

1. An arithmetic sequence has first term 2 and common difference 4. Another arithmetic sequence has first term 7 and common difference 5. Find the set of numbers which are members of both sequences.

Let the first sequence be $\{a_n\}$ and the second $\{b_n\}$.

$$\Rightarrow a_n = 4n - 2, \quad b_n = 5n + 2.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \{a_n\} \cap \{b_n\} &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, x \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \text{ and } x \geq 7\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x \equiv 2 \pmod{20}, x \geq 7\} \\ &= \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid x = 20k + 2, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+\} \end{aligned}$$

2. What is the remainder when 314^{164} is divided by 165? Make sure to justify your answer.

$$165 = 3 \times 5 \times 11$$

By FLT.

$$314^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow 314^{160} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$314^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow 314^{160} \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow 314^{160} \equiv 1 \pmod{3 \times 5 \times 11}$$

$$314^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11} \Rightarrow 314^{160} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$314^4 \equiv (-16)^4 \equiv 91^2 \equiv 31 \pmod{165}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 314^{164} \equiv 31 \times 1 \equiv 31 \pmod{165}$$

3. Show that every cyclic group of order greater than two has at least two generators.

Let G be a cyclic group. $|G| > 2$

Let $\langle a \rangle = G$. Then $a^i = (a^{-1})^{-i}$ for any $a^i \in \langle a \rangle$.

$\Rightarrow \langle a^{-1} \rangle = G$. Therefore there must be at

least two generators a, a^{-1} .

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4. (a) Show that $a_n \times 10^n + a_{n-1} \times 10^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 \times 10 + a_0 \equiv a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - a_3 + \dots + (-1)^n a_n \pmod{11}$.

$$10 \equiv -1 \pmod{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \times 10^i &\equiv \sum_{i=0}^n a_i \times (-1)^i \\ &\equiv a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - \dots + (-1)^n a_n \pmod{11} \end{aligned}$$

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- (b) Alice claims 27182818284590452 is divisible by 11. Bob disagrees. Who is right? Explain.

By (a). The alternating sum of digits of the number in the question is
 $2 - 5 + 4 - \dots - 7 + 2 = -22$.

Since $-22 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$, it's divisible by 11.

Alice is right.

5. If p and q are distinct primes, prove that $p^{q-1} + q^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{pq}$.

By FLT,

$$\begin{cases} p^{q-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}, \text{ and} \\ q^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \end{cases}$$

$$\text{Since } \begin{cases} q^{p-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{q}, \\ p^{q-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} p^{q-1} + q^{p-1} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{q} \\ q^{p-1} + p^{q-1} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{both } p \text{ and } q \text{ is divisible by } (p^{q-1} + q^{p-1} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow p^{q-1} + q^{p-1} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{pq}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^{q-1} + q^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{pq}$$

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