

# FERMAT'S LITTLE THEOREM QNS.

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①  $3^{21} \bmod 7$

$$a^{(p-1)} \equiv 1 \bmod p \rightarrow 3^6 \equiv 1 \bmod 7$$

$$3^{21} \equiv (3^6)^5 \cdot (3) \equiv 1^5 \cdot (3) \equiv 3 \bmod 7$$

②  $2^{35} \bmod 7$

by Fermat's little theorem,  $2^6 \equiv 1 \bmod 7$

$$2^{35} \equiv (2^6)^5 \cdot (2)^5 \equiv 1 \cdot 32 \equiv 32 \equiv 4 \bmod 7$$

③  $128^{129} \bmod 17$

$$128^{16} \equiv 1 \bmod 17$$

$$128 \bmod 17 = 9 \rightarrow 9^{16} \equiv 1 \bmod 17$$

$$128^{129} \equiv 9^{129} \equiv (9^{16})^8 \cdot (9) \equiv 1^8 \cdot 9 \equiv 9 \bmod 17$$

④  $2^{1000} \bmod 13$

$$2^{12} \equiv 1 \bmod 13$$

$$2^{1000} \equiv (2^{12})^{83} \cdot 2^4 \equiv 2^4 \equiv 16 \equiv 3 \bmod 13$$

⑤  $29^{25} \bmod 11$

$$29 \equiv 7 \bmod 11$$

$$7^{10} \equiv 1 \bmod 11$$

$$29^{25} \equiv 7^{25} \equiv (7^{10})^2 \cdot 7^5 \equiv 7 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 7^2 \bmod 11$$

$$7^2 = 49 \equiv 5 \bmod 11$$

$$7 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 = 175 \equiv 10 \bmod 11$$

⑥  $2^{20} + 3^{20} + 4^{40} + 5^{50} + 6^{60} \bmod 7$

$$2^6 \equiv 3^6 \equiv 4^6 \equiv 5^6 \equiv 6^6 \equiv 1 \bmod 7$$

$$2^{20} \equiv (2^6)^3 \cdot 2^2 \equiv 4 \bmod 7$$

$$3^{20} \equiv (3^6)^3 \equiv 1 \bmod 7$$

$$4^{40} \equiv (4^6)^6 \cdot (4^4) \equiv 256 \equiv 4 \bmod 7$$

$$5^{50} \equiv (5^6)^8 \cdot 5^2 \equiv 25 \equiv 4 \bmod 7$$

$$6^{60} \equiv (6^6)^{10} \equiv 1 \bmod 7$$

⑥<sup>cont.</sup>  $2^{20} + 3^{30} + 4^{40} + 5^{50} + 6^{60} \equiv 4 + 1 + 4 + 4 + 1 \equiv 14 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

! ⑦  $a_1 = 4, a_n = 4^{a_{n-1}}, n > 1, a_{100}$

$$4^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$4^1 \equiv 4^2 \equiv 4^3 \equiv 4^4 \equiv \dots \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$$

$$4^{a_n} \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \text{ for all } n > 1, \text{ so } a_n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$$

$$a_{100} = 4^{a_{99}} \equiv 4^4 (4^6)^x \equiv 4^4 \equiv 256 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$$

⑧  $x^{103} \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$

$$x^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$x^{103} \equiv (x^{10})^{10} \cdot x^3 \equiv x^3 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$x=1, x^3=1, \neq 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$x=2, x^3=8, \neq 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$x=3, x^3=27, \neq 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$x=4, x^3=64, \neq 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$x=5, x^3=125 \equiv 4 \pmod{11} \rightarrow x=5$$

⑨  $x^{86} \equiv 6 \pmod{29}$

$$x^{28} \equiv 1 \pmod{29}$$

$$x^{86} \equiv (x^{28})^3 \cdot x^2 \equiv x^2 \equiv 6 \pmod{29}$$

(try all  $x$  from  $x=0$  to  $x=29$ )

$$x=8, 21$$

! ⑩ periods of sequence  $x, x^2, x^3 \pmod{13}$

$$x^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

- periods of sequence =  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12\}$

• cycle length 1  $\Rightarrow x = 0, 1, 13$

• cycle length 12  $\Rightarrow x = 2$

• cycle length 2  $\Rightarrow x = 2^{12/2} = 2^6 = 64 \equiv 12 \pmod{13}$

• cycle length 3  $\Rightarrow x = 2^{12/3} = 2^4 = 16 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$

• cycle length 4  $\Rightarrow x = 2^{12/4} = 2^3 \equiv 8 \pmod{13}$

• cycle length 6  $\Rightarrow x = 2^{12/6} = 2^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{13}$

- confused about how they got  $x$  for cycle length 2 from cycle length 12?



⑪  $10^{10^{100}} \bmod 7$

- use Euler's theorem  $\rightarrow a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \bmod n$   
for first part

$$10^{10^{100}} \bmod 7$$

$$\phi(7) = (7-1) = 6$$

$$\phi(\phi(7)) = \#\{1, 5\} = 2$$

$$10^{100} \bmod 6$$

$$10^2 = 100 \equiv 4 \bmod 6 \rightarrow 10^k \equiv 4 \bmod 6$$

$$10^4 \equiv 4 \bmod 6 \text{ (hand calculate)}$$

- 4 days from Sunday, to Thursday

!⑫  $p, q$  are distinct primes,  $a^p \equiv a \bmod p$ ,  $a^q \equiv a \bmod q$

prove  $a^{pq} \equiv a \bmod (pq)$

$$(a^p)^q \equiv a^q \equiv a \bmod p$$

$$(a^q)^p \equiv a^p \equiv a \bmod q$$

$$a^{pq} = px + a = qy + a \rightarrow px = qy$$

$$x = qn, y = pn \text{ for some } n$$

$$a^{pq} = p(qn) + a = q(pn) + a$$

$$a^{pq} \equiv a \bmod pq$$

!⑬  $2^{2^x+1} + 2 \bmod 17 = 0$ , find  $x$

let  $2^x + 1$  be  $a$

$$2^a + 2 \equiv 0 \bmod 17$$

$$2^a \equiv -2 \equiv 15 \equiv 32 \bmod 17$$

$$a = 5, 2^5 = 32$$

- forgot to consider modulo when calculating

$$2^{x+1} \equiv 5 \bmod 8 \rightarrow 8 \text{ is cycle length for powers of } 2$$

$$2^x \equiv 4 \bmod 8$$

$$x = 2$$

- I followed through the rest but couldn't do them on my own