

Proofs and writing

Exercise Set 2.4, Exercises 43, 44, 45

Exercise Set 2.5, Exercises 57 (using Fermat's Little Theorem), 60.

Exercise Set 2.6, Exercises 67 (must parallel the proof of Theorem 2.17), 71 using Theorem 2.17, 74

Exercise Set 3.2, Exercise 11, Exercise 12 (you may use any result in Section 3.2)

Homework Problem 1 (Exercise 43). (a) Prove that if p is an odd prime number, then $2(p-3)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

(b) Find the least nonnegative residue of $2(100!)$ modulo 103

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Solution: (a)

(b)

Homework Problem 2 (Exercise 44). Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $n > 1$. Prove that n is a prime number if and only if $(n-2)! \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.

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Homework Problem 3 (Exercise 45). Let n be a composite integer greater than 4. Prove that $(n-1)! \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$.

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Homework Problem 4 (Exercise 57, using Fermat's Little Theorem). Let n be an integer. Prove each congruence below.

(a) $n^{21} \equiv n \pmod{30}$

(b) $n^7 \equiv n \pmod{42}$

(c) $n^{13} \equiv n \pmod{2730}$.

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Proof (a)

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Homework Problem 5 (Exercise 60). Let p and q be distinct prime numbers with $p - 1 \mid q - 1$. If $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $(a, pq) = 1$, prove that $a^{q-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{pq}$.

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Homework Problem 6 (Exercise 67). Prove that $9^8 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$ following the steps in the proof of Euler's Theorem (Theorem 2.17)

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Homework Problem 7 (Exercise 71, using Theorem 2.17 and the Chinese Remainder Theorem). (a) Let n be an integer not divisible by 3. Prove that $n^7 \equiv n \pmod{63}$.

(b) Let n be an integer divisible by 9. Prove that $n^7 \equiv n \pmod{63}$.

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Proof (a)

(b)

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Homework Problem 8 (Exercise 74). Let p be an odd prime number. Prove that

$$\left\{ \frac{-(p-1)}{2}, \frac{-(p-3)}{2}, \dots, -2, -1, 1, 2, \dots, \frac{p-2}{2}, \frac{p-1}{2} \right\}$$

is a reduced residue system modulo p .

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Homework Problem 9 (Chapter 3, Exercise 11). Complete the proof of Theorem 3.2 by proving that if m, n and i are positive integers with $(m, n) = (m, i) = 1$, then the integers $i, m+i, 2m+i, \dots, (n-1)m+i$ form a complete system of residues modulo n .

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Homework Problem 10 (Chapter 3, Exercise 12). Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $n > 1$. If $p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_m^{a_m}$ is the prime factorization of n , prove that

$$\phi(n) = p_1^{a_1-1} p_2^{a_2-1} \cdots p_m^{a_m-1} \prod_{i=1}^m (p_i - 1).$$

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