

PROBLEM I Solve this equation: $1215x \equiv 560 \pmod{2755}$.

SOLUTION. Easily $1215x \equiv 560 \pmod{2755} \iff 243x \equiv 112 \pmod{551}$. Obviously $x = 200$ is a solution, and $\gcd(243, 551) = 1$, so all the solutions are $x = 200 + 551t, t \in \mathbb{Z}$. \square

PROBLEM II Find the solution of
$$\begin{cases} x + 4y - 29 \equiv 0 \pmod{143} \\ 2x - 9y + 84 \equiv 0 \pmod{143} \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION. Double the first equation then minus the second, we get $17y - 142 \equiv 0 \pmod{143}$. Then $y \equiv 42 \pmod{143}$. Substitute it in the first equation, we get $x \equiv 4 \pmod{143}$. \square

PROBLEM III

1. Assume $m \in \mathbb{N}^+, \gcd(a, m) = 1$, prove that $x \equiv ba^{\phi(m)-1} \pmod{m}$ is the solution of $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$.
2. Assume p is prime and $0 < a < p$. Prove that $x = b(-1)^{a-1} \frac{\binom{p}{a}}{p} \pmod{p}$ is solution of $ax \equiv b \pmod{p}$.

SOLUTION. 1. Only need to check $aba^{\phi(m)-1} \equiv b \pmod{m}$. Since $\gcd(a, m) = 1$, easily $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$, so it's obvious.

2. We multiply $a!$ to the equation, we get $a!x \equiv b(-1)^{a-1} \prod_{k=1}^{a-1} (-k) \equiv b(a-1)! \pmod{p}$. Since $0 < a < p$, we get $\gcd((a-1)!, p) = 1$, so $ax \equiv b \pmod{p}$. \square

PROBLEM IV Solve the equation:

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ x \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \\ x \equiv 3 \pmod{7} \\ x \equiv 4 \pmod{9} \end{cases}$$

SOLUTION. \square