

# MATH 381 HW 9 part 2

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1. Find all integer solutions to the following. If there are no integer solutions, explain why.

(a)  $3 + 2x \equiv -2 \pmod{7}$

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$$2x \equiv -5 \pmod{7}$$

$$2x + 0 \equiv -5 + 7 \pmod{7}$$

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

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \hat{1} &= \{z \in \mathbb{Z} \mid z \bmod 7 = 1\} \\ &= \{\dots, -13, -6, 1, 8, 15, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $2x - 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} x \in \hat{2} &= \{z \in \mathbb{Z} \mid z \bmod 6 = 2\} \\ &= \{\dots, -10, -4, 2, 8, 14, \dots\} \end{aligned}$$

(c)  $x + y \equiv x - y \pmod{5}$

$$x + y \equiv x - y \pmod{5}$$

$$y \equiv -y \pmod{5}$$

$$1 \equiv -1 \pmod{5} \quad y \neq 0$$

$$1 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

Let  $y = 0$ .

$$x + 0 \equiv x - 0 \pmod{5}$$

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

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

The equation can be simplified to the equivalent equation that 1 and -1 are equivalent modulo 5. This is a contradiction because 1 and -1 are in their own equivalence classes:  $\hat{1}$  and  $\hat{4}$ , respectively. However, this simplification assume  $y \neq 0$ . Consequently, in the case where  $y = 0$ , the equation is satisfied for any  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Therefore, there are infinite pairs of solutions:  $\{(x, 0) \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ .

2. Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 0$ ,  $10^n \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ . Then, use that result to show that a positive integer is divisible by 9 if and only if the sum of its digits is divisible by 9.

Basis step

$$\begin{aligned} 10^0 &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \\ \iff 1 &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \\ \therefore P(0) \end{aligned}$$

Inductive step; assume  $P(k)$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 10^k &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \\ 10^k \cdot 10 &\equiv 1 \cdot 1 \pmod{9} \\ 10^{k+1} &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \\ \therefore P(k) &\rightarrow P(k+1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \forall n \in \{z \in \mathbb{Z} \mid z \geq 0\} (10^n \equiv 1 \pmod{9}) \quad \blacksquare$$

Every positive integer can be written as a sum of its digits weighted by its place value in base-10.

$$k = k_0 + 10k_1 + 100k_2 + \cdots + 10^n k_n = \sum_{i=0}^n 10^i k_i$$

$$\begin{aligned} 10^0 &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \implies 10^0 k_0 \equiv k_0 \pmod{9} \\ 10^1 &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \implies 10^1 k_1 \equiv k_1 \pmod{9} \\ 10^2 &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \implies 10^2 k_2 \equiv k_2 \pmod{9} \\ &\vdots \\ 10^n &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \implies 10^n k_n \equiv k_n \pmod{9} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \forall 0 \leq i \leq n (10^i k_i \equiv k_i \pmod{9})$$

$$9 \mid k \iff 0 \equiv k \pmod{9}$$

$$0 \equiv \sum_{i=0}^n 10^i k_i \pmod{9}$$

$$0 \equiv \sum_{i=0}^n k_i \pmod{9}$$

$$\therefore 9 \mid k \iff 9 \mid (k_0 + k_1 + k_2 + \cdots + k_n) \quad \blacksquare$$

3. Show that if  $n$  is any integer, then  $n^2$  is congruent modulo 4 to either 0 or 1.

$$n \in \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow n^2 \equiv 0 \vee n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

If  $n$  is odd:

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}(n = 2k + 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 &= (2k + 1)^2 \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 \\ &= 4(k^2 + k) + 1 \\ \implies n^2 &\equiv 4(k^2 + k) + 1 \pmod{4} \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

If  $n$  is even:

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}(n = 2k)$$

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 &= (2k)^2 \\ &= 4k^2 \\ \implies n^2 &\equiv 4(k^2) \pmod{4} \\ &\equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $n^2$  is congruent to either 0 or 1 modulo 4 for all integers, since all integers must be either odd or even. ■