CISS451/MATH451: Cryptography and Computer Security Assignment 4

This is an assignment on the congruence notation.

Here are some facts about $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot, 0, 1)$. In the following x, y, z are integers, i.e. $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$.

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RING1: x, y \in \mathbb{Z} can be replaced by x + y \in \mathbb{Z}
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RING2:
$$(x + y) + z$$
 can be replaced by $x + (y + z)$

RING3:
$$x + (y + z)$$
 can be replaced by $(x + y) + z$

RING4: x + 0 can be replaced by x

RING5: x can be replaced by x + 0

RING6: 0 + x can be replaced by x

RING7: x can be replaced by 0 + x

RING8: There is some $-x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that x + (-x) can be replaced by 0.

RING8B: There is some $-x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that 0 can be replaced by x + (-x).

RING9: There is some $-x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that (-x) + x can be replaced by 0.

RING9B: There is some $-x \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that 0 can be replaced by (-x) + x.

RING10: x + y can be replaced by y + x.

RING11: $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ can be replaced by $xy \in \mathbb{Z}$

RING12: (xy)z can be replaced by x(yz)

RING13: x(yz) can be replaced by (xy)z

RING14: x1 can be replaced by x

RING15: x can be replaced by x1

RING16: 1x can be replaced by x

RING17: x can be replaced by 1x

RING18: x(y+z) can be replaced by xy + xz

RING19: xy + xz can be replaced by x(y + z)

RING20: (y+z)x can be replaced yx+zx

RING21: yx + zx can be replaced (y + z)x

RING22: xy can be replaced by yx

RING23: xy = 0 can be replaced by [x = 0 or y = 0].

The following are a notational rewrite rules for subtraction (i.e. the following are definitions and not axioms):

RING24: x - y can be replaced by x + (-y)

RING25: x + (-y) can be replaced by x - y

The following are from Theorems 1 and 2 proven in Assignment 1 (i.e. 0x = 0 = x0)

TH1A: 0x can be replaced by 0

TH1B: 0 can be replaced by 0x

TH1C: 0 can be replaced by x0

TH1D: x0 can be replaced by 0

TH1E: 0x can be replaced by x0

TH1F: x0 can be replaced by 0x

Here are some facts from Theorem 3 (i.e. $x + y = 0 \implies y = -x$ and $y + x \implies y = -x$):

TH3A: If x + y = 0, then y can be rewritten as -x.

TH3B: If x + y = 0, then -x can be rewritten as y.

TH3C: If y + x = 0, then y can be rewritten as -x.

TH3D: If y + x = 0, then -x can be rewritten as y.

Here are some facts from Theorem 4 from Assignment 1:

TH4A: -(-x) can be rewritten as x.

TH4B: x can be rewritten as -(-x).

Here's Theorem 5 from Assignment 2 (i.e. $-1 \cdot x = -x = x \cdot (-1)$):

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TH5A: -1 \cdot x can be replaced by -x
     TH5B: -x can be replaced by -1 \cdot x
     TH5C: -x can be replaced by x \cdot (-1)
     TH5D: x \cdot (-1) can be replaced by -x
Here's Theorem 6 from Assignment 2 (i.e. (-y)x = -(yx) = y(-x)):
     TH6A: (-y)x can be replaced by -(yx)
     TH6B: -(yx) can be replaced by (-y)x
     TH6C: -(yx) can be replaced by y(-x)
     TH6D: y(-x) can be replaced by -(yx)
     TH6E: (-y)x can be replaced by y(-x)
     TH6F: y(-x) can be replaced by (-y)x
Here's Theorem 7 from Assignment 2 (i.e. (-x)(-y) = xy and (-1)(-1) = 1):
     TH7A: (-x)(-y) can be replaced by xy
     TH7B: xy can be replaced by (-x)(-y)
     TH7C: (-1)(-1) can be replaced by 1
     TH7D: 1 can be replaced by (-1)(-1)
Here's Theorem 8 (0 = -0):
     TH8A: 0 can be replaced by -0
     TH8B: -0 can be replaced by 0
Here's Theorem 9 (the additive cancellation property):
     TH9A: If a + x = a + y, then x can be replaced by y.
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TH9B: If x + a = y + a, then x can be replaced by y.

Here's Theorem 10 (the multiplicative cancellation property):

TH9A: If $ax = ay, a \neq 0$, then x can be replaced by y.

TH9B: If $xa = ya, a \neq 0$, then x can be replaced by y.

Now for stuff on divisibility.

Here are the "rewrite rules" for the definition of "divisibility":

DIV1: $d \mid a$ can be replaced by $[dx = a \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{Z}]$

DIV2: $[dx = a \text{ for some } x \in \mathbb{Z}]$ can be replaced by $d \mid a$

which are really the same as:

DIV1: $d \mid a$ can be replaced by $[\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}(dx = a)]$

DIV2: $[\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}(dx = a)]$ can be replaced by $d \mid a$

Here's Theorem 11 and 12:

THM12A: $a \mid a$.

THM12B: If $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$, then $a \mid c$.

Here's Theorem 13 (a whole mouthful of it ...)

THM13A: $1 \mid a$.

THM13B: $-1 \mid a$.

THM13C: If $d \mid a$, then $-d \mid a$

THM13D: If $d \mid a$, then $d \mid ax$

THM13E: If $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$, then $d \mid (a + b)$.

THM13F: Given integers x and y, if $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$, then $d \mid (ax + by)$.

Theorem Foil:

Thm Foil A.)

$$(w+x)(y+z)$$
 can be replaced by $(wy+wz)+(xy+xz)$

$$(w+x)(y+z) = (w(y+z) + x(y+z))$$
 by RING20
= $(wy+wz) + (xy+xz)$ by RING18

Thm Foil B.)

$$(w+x)(y+z)$$
 can be replaced by $(wy+xy)+(wz+xz)$

$$(w+x)(y+z) = ((w+x)y + (w+x)z)$$
 by RING18
= $(wy+xy) + (wz+xz)$ by RING18

Theorem Brandy1:

Thm Brandy1A.)

a = (b + c) can be replaced by a - c = b

$$a = (b+c)$$

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

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

$$a + -c = b + 0$$

$$a + -c = b$$

$$a - c = b$$
by RING2
by RING4
by RING4

Thm Brandy1B.)

a = (b + c) can be replaced by a - b = c

$$a = (b+c)$$

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

$$a+-b=(-b+b)+c$$
 by RING3
$$a+-b=c$$
 by RING4
$$a-b=c$$
 by RING4

Thm Brandy1C.)

(a+b)=c can be replaced by b=c-a

$$(a+b) = c$$

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

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

$$0 + b = c + -a$$

$$b = c + -a$$

$$b = c + a$$

$$b = c - a$$
by RING3
by RING4
by RING4

Thm Brandy1D.)

(a + b) = c can be replaced by a = c - b

$$(a+b) = c$$

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

$$a + (b+-b) = c + -b$$
 by RING2
$$a + 0 = c + -b$$
 by RING8
$$a = c + -b$$
 by RING4
$$a = c - b$$
 by RING25

Here are some questions on GCD.

For the following we will assume that you have access to tables or a computer that can compute only integer quotients and remainders, i.e., that you have access to a Euclidean property machine. For instance, if you're given 100 and 23 and you want want to find q, r such that

$$100 = 23 \cdot q + r, \ 0 \le r < 23$$

you can of course compute q and r using C++ like this:

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std::cout << 100 / 23 << ',' << 100 % 23 << '\n';
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You can do this in Python:

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print divmod(100, 23)
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Q1.

- (a) Write down the prime factorization of 123556.
- (b) Write down the prime factorization of 5436.
- (c) Compute $\gcd(123556, 5436)$ using the above prime factorizations.

Here's an example of how you must present your prime factorization:

$$300 = 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^2$$

SOLUTION.

- a) $123556 = 2^2 \cdot 17^1 \cdot 23^1 \cdot 79^1$
- b) $5436 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 151^1$
- c) $gcd(123556, 5436) = 2^2 = 4$

Q2. Write a list of Euclidean computations to compute the gcd(123556, 5436). The last remainder must be 0.

(If you don't know what I'm talking about, then you have not read the notes I gave you. Read it.)

SOLUTION.

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123556 = 5436 \cdot 22 + 3964
5436 = 3964 \cdot 1 + 1472
3964 = 1472 \cdot 2 + 1020
1472 = 1020 \cdot 1 + 425
1020 = 425 \cdot 2 + 116
425 = 116 \cdot 3 + 104
116 = 104 \cdot 1 + 12
104 = 12 \cdot 8 + 8
12 = 8 \cdot 1 + 4
8 = 4 \cdot 2 + 0
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So 4 is the gcd(123556, 5436)

Q3. Find integers x and y such that

$$123556x + 5436y = \gcd(123556, 5436)$$

You should begin with labeling all the Euclidean computations from Q2 and then perform substitutions. Make sure you indicate very clearly which equation you're using. Here's a reminder on how to label equations:

$$1 + 1 = 2 \tag{1}$$

SOLUTION.

$$\begin{array}{l} (12 \cdot 1) + (8 \cdot -1) = 4 \\ (12 \cdot 1) + ((104 \cdot 1) + (12 \cdot -8)) - 1 = 4 \\ (12 \cdot 9) + (104 \cdot -1) = 4 \\ ((116 \cdot 1) + (104 \cdot -1))9 + (104 \cdot -1) = 4 \\ (116 \cdot 9) + (104 \cdot -10) = 4 \\ (116 \cdot 9) + ((425 \cdot 1) + (116 \cdot -3)) - 10 = 4 \\ (116 \cdot 39) + (425 \cdot -10) = 4 \\ ((1020 \cdot 1) + (425 \cdot -2))39 + (425 \cdot -10) = 4 \\ (1020 \cdot 39) + (425 \cdot -88) = 4 \\ (1020 \cdot 39) + ((1472 \cdot 1) + (1020 \cdot -1)) - 88 = 4 \\ (1020 \cdot 127) + (1472 \cdot -88) = 4 \\ (3964 \cdot 1) + (1472 \cdot -2))127 + (1472 \cdot -88) = 4 \\ (3964 \cdot 127) + (1472 \cdot -342) = 4 \\ (3964 \cdot 127) + ((5436 \cdot 1) + (3964 \cdot -1)) - 342 = 4 \\ (3964 \cdot 469) + (5436 \cdot -342) = 4 \\ ((123556 \cdot 1) + (5436 \cdot -22))469 + (5436 \cdot -342) = 4 \\ (123556 \cdot 469) + (5436 \cdot -10660) = 4 \end{array}$$

$$123556x + 5436y = gcd(123556, 5436) = 4$$

So x = 469 and y = -10660.

Q4. Show that if you have the following equations:

$$c_1 r_0 + d_1 r_1 = r_3 \tag{1}$$

$$c_2 r_0 + d_2 r_1 = r_4 \tag{2}$$

$$r_3 + (-q_4)r_4 = r_5 \tag{3}$$

Show that

$$(c_1 - q_4c_2)r_0 + (d_1 - q_4d_2)r_1 = r_5$$

For this question, you need not quote the RING properties/axioms or theorems, i.e., just treat this as a "normal" algebra manipulation problem.

SOLUTION.

$$c_1r_0 + d_1r_1 + (-q_4)r_4 = r_5$$

$$(c_1r_0 + d_1r_1) + (-q_4)(c_2r_0 + d_2r_1) = r_5$$

$$(c_1r_0 + d_1r_1) + ((-q_4)c_2r_0 + (-q_4)d_2r_1) = r_5$$

$$(c_1r_0 - q_4c_2r_0) + (d_1r_1 - q_4d_2r_1) = r_5$$

$$\therefore (c_1 - q_4c_2)r_0 + (d_1 - q_4d_2)r_1 = r_5$$

Now for the rewrite rules for the congruence notation for modular arithmetic:

CON1: $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ can be replaced by $n \mid (a - b)$

CON2: $n \mid (a - b)$ can be replaced by $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ then we say "a is congruent to $b \pmod{n}$ ".

Theorem 14. Let a, n be integers with n > 0. $a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ iff $n \mid a$

This is easy to prove. I'll do this one for you quickly. If $a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, then by definition (make sure you check that I'm not lying!), n divides a = 0, i.e. n divides a. And if n divides a, then n divides a = 0, and therefore $a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$.

You might want to write it out in full. Note that I used the fact that a is the same as a - 0. (Is this true? Are you sure? Don't say I didn't warn you.)

Theorem 15.

- (a) $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$
- (b) $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \implies b \equiv a \pmod{n}$
- (c) $a \equiv b \equiv c \pmod{n} \implies a \equiv c \pmod{n}$

These are called (respectively) the reflexive, symmetric, and transitive properties of the congruence relation. " $a \equiv b \equiv c \pmod{n}$ " means

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

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

By the way, there are lots of relations which are reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. For example, if the universe is the set of all lines in 2-d space, then the relation "is parallel to" is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive. Is < on real numbers reflexive? symmetric? transitive?

How about the "is married to" relation on people?

How about "feeds on" relations in the food web?

Q5. Prove Theorem 15(c).

SOLUTION.

" $a \equiv b \equiv c \pmod{n}$ means

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$$
 $n \mid a - b$ by CON1
 $nx \equiv a - b$ by DIV1
 $nx - -b \equiv a$ by Thm Brandy1A
 $nx + b \equiv a$ by THM4A

and

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

$$n \mid b - c$$

$$ny \equiv b - c$$

$$nx - b \equiv -c$$
by CON1
by DIV1

$$(nx+b) + (ny+-b) \equiv a + (-c)$$

$$nx + (b+ny+-b) \equiv a + (-c)$$

$$nx + (b+ny) + -b \equiv a + (-c)$$

$$nx + (ny+b) + -b \equiv a + (-c)$$

$$(nx+ny) + (b+-b) \equiv a + (-c)$$

$$(nx+ny) + (0) \equiv a + (-c)$$

$$(nx+ny) \equiv a + (-c)$$

$$(nx+ny) \equiv a + (-c)$$

$$n(x+y) \equiv a + (-c)$$

$$n(x+y) \equiv a - c$$

$$n(x+y) \equiv a - c$$

$$by RING19$$

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Theorem 16. Let n > 0 and a, b, c, d be integers. If

$$a \equiv b \pmod n$$

$$c \equiv d \pmod{n}$$

then

$$a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{n}$$

Q6. Prove Theorem 16.

SOLUTION.

From $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$ we have:

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Theorem 17. Let n > 0 and a, b, c, d be integers. Prove that if

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

 $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$

then

$$ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$$

Q7. Prove Theorem 17.

SOLUTION.

$$nx = a + -b$$
 by CON1
$$nx = a + -b$$
 by DIV1
$$nx - -b = a$$
 by Thm Brandy1B
$$nx + b = a$$
 by TH4A
$$and$$

$$n \mid c + -d$$
 by CON1
$$ny = c + -d$$
 by DIV1
$$ny - -d = c$$
 by Thm Brandy1A
$$ny + d = c$$
 by Thm Brandy1A
$$ny + d = c$$
 by Thm Brandy1A
$$ny + d = c$$
 by Thm Foil
$$n^2xy + nxd + nyb + bd = ac$$
 by Thm Foil
$$n^2xy + nxd + nyb = ac + -bd$$
 by Thm Brandy1D
$$n(nxy + xd + yb) = ac + -bd$$
 by RING19
$$n(nxy + xd + yb) = ac - bd$$
 by RING25
$$n \mid ac - bd$$
 by DIV2
$$\therefore ac \equiv bd$$
 by CON2

Q8.

(a) What is the ones digit (or the unit digit) of

$$1^{100} \cdot 2^{100} \cdot 3^{100} \cdot 4^{100} \cdot 5^{100}$$

(b) What about this one:

$$5^{1000} \cdot 11^{1000} \cdot 13^{1000} \cdot 17^{1000} \cdot 19^{1000}$$

(c) And this:

$$23^{10000} + 29^{10000} + 31^{10000} + 37^{10000} + 43^{10000}$$

(d) ... one last one [extra credit]:

$$123^{234^{345}456^{567678^{789}}}$$

Justify all your work. Writing down the final answer give you a zero. Nada. Zilch. I'm looking for a creative using of mathematical facts rather than trying to use a supercomputer to do the number crunching for you.

SOLUTION.

a)
$$1^{100} = 1$$

$$2^{10} = 1024 \equiv 4 \pmod{10}$$

 $2^{100} = 4^{10} = 1048576 \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$

$$3^4 = 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

 $3^{100} = 3^{4^{25}} = 1^{25} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$

 $4^1=4$ and $4^2=16\equiv 6\pmod{10}$ this continues so evens end in 6 and odds end in 4 $4^{100}\equiv 6\pmod{10}$

$$5^1 = 5 \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$$
 this continues all these end in $5 \ 5^{100} \equiv 5 \pmod{10}$

Altogether $1 \cdot 6 \cdot 1 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 = 180 \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$ So the last digit is a zero.

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5^{1000} \equiv 5 \pmod{10}
11^1 = 11 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
11^{1000} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
13^1 \equiv 3 \text{ so } 13 \text{ behaves lik } 3 \ 3^4 = 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
13^{1000} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
17^1 \equiv 7 \text{ so } 17 \text{ behaves lik } 7 \ 7^4 = 2401 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
17^{1000} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
19^1 \equiv 9 \text{ so } 19 \text{ behaves lik } 9 \ 9^2 = 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
19^{1000} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
Altogether 5 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 = 5 \equiv 5 \pmod{10}
So the last digit is a 5.
c)
23^{1} \equiv 3 \text{ so } 23 \text{ behaves lik } 3 \ 3^{4} = 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
23^{1000} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
29^1 \equiv 9 \text{ so } 29 \text{ behaves lik } 9 \ 9^2 = 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
29^{1000} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
31^1 \equiv 1 so 31 behaves like 1
31^{1000} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
37^1 \equiv 7 \text{ so } 37 \text{ behaves like } 7 7^4 = 2401 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
37^{1000} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
43^1 \equiv 3 \text{ so } 43 \text{ behaves lik } 3 \ 3^4 = 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
43^{1000} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}
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Altogether 1+1+1+1+1=5\equiv 5\pmod{10}
So the last digit is a 5.
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d)
$$123^{234} = 123^{4^{58}} \cdot 123^2$$

$$1^{58} \cdot 123^2 = 123^2$$

$$123 \equiv 3 \pmod{10} \text{ so } 123^2 \equiv 3^2 = 9$$

$$9^{345} \equiv 9 \text{ because } 345 \text{ is odd}$$

$$9^{456} \equiv 1 \text{ because } 456 \text{ is even}$$

$$1^{678^{789}} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

So
$$123^{234^{345}456^{567}678^{789}} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$