

MATH 3101 Assignment 3:

1) Find a solution $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, $0 \leq x < 55$ of the congruence $6x \equiv 14 \pmod{55}$ using the technique illustrated in the "Solving Linear Congruences" video:

$$6x \equiv 14 \pmod{55}$$

obtain s and t :

$$1 = 6s + 55t$$

Use euclidean Algorithm:

$$55 = (6)q_0 + r_1$$

$$\hookrightarrow q_0 = 9, r_1 = 1 \text{ from } 55 = 6(9) + 1$$

$$6 = (1)q_1 + r_2$$

$$\hookrightarrow q_1 = 6, r_2 = 0 \text{ from } 6 = 1(6) + 0$$

remainder is Zero, thus $\gcd(6, 55) = 1$

NonZero Remainders:

$$1 = 55 - 6(9)$$

Substituting for Remainders:

$$1 = 55 - 6(9)$$

Multiply equation by b (14):

$$14 = 55(14) - 6(9)(14)$$

$$14 \equiv (-54)(14) + 55(14) \quad (\text{Sub } 55 \text{ with mod } 55)$$

$$\hookrightarrow 14 \equiv 14(6)(-9) \pmod{55}$$

$$14 \equiv -756 \pmod{55}$$

$$\equiv -41 \pmod{55}$$

$$\equiv 14 \pmod{55}$$

Since:

$$14 \equiv 6(-126) \pmod{55}$$

thus $x = -126$ is a solution, however any number's congruent modulo to its remainder when divided by 55, thus:

$$-126 = (55)(-3) + 39$$

thus $x = 39$ is also a solution

$\hookrightarrow 0 \leq 39 < 55$ thus x is in the range of $[0, 55)$

Hence, 39 is the solution to $6x \equiv 14 \pmod{55}$ with $0 \leq 39 < 55$

2)

a) Solve the System of Linear Congruencies;

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

Using the Chinese Remainder Theorem:

Since $(5, 8) = 1$, we use Theorem 2.27 to solve the System of Congruencies:

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

From the first Congruence we write $2 + 5K$, $K \in \mathbb{Z}$ & substitute this into the second Congruence for x :

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 2 + 5K \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

thus:

$$5K \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

$$5K \equiv -7 \pmod{8}$$

$$5K \equiv -15 \pmod{8}$$

\hookrightarrow As $(5, 8) = 1$, we divide by 5

$$\frac{5K}{5} \equiv -\frac{15}{5} \pmod{8}$$

$$K \equiv -3 \pmod{8}$$

$$K \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$$

thus:

$$x \equiv 2 + 5(5) = \boxed{27} \text{ Satisfies the System \&}$$

$$x \equiv 27 \pmod{5 \cdot 8} \text{ or } \boxed{x \equiv 27 \pmod{40}}$$

gives all solutions to the System of Congruences.

$$\therefore \text{the Solution is } \boxed{x \equiv 27 \pmod{40}}$$

b) Solve the following System of Linear Congruences:

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

Using the Generalized Chinese Remainder Theorem:

Question 2a showed us that $x \equiv 27 \pmod{40}$ is a solution to the first two congruences. Pairing this congruence with the third $x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ in the system gives:

$$x \equiv 27 \pmod{40}$$

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

So, with $x = 27 + 40K$, $K \in \mathbb{Z}$ gives:

$$27 + 40K \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$40K \equiv -26 \pmod{3}$$

$$K \equiv -26 \pmod{3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{As } 40K \equiv K \pmod{3}$$

$$K \equiv -2 \pmod{3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{As } -26 \equiv -2 \pmod{3}$$

$$K \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{So if } x = 27 + 40K \text{ then } x = 27 + 40(1) = 67$$

thus:

$$x \equiv 67 \pmod{3 \cdot 40} \rightarrow x \equiv 67 \pmod{120}$$

$\therefore x \equiv 67 \pmod{120}$ Satisfies the original System

3) Determine whether the following statements are true or false. Justify your Response:

a) Let $a, b, c, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ($n > 1$). If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, then $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$:

As $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, we know:

$$a - b = Kn, \quad K \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (\text{theorem 2.22 of text})$$

Also, Since $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$, we know:

$$ca - cb = Kn \quad (\text{theorem 2.22 of text})$$

$$c(a - b) = Kn$$

from $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, we know $(a - b) = Kn$ & $K \in \mathbb{Z}$,

we also know $c \in \mathbb{Z}$, thus:

↓ Since $a - b$ is a multiple of n & K is any integer,
then any multiple of $a - b$ is also a multiple of n

Let $K = cK_1$, where $K_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$:

$$c(a - b) = K_1 n$$

$$a - b = K_1 n, \quad K_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

thus, we can simplify $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$ back to $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

\therefore True

b) Let $a, b, c, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ($n > 1$). If $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$:

take the following example:

Let $a=3, b=1, c=2, n=4$; then:

$$ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$$

$$(2)(3) \equiv (2)(1) \pmod{4}$$

$$6 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

↳ this is true

Now, let's try for $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$:

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

$$3 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

↳ this is False

there is thus a contradiction w/ the above claim, as
 $a \not\equiv b \pmod{n}$ in general

\therefore False

c) let $a, b, n, m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then the System of Congruencies;

$$x \equiv a \pmod{m}$$

$$x \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

has a Solution in \mathbb{Z} :

let $m=n=7$ & let $a=3, b=2$:

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

So by the Chinese Remainder Theorem:

$$x = 3 + 7K$$

$$\text{thus, } x \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \text{ So } 3 + 7K \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

$$7K \equiv -1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\hookrightarrow 7K \equiv 0K \pmod{7}$$

$$0K \equiv -1 \pmod{7}$$

$$0 \equiv -1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\hookrightarrow \text{However } 0 \not\equiv -1 \pmod{7}, \text{ it's } 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

\therefore False thus, there's a Contradiction Since $0 \not\equiv -1 \pmod{7}$, meaning the System of Congruencies does NOT have a Solution in \mathbb{Z} .

d) let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, & let p be a prime. If $ab \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, then $a \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ or $b \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$:

For $ab \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$:

$$ab - 0 = Kp, K \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (theorem 2.22 of text)}$$

① If ab is Prime & $ab \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$:

then Since p is Prime, $p > 1, p \in \mathbb{Z}$, & p is only divisible by 1 & itself.

$$ab = Kp \text{ \& } p > 1 \text{ thus } ab \neq 1$$

$$1 = \frac{Kp}{ab} \text{ \& } p \text{ is only divisible by itself}$$

$$\therefore ab = p \text{ So } K=1.$$

If $ab = p$ then either a or b equals p , Since p cannot be the Composite of any numbers

\hookrightarrow Since $p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, & a or b is p , then either a or $b \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

\therefore True

② If ab is NOT prime & $ab \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$:

p is prime, $p > 1$, p is divisible only by p & 1

$$ab = kp, p > 1 \text{ thus } ab \neq 1$$

Since p is only divisible by itself, & the numbers not prime $ab \neq pk$; as p is prime & ab is not:

thus, ab must be some multiple of p such that one variable is prime p & the other's some multiple for p .

↓ this is because p can only be evenly divided by itself, so if p divides another number evenly that number must be a multiple of p .

I) If $a=p$ & $b=c, c \in \mathbb{Z}$:

$$ab = kp$$

$$pb = kp$$

$$b = k$$

$$c = k$$

thus either a or b must be a factor of p & the other must be some integer.

II) If $b=p$ & $a=c, c \in \mathbb{Z}$:

$$ab = kp$$

$$ap = kp$$

$$a = k$$

$$c = k$$

III) If a & b are not p , then one must be a multiple of p :

$$ab = kp, \text{ let } a = pk,$$

$$kbp = kp$$

$$kb = k$$

So, either a or $b \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
for the same reason
Shown in ①.

\therefore True

If there's no multiple of p , we see:

$ab = kp$, p is only divisible by multiples of itself
Since it is prime, yet:

$$1 = \frac{kp}{ab}, \text{ but } a \text{ & } b \text{ are not multiples of } p, \text{ this is a Contradiction}$$

thus:

If ab is Prime, the Claim is true

If ab is NOT Prime, the Claim is true

Since an integer must be either prime or composite & both are true:

The Claim is True

\therefore True