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ASSIGNMENT 6

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## 1 Q1

$p$  is prime  $\Rightarrow \varphi(p) = p - 1$ , so when  $k = 1$ ,  $\varphi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}$   
 Assume when  $k = n$ ,  $\varphi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}$   
 Then when  $k = n + 1$ , it's clear that numbers are relative prime to  $p^k$  are still relative to  $p^{k+1}$ . If  $a$  and  $p^k$  are relative prime, then  $\gcd(a, p^{k+1}) = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(a + n \cdot p^k, p^{k+1}) = 1 (n < p)$   
 $\therefore \forall a$ , there will exist more  $(p-1)$  numbers which relative prime to  $p^{k+1}$   
 $\therefore \varphi(p^{k+1}) = p \cdot \varphi(p^k) = p^{k+1} - p^k$   
 According to induction,  $\varphi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}$

## 2 Q2

$n^3 + 2n = n(n^2 + 2)$   
 $n(-n^3 - 3n) + n^4 + 3n^2 + 1 = 1 \Rightarrow n$  and  $n^4 + 3n^2 + 1$  are relatively prime.  
 $(n^2 + 2)(n^2 + 1) - (n^4 + 3n^2 + 1) = 1 \Rightarrow n^2 + 2$  and  $n^4 + 3n^2 + 1$  are relatively prime.  
 $\therefore n^3 + 2n$  and  $n^4 + 3n^2 + 1$  are relatively prime.

## 3 Q3

Assume  $G = \{a^n | n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ ,  $H \leq G$ ,  $H = \{a^k | k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ , if  $i$  is the least number of  $k$ .  
 According to the division algorithm,  $\forall k = mi + j (j < i, m \in \mathbb{Z})$   
 If  $j = 0 \Rightarrow i = mn \Rightarrow n | i \Rightarrow H$  is cyclic.  
 If  $\exists j \neq 0$ , which means  $H$  is not cyclic  $\Rightarrow a^{-k} = a^{-mi-j}$   
 $\therefore a^i \in H \Rightarrow a^{mi} \in H \Rightarrow a^{mi} \cdot a^{-mi-j} = a^{-j} \in H \Rightarrow a^j \in H \Rightarrow j < i$ , which leads a contradiction  $i$  is the least number of  $k$ .  
 $\therefore j = 0$  and  $H$  is cyclic.

## 4 Q4

Assume  $3 \nmid ab \Rightarrow (3 \nmid a) \wedge (3 \nmid b)$   
 if  $a = 3k + 1, (k \in \mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow a^2 = 9k^2 + 6k + 1 \Rightarrow a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$   
 if  $a = 3k + 2, (k \in \mathbb{Z}) \Rightarrow a^2 = 9k^2 + 12k + 4 \Rightarrow a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$   
 $\therefore a^2 \equiv b^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow c^2 \equiv a^2 + b^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$   
 if  $c = 3k, c^2 = 9k^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  So there doesn't exist  $c$  such  $c^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , which leads to a contradiction.  
 $\therefore 3 | ab$

## 5 Q5

$((\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z})^*, \otimes_{11}) = \{[1]_{11}, [2]_{11}, [3]_{11}, [4]_{11}, [5]_{11}, [6]_{11}, [7]_{11}, [8]_{11}, [9]_{11}, [10]_{11}\}$

$[2]_{11}^2 = [4]_{11}, [2]_{11}^3 = [8]_{11}, [2]_{11}^4 = [5]_{11}, [2]_{11}^5 = [10]_{11}, [2]_{11}^6 = [9]_{11}, [2]_{11}^7 = [7]_{11}$   
 $[2]_{11}^8 = [3]_{11}, [2]_{11}^9 = [6]_{11}, [2]_{11}^{10} = [1]_{11}$   
 The generator is  $[2]_{11}$

## 6 Q6

$e = [1]_{89}, [12]_{89} \otimes [52]_{89} = [1]_{89}$   
 The inverse is  $[52]_{89}$

## 7 Q7

$[27]_{56}^2 = [1]_{56} = e$   
 Its order is 2.

## 8 Q8

$((\mathbb{Z}/14\mathbb{Z}^*, \otimes_{14}) = \{[1]_{14}, [3]_{14}, [5]_{14}, [9]_{14}, [11]_{14}, [13]_{14}\}$   
 $[3]_{14}^2 = [9]_{14}, [3]_{14}^3 = [13]_{14}, [3]_{14}^4 = [11]_{14}, [3]_{14}^5 = [5]_{14}, [3]_{14}^6 = [1]_{14}$   
 $\therefore (\mathbb{Z}/14\mathbb{Z}^*$  is a cyclic group.

## 9 Q9

$\otimes 9$	$[1]_9$	$[2]_9$	$[4]_9$	$[5]_9$	$[7]_9$	$[8]_9$
$[1]_9$	$[1]_9$	$[2]_9$	$[4]_9$	$[5]_9$	$[7]_9$	$[8]_9$
$[2]_9$	$[2]_9$	$[4]_9$	$[8]_9$	$[1]_9$	$[5]_9$	$[7]_9$
$[4]_9$	$[4]_9$	$[8]_9$	$[7]_9$	$[2]_9$	$[1]_9$	$[5]_9$
$[5]_9$	$[5]_9$	$[1]_9$	$[2]_9$	$[7]_9$	$[8]_9$	$[4]_9$
$[7]_9$	$[7]_9$	$[5]_9$	$[1]_9$	$[8]_9$	$[4]_9$	$[2]_9$
$[8]_9$	$[8]_9$	$[7]_9$	$[5]_9$	$[4]_9$	$[2]_9$	$[1]_9$

Table 1: Cayley Table

It's cyclic because  $[2]_9^2 = [4]_9, [2]_9^3 = [8]_9, [2]_9^4 = [7]_9, [2]_9^5 = [5]_9, [2]_9^6 = [1]_9$