

CS 235: Algebraic Algorithms, Spring 2021

Practice Exercises Before Midterm

Exam Date: Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021.



**Problem 1.** Prove that  $\gcd(n, (n-1)!) = 1$  if and only if  $n$  is prime.

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$$\gcd(n, (n-1)!) = 1 \Rightarrow n \text{ is prime}$$

$$n \text{ is prime} \Rightarrow \gcd(n, (n-1)!) = 1$$

$\Rightarrow$   $\gcd$  of  $n$  and  $(n-1)!$  is 1 which means  
the  $n$  and  $(n-1)!$  are relatively prime  
so  $n$  and all integers smaller than  $n$  has to  
be relative prime which is a definition of prime

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the other way around

**Problem 2.** This question has two sub-problems

- (i) Find the additive inverse and multiplicative inverse of 11 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{19}$ . Is 11 a perfect square in  $\mathbb{Z}_{19}$  (i.e. is there a value of  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{19}$  such that  $x^2 \equiv 11 \pmod{19}$ )?
- (ii) Show that  $\varphi(12^k) = \varphi(12) \cdot 12^{k-1}$  where  $\varphi$  is the Euler's totient function.

✓ i) additive inverse is  $19-11=8$  ✓  
 multiplicative inverse is  $[11x \pmod{19} \equiv 1 \pmod{19}]$  17 ✓

$$x^2 - 11 = 0 \quad (x + \sqrt{11})(x - \sqrt{11})$$

11  $x^2$  4, 9, 16, 6, 17, 11, 12 ✓ yes there is a value. ✓

✓ ii)  $\varphi(12^k) = \varphi(12) \times 12^{k-1}$

Theorem 2.11

$12^k$  is when factorized  $(2)^k \cdot (3)^k$

$$\text{so } \varphi(12^k) = \prod_{i=1}^2 p_i^{e_i-1} (p_i-1) = 2^{2k-1} (2-1) \times 3^{k-1} (3-1)$$

$$= 2^{2k-1} \times 3^{k-1} \times 2$$

$$12^k \prod_{i=1}^2 (1 - 1/p_i)$$

$$= 12^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\varphi(12) = 12 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$\underline{12 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \times 12^{k-1}} \quad \text{above}$$



## Chinese rem<sup>n</sup>!

**Problem 3.** Let  $a, b, n, n' \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $n > 0$ ,  $n' > 0$ , and  $\gcd(n, n') = 1$ . Show that if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $a \equiv b \pmod{n'}$ , then  $a \equiv b \pmod{nn'}$ .

Then, use the statement above to show that  $(x^{\varphi(y)} + y^{\varphi(x)}) \equiv 1 \pmod{xy}$  where  $x, y$  are distinct primes, and  $\varphi$  is the Euler's totient function.

1) From Chinese remainder theorem  
 $\gcd(n, n') = 1$

$n \mid a-b$ ,  $n' \mid a-b$  and  $n$  and  $n'$  are relatively prime,  
 so  $a-b$  is also divided by  $nn'$

$$x^{\varphi(y)} \equiv 1 \pmod{y} \text{ and } y^{\varphi(x)} \equiv 1 \pmod{x}$$

$$\text{so } x^{\varphi(y)} \equiv ty+1 \text{ and } y^{\varphi(x)} \equiv sx+1$$

$$x^{\varphi(y)} + y^{\varphi(x)} \equiv ty+sx+2$$

$$x^{\varphi(y)} \equiv 1 \pmod{y}$$

$$x^{\varphi(y)} \equiv 0 \pmod{x}$$

$$x^{\varphi(y)} + y^{\varphi(x)} \equiv 1 + 0 \pmod{y}$$

$$x^{\varphi(y)} + y^{\varphi(x)} \equiv 0 + 1 \pmod{x}$$

$$\text{so } x^{\varphi(y)} + y^{\varphi(x)} \equiv 1 \pmod{xy}$$

**Problem 4.** Consider the system of congruences

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{11}$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$$

Find one solution to the above system. Then, describe all integer solutions to the system.

*Chinese remainder theorem*

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{7} \rightarrow A_1$$

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{11} \rightarrow B_1$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{13} \rightarrow C_1$$

$$\text{so } x = A_1 + B_1 + C_1 \pmod{7 \times 11 \times 13}$$

$$\text{so } x \equiv 11 \times 13 \times A_1 + 7 \times 13 \times B_1 + 7 \times 11 \times C_1 \pmod{7 \times 11 \times 13}$$

$$x \equiv 143A_1 + 91B_1 + 77C_1 \pmod{7 \times 11 \times 13}$$

use modular inverse

$$6 \pmod{7} \equiv 143 \times (143^{-1} \times 6) \pmod{7}$$

$$6 \pmod{11} \equiv 91 \times (91^{-1} \times 6) \pmod{11}$$

$$3 \pmod{13} \equiv 77 \times (77^{-1} \times 3) \pmod{13}$$

$$143^{-1} \pmod{7} \Rightarrow 2^{-1} \pmod{7} \Rightarrow 5$$

$$91^{-1} \pmod{11} \Rightarrow 3^{-1} \pmod{11} \Rightarrow 4$$

$$77^{-1} \pmod{13} \Rightarrow 12^{-1} \pmod{13} \Rightarrow 12$$

$$48 \quad 5 \quad 60$$

$$12 \quad 24 \quad 36 \quad 48 \quad 60$$

$$13 \quad 26 \quad 39 \quad 52 \quad 65 \quad 78$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 21 \quad 77 \quad 42 \\ 2 \quad 36 \quad 4 \\ \hline 46 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

$$A_1 \equiv 143 \times 5 \times 6$$

$$B_1 \equiv 91 \times 4 \times 6$$

$$C_1 \equiv 77 \times 12 \times 3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 143 \\ \times 130 \\ \hline 000 \\ 429 \end{array}$$

$$4290 + 2(84 + 2772)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \quad a1 \quad 6474 \quad 9246 \\ \times 24 \\ \hline 364 \\ 182 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 2772 \\ 2184 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9246 \\ 9009 \\ \hline 237 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{all } 2 \\ 237 \pmod{1001} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 77 \quad 21 \\ 1 \quad 13 \quad 2 \\ \hline 231 \\ 77 \\ \hline 1001 \end{array}$$

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