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We can analyze the question by calculating the value of  $4^{1536} \pmod{35}$  and checking if it is the same as  $9^{4824} \pmod{35}$ . We begin by solving  $4^{1536} \pmod{35}$ .

$$(nq+r)^k \pmod{n} \equiv r^k \pmod{n}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4^{2 \cdot 768} &\Rightarrow 16^{768} \pmod{35} \\ 16^{2 \cdot 384} &\Rightarrow 256^{384} \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow (7 \cdot 35 + 11)^{384} \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow 11^{384} \pmod{35} \\ 11^{2 \cdot 192} &\Rightarrow 121^{192} \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow (3 \cdot 35 + 16)^{192} \pmod{35} \\ 16^{2 \cdot 96} &\Rightarrow 256^{96} \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow (3 \cdot 35 + 11)^{96} \pmod{35} \\ 11^{2 \cdot 48} &\Rightarrow 121^{48} \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow (3 \cdot 35 + 16)^{48} \pmod{35} \\ 16^{2 \cdot 24} &\Rightarrow 256^{24} \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow (7 \cdot 35 + 11)^{24} \pmod{35} \\ 11^{2 \cdot 12} &\Rightarrow 121^{12} \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow (3 \cdot 35 + 16)^{12} \pmod{35} \\ 16^{2 \cdot 6} &\Rightarrow 256^6 \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow (3 \cdot 35 + 11)^6 \pmod{35} \\ 11^{2 \cdot 3} &\Rightarrow 121^3 \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow (3 \cdot 35 + 16)^3 \pmod{35} \\ 16^2 \cdot 16^1 &\Rightarrow 256 \cdot 16 \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow (7 \cdot 35 + 11) \cdot 16 \pmod{35} \\ &\Rightarrow 11 \cdot 16 \pmod{35} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 176 \pmod{35} &= 1 \\ \therefore 4^{1536} \pmod{35} &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

We know  $4^{1536} \pmod{35} = 1$ , we can use Fermat's little theorem to solve whether or not  $9^{4824} \pmod{35} = 1$ , where  $9^{4824} \equiv 1 \pmod{35}$ .

By Fermat's prime factorization by  $n$ , we get  $35 = 5 \cdot 7$ .

①  $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  for  $n=5$   
 $a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$

②  $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  for  $n=7$   
 $a^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$

combine ① ② yields

$$a^{4 \cdot 6} \equiv 1 \pmod{5 \cdot 7}$$

$$a^{24} \equiv 1 \pmod{35}$$

Solve for  $a$  by  $\frac{4824}{24} = 201$

$$a = 9^{201}$$

by Fermat's we have found a value that satisfy his theorem.

$$\therefore 9^{4824} \pmod{35} = 1$$

Both the left hand side and right hand side are congruent, therefore the statement is true. ■

Q2 Solve  $x^{86} \equiv 6 \pmod{29}$

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Fermat says we can use his formula  $a^{N-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$  if  $N$  is prime.

In our case,  $N$  is a prime number 29. We can derive the following equation

$$x^{28} \equiv 1 \pmod{29} \quad (1)$$

prime factorization of 28 (2)

$$x^{2 \cdot 14} \equiv 1 \pmod{29} \quad (3)$$

$$x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{29} \quad (4)$$

$$x^7 \equiv 1 \pmod{29} \quad (5)$$

for (4): we try to solve the equation  $x^2 \pmod{29} = 6$ :

find the multiples of 29  
29, 58

$$x^2 = 29n + 6$$

$$x^2 = 58 + 6$$

$$x^2 = 64$$

$$x = 8 \pmod{29}$$

for (5): we try to solve the equation  $x^7 \pmod{29} = 6$ :

we will try different values for

x	$x^7$	$ 29 \cdot \lfloor x^7/29 \rfloor - x^7 $	← to calculate the remainder
2	128	12	
3	2187	12	
4	16384	28	
5	78125	28	
6	279936	28	
7	823543	1	
8	2097152	17	

we just have to solve for the smallest  $x$  value and this already exceeds it, therefore it is unimportant. Our previous solution remains.

**Q3** Prove that  $\gcd(F_{n+1}, F_n) = 1$ , for  $n \geq 1$ , where  $F_n$  is the  $n$ -th Fibonacci element.

**Solution:**

When the  $\gcd$  of two numbers is 1, that means that the numbers are relatively prime, meaning that there is no number  $n \neq 1$  that divides both of the numbers. We can prove the following statement by induction.

**Base case:**

For  $n = 0$ , we check the  $\gcd(F_0, F_1)$ , which are  $\gcd(1, 1)$ , these two numbers satisfy as  $\gcd(1, 1) = 1 \checkmark$

**Induction step:**

For our induction hypothesis, we assume that  $\gcd(F_n, F_{n+1}) = 1$ . We must prove that the statement is true as well for  $n = k + 1$  and prove  $\gcd(F_{k+1}, F_{k+2}) = z$ , for  $z = 1$

By the equation, we know that  $z \mid F_{k+1}$ ,  $z \mid F_{k+2}$  and  $z \mid F_k + F_{k+1}$  since  $F_x = F_{x-2} + F_{x-1}$  for  $x \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $z \mid F_k + F_{k+1}$  tells us that  $z \mid F_k$  and  $z \mid F_{k+1}$ , we can derive Euclid's GCD by stating  $\gcd(F_k, F_{k+1}) = z$ . From our induction hypothesis, we know that  $\gcd(F_n, F_{n+1}) = 1$ , therefore,  $z$  is also 1. We prove the following claim by a direct proof via induction. ■