to submit: Upload your **pdf** file on Canvas. You can use my posted template if you wish, for typesetting your assignment, but aren’t required to do so.

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<sup>1</sup>This rule holds for *any* group  $G$ , but we have only considered the special case of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$ .