

1. Chapter 8 Congruences

Properties:

$$a \equiv a \pmod{m}$$

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{m}$$

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m}, b \equiv c \pmod{m} \Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{m}$$

$$\text{if } a \equiv b \pmod{m}, c \equiv d \pmod{m} \Rightarrow$$

$$a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$$

$$a - c \equiv b - d \pmod{m}$$

$$ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$$

2. Chapter 9,10

(a) Fermat's Little Theorem

If p is prime, and $p \nmid a$ then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

(b) Euler's phi function:

$$\phi: \mathbf{N} \rightarrow \mathbf{N}, \phi = \#\{a \mid 1 \leq a \leq m, \gcd(a, m) = 1\}$$

For primes: $\phi(p) = p - 1$

(c) Euler's Phi Formula:

If $\gcd(a, m) = 1$, $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

Prove:

Suppose $\gcd(a, m) = 1$. $b_n, 1 \leq n \leq \phi(m)$ represents all numbers that are co-prime to m .

Consider $A = ab_1, ab_2, ab_3, \dots, ab_{\phi(m)} \pmod{m}$ and $B = b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_{\phi(m)} \pmod{m}$. They have the same number of elements. If all elements in A are congruent to different number mod m , two set are the same.

We prove by contradiction, suppose $ab_i \equiv ab_j \pmod{m} \Rightarrow m \mid a(b_i - b_j) \Rightarrow m \mid (b_i - b_j) \Rightarrow b_i \equiv b_j$ contradicts!

Then $b_1 b_2 \dots b_{\phi(m)} \equiv ab_1 ab_2 \dots ab_{\phi(m)} \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(m)} b_i \equiv a^{\phi(m)} \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(m)} b_i \pmod{m}$$

since b_i 's are coprime to m , $\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(m)} b_i$ are coprime to m . $\Rightarrow 1 \equiv a^{\phi(m)} \pmod{m}$