

DSBA Discrete Mathematics HW5

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1. Find the last two digits of the number 99^{1000} in decimal notation.

Let's use corollary from Fermat's Little Theorem that if $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ and $x \equiv y \pmod{\varphi(m)}$ then $a^x \equiv a^y \pmod{m}$

$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(99, 1000) &= 1 \\ \varphi(100) &= \varphi(5^2 \cdot 2^2) = 100(1 - \frac{1}{5})(1 - \frac{1}{2}) = 40 \Rightarrow \\ 1000 &\equiv 0 \pmod{40} \Rightarrow 99^{1000} \equiv (99)^0 \equiv 1 \pmod{100}\end{aligned}$$

2. Prove that a^3 and b^3 result in the same remainder when divided by $a - b$.

Same remainder is equivalent to $a^3 \equiv b^3 \pmod{a - b}$ or $(a - b) \mid (a^3 - b^3)$. That's true because $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$.

3. If $11 \mid (5m + 3n)$, then $11 \mid (9m + n)$

We need to show that if $5m \equiv -3n \pmod{11}$ then $9m \equiv -n \pmod{11}$. By the properties of congruences we need another assumption that $4m \equiv 2n \pmod{11}$ or because $\gcd(2, 11) = 1$ we can divide by 2, then $2m \equiv n \pmod{11}$.

$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(3, 11) &= 1 \Rightarrow \\ 5m &\equiv -3n \pmod{11} \Rightarrow -6m \equiv -3n \pmod{11} \Rightarrow 2m \equiv n \pmod{11}\end{aligned}$$

That's exactly what we needed, therefore, the proof is over.

4. In a certain programming language, there is a type *Int* housing all integers from the range $[-M; M - 1]$, where M is a large positive integer. If an integer x is out of that range (that is, there is an overflow), then x is automatically presented in *Int* as some other integer $I(x)$ within the range. On overflow, the value wraps around so that

$$I(x) = \text{remainder}(x + M, 2M) - M$$

for any integer x . Prove that for every integers x and y , the following hold:

(a) $I(x) = I(I(x))$

$$\begin{aligned}I(I(x)) &= \text{remainder}(\text{remainder}(x + M, 2M) - M + M, 2M) - M = \\ &= \text{remainder}(\text{remainder}(x + M, 2M), 2M) - M = \text{remainder}(x + M, 2M) - M = I(x)\end{aligned}$$

Because $\text{remainder}(\text{remainder}(x, y), y) = \text{remainder}(x, y) \quad \forall x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ as $\text{remainder}(x, y) < y$

(b) $I(x + y) = I(I(x) + I(y))$

$$\begin{aligned}I(I(x) + I(y)) &= \text{remainder}(\text{remainder}(x + M, 2M) - M + \text{remainder}(y + M, 2M) - M + M, 2M) - M = \\ &= \text{remainder}(\text{remainder}(x + M, 2M) + \text{remainder}(y + M, 2M) - M, 2M) - M = \\ &= \text{remainder}(\underbrace{\text{remainder}(x + y + 2M, 2M)}_{\text{by sum of congruences}} - M, 2M) - M = \\ &= \text{remainder}(\underbrace{\text{remainder}(x + y, 2M)}_{2M \equiv 0 \pmod{2M}} - M, 2M) - M = \\ &= \text{remainder}(x + y - M, 2M) - M = \text{remainder}(x + y + M, 2M) - M = I(x + y)\end{aligned}$$

//TODO: Add explanations

(c) $I(xy) = I(I(x) \cdot I(y))$

$$I(I(x) \cdot I(y)) = \text{remainder}((\text{remainder}(x + M, 2M) - M)(\text{remainder}(y + M, 2M) - M) + M, 2M) - M =$$

//TODO: Finish

5. Suppose a number $a > 1$ is divisible by 2 but not by 4. Then a has as many positive even divisors as it has positive odd divisors.

By fundamental theorem of arithmetic we can factorize a on product of prime numbers. Condition that a is divisible by 2 but not by 4 means that 2 occurs in factorization in a first power, otherwise we'd divide by 2^2 .

$$a = 2 \cdot 3^{\alpha_1} \cdot 5^{\alpha_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p^{\alpha_k}$$

All even divisors are obtained by taking 2 and some combination of $3, 5, \dots, p$ in various powers. For example, $2, 2 \cdot 3, 2 \cdot 3^2, 2 \cdot 5, \dots$ or even the whole number as it is divisible by 2, in other words, is even. Let's count the number of combinations for even divisors.

$$m = \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \dots + \alpha_k$$

$$C_m^0 + C_m^1 + \dots + C_m^m = 2^m$$

For odd divisors the sum is the same except there is no summand C_m^0 , but $C_m^0 = 1$ and we don't need to forget add 1 as odd divisor, so the result is the same: $1 + C_m^1 + \dots + C_m^m = 2^m$. Therefore, there are as many even divisors as odd ones.