

4.3.7 (d) An integer is divisible by 5 if and only if its units digit is 0 or 5.

Let $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ be an integer of the form $N = a_m 10^m + \cdots + a_1 10 + a_0 = a_m 2^m \cdot 5^m + \cdots + a_1 2 \cdot 5$ with each $0 \leq a_i < 10$. Notice that every term other than a_0 is divisible by 5 as it is some multiple of 5, i.e. $a_i 10^i \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ for $1 \leq i \leq m$. So, $5 \mid N$ if and only if $5 \mid a_0$. Now a_0 is divisible by 5 if and only if $a_0 = 5$ or 0 . Thus an integer N is divisible by 5 if and only if its units digit is 0 or 5.

4.3.11 Assuming that 495 divides $273x49y5$, obtain the digits of x and y .

Suppose that 495 divides $273x49y5$. So $495n = 273x49y5$ for some $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then notice that $495 \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$ and $495 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$ since $4 + 9 + 5 = 9 \cdot 2$ and $5 - 9 + 4 = 0$. Since $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we have $495n \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$ and $495n \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$, i.e.

$$273x49y5 \equiv 0 \pmod{9} \text{ and } 273x49y5 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}.$$

From this we know that

$$2 + 7 + 3 + x + 4 + 9 + y + 5 = 30 + x + y \equiv 3 + x + y \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

and

$$5 - y + 9 - 4 + x - 3 + 7 - 2 = 12 - y + x \equiv 1 - y + x \equiv 0 \pmod{11}.$$

Then $x + y \equiv 6 \equiv 15 \pmod{9}$ and $y - x \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$. Note: $x, y \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$. Solving the system of linear equations $x + y = 15$ and $y - x = 1$ gives that $x = 7$ and $y = 8$.

4.3.16 Show that 2^n divides an integer N if and only if 2^n divides the number made up of the last n digits of N .

Let $N \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $N = a_{n+i} 10^{n+i} + \cdots + a^n 10^n + \cdots + a_1 10 + a_0$ where $n \geq 0$ and $i \geq 0$. If 2^n divides the last n digits of N , then

$$2^n \mid a_{n-1} 10^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 10 + a_0.$$

Notice that

$$a_{n+i} 10^{n+i} + \cdots + a_n 10^n = 10^n (a_{n+i} 10^i + \cdots + a_n) = 2^n 5^n (a_{n+i} 10^i + \cdots + a_n).$$

So $2^n \mid (a_{n+i} 10^{n+i} + \cdots + a_n 10^n)$. Thus $2^n \mid a_{n+i} 10^{n+i} + \cdots + a^n 10^n + \cdots + a_1 10 + a_0 = N$.

Now suppose that $2^n \mid N$. Notice that $2^n \mid a_{n+i} 10^{n+i} + \cdots + a_n 10^n$ since

$$2^n 5^n (a_{n+i} 10^i + \cdots + a_n) = a_{n+i} 10^{n+i} + \cdots + a_n 10^n.$$

Then

$$2^n \mid N - (a_{n+i} 10^{n+i} + \cdots + a_n 10^n) = a_{n-1} 10^{n-1} + \cdots + a_1 10 + a_0.$$

So 2^n divides the last n digits of N .

4.3.28 When printing the ISBN $a_1a_2\ldots a_9$, two unequal digits were transposed. Show that the check digits detected this error.

Suppose we have some ISBN number $a_1a_2\ldots a_9$. Then we can write $a_1a_2\ldots a_ja_{i+1}\ldots a_ia_{j+1}\ldots a_9$ where a_i and a_j were transposed and not equal with $1 \leq i < j \leq 9$. We know that

$$a_1 + 2 \cdot a_2 + \cdots + i \cdot a_i + (i+1) \cdot a_{i+1} + \cdots + j \cdot a_j + \cdots + 9 \cdot a_9 \equiv a_{10} \pmod{11}.$$

Assume for the sake of contradiction that the check digits did not detect the error in the transposition. Then

$$a_1 + 2 \cdot a_2 + \cdots + i \cdot a_j + (i+1) \cdot a_{i+1} + \cdots + i \cdot a_i + \cdots + 9 \cdot a_9 \equiv a_{10} \pmod{11}.$$

So $a_1 + 2 \cdot a_2 + \cdots + i \cdot a_i + (i+1) \cdot a_{i+1} + \cdots + j \cdot a_j + \cdots + 9 \cdot a_9 \equiv a_1 + 2 \cdot a_2 + \cdots + i \cdot a_j + (i+1) \cdot a_{i+1} + \cdots + j \cdot a_i + \cdots + 9 \cdot a_9 \pmod{11}$. This implies that

$$i \cdot a_i + j \cdot a_j \equiv i \cdot a_j + j \cdot a_i \pmod{11}.$$

Simplifying more gives that

$$(j-i) \cdot a_j \equiv (j-i)a_i \pmod{11}.$$

Because $0 < j-i < 9$ and $\gcd(j-i, 11) = 1$, it follows that $a_j \equiv a_i \pmod{11}$. Since both a_i and a_j are less than 11 and not negative, it follows that $a_i = a_j$, a contradiction. Thus the check digits detected the error.