

## Tutorial - 6

### Number Theory

① Let  $a=11$ ,  $p=17$  pta then fermat's theorem

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$11^{17-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$$

but

$$11^{104} = 11^{6 \cdot 16 + 8} = ((11)^{16})^6 11^8 \pmod{17}$$

$$= 1^6 (11^2)^4 \pmod{17}$$

$$= 2^4 \pmod{17}$$

$$= 16 \pmod{17}$$

$$11^{104} \equiv -1 \pmod{17}$$

so  $11^{104} + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{17}$

i.e.  $17 \mid 11^{104} + 1$

② a) Since  $\gcd(4, 35) = 1$  then  $\gcd(4, 5) = \gcd(4, 7) = 1$   
Then by fermate theorem

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad \text{and} \quad a^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

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

$$(a^4)^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \quad \text{and} \quad (a^6)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

Thus  $a^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{35}$  since  $\gcd(5, 7) = 1$

b) Since  $\phi(12) = 7 \cdot 3 \cdot 2$ ,  $\gcd(a, 12) = 1$ , then  
 $\gcd(3, 2) = 1$

Thus by fermat theorem  $a^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

$$a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, \text{ and } a \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow a^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

and  $a^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

Since  $\gcd(9, 12) = 1$  then  $a$  is odd.

$$\text{So } a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

$$\text{Therefore } a^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{\text{lcm}(3, 7, 8)}$$

$$a^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{168}$$

③ a)  $15 = 3 \times 5$  by Fermat's theorem

$$a^3 \equiv a \pmod{3} \text{ \& } a^5 \equiv a \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^3)^7 = a^7 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow a^{21} = (a^3)^7 \cdot a \pmod{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{21} \equiv a \pmod{3} \text{ and } a^{21} = (a^5)^4 \cdot a = a^5 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{21} \equiv a \pmod{5}$$

$$\text{Thus } a^{21} \equiv a \pmod{\text{lcm}(5, 3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{21} \equiv a \pmod{15}$$

b) Using Fermat's theorem

$$a^9 = (a^3)^3 = a^3 \equiv a \pmod{3}$$

$$a^9 \equiv a^5 \cdot a^4 \equiv a^5 \equiv a \pmod{5}$$

$$a^9 = (a^2)^4 \cdot a = a^5 \equiv a^3 \equiv a^2 \equiv a \pmod{2}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } a^9 \equiv a \pmod{3 \times 5 \times 2}$$

$$a^9 \equiv a \pmod{30}$$

4) Proof :- Since  $\gcd(9, 30) = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(9, 5) = 1$

$$\text{So } a^{5-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$\text{Thus } a^4 + 59 = 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\text{Also } \gcd(a, 3) = \gcd(a, 2) = 1 \text{ then}$$

$$a^{3-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\text{So } a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \Rightarrow a^4 + 59 = 0 \pmod{3}$$

Since  $\gcd(a, 30) = 1$  then  $a$  is odd

$$\text{So } a \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ or } a \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

$$\text{Then } a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ or } a^4 = 3^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$



So in both cases

$$a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow a^4 + 59 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

Therefore 1, 2, 3 we have

$$a^4 + 59 \equiv 0 \pmod{3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 = 60}$$

So  $\boxed{60 \mid a^4 + 59}$

(5) We want to find the units digit at  $3^{100}$  by using Fermat's theorem

Since  $\gcd(3, 5) = 1$  and  $\gcd(3, 2) = 1$  then we can use Fermat's theorem

$$3^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$\text{So } (3^4)^{25} \equiv 3^{100} \equiv 1^{25} \equiv 1 \pmod{25}$$

$$3^{2-1} \equiv 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$3^{100} \equiv 1^{100} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$\text{Thus, } 3^{100} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

Therefore the units digit of  $3^{100}$  is  $\boxed{1}$

(6) According to Fermat's theorem if  $p$  is a prime and  $a$  is an integer and  $p \nmid a$  then

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Hence using above thm, we get that

$$a^{7-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

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

$$a^6 - 1 = 7k \quad \text{where } k \text{ is integer}$$

Since  $k$  is integer  $(a^3 - 1)$  or  $(a^3 + 1)$  is divisible by 7.

(7) a) Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are integers not divisible by prime  $p$ .

Then by Fermat's theorem, we know that  
 $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  &  $b^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Multiplying  $a$  on either sides of first congruence,  $b$  on either sides of second congruence and subtracting we get

$$a^p - b^p \equiv (a - b) \pmod{p}$$

Using hypothesis that  $a^p \equiv b^p \pmod{p}$  or

$$a^p - b^p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$0 \equiv a - b \pmod{p}$$

$$a \equiv b \pmod{p}$$

8) b) If  $a^p \equiv b^p \pmod{p}$  then  $a^p \equiv b^p \pmod{p^2}$

By Fermat's theorem

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a^p - b^p}{a - b} &= (a^{p-1} + a^{p-2}b + \dots + b^{p-2}a + b^{p-1}) \\ &= (b^{p-1} + b^{p-2}a + \dots + b^{p-2}a + b^{p-1}) \\ &= pb^{p-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\frac{a^p - b^p}{a - b}$  and  $a - b$  are divisible by  $p$

The product  $a^p - b^p$  is divisible by  $p^2$ .

8) Use Fermat's Theorem to prove that if  $p$  is an odd prime then

$$a) \quad 1^{p-1} + 2^{p-1} + 3^{p-1} + \dots + (p-1)^{p-1} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

as  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, \dots, (p-1)\}$

$\gcd(i, p) = 1$  i.e.  $p \nmid i$

we can use Fermat's theorem.



$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$= 1 \pmod{p} + 1 \pmod{p} + \dots + 1 \pmod{p} \quad (p-1 \text{ times})$$

$$= (p-1) (1 \pmod{p})$$

$$\therefore 1^{p-1} + 2^{p-1} + 3^{p-1} + \dots + (p-1)^{p-1} = (p-1) \pmod{p}$$

$$= -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$1^{p-1} + 2^{p-1} + 3^{p-1} + \dots + (p-1)^{p-1} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$b) 1^p + 2^p + 3^p + \dots + (p-1)^p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

since  $\forall i \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$   
 $\gcd(i, p) = 1$

we can use Fermat theorem

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p} \quad (\because p \text{ is odd prime})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= 1^p + 2^p + 3^p + \dots + (p-1)^p \\ &= 1 \pmod{p} + 2 \pmod{p} + 3 \pmod{p} + \dots + (p-1) \pmod{p} \\ &= \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

$(p-1)$  is divisible by 2  $(\because p \text{ is odd prime})$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p(p-1)}{2} \pmod{p} = 0 \pmod{p}$$

LHS = RHS  $\rightarrow$  Hence proved.

Q9 Confirm the following integers are absolute pseudo primes.

$$a) \quad 1105 = 5 \cdot 13 \cdot 17$$

Note that  $1105 = 5 \times 13 \times 17$

$$\nexists \quad 1105 \mid a \quad \text{then } 1105 \mid a^{1105} \Rightarrow 1105 \mid a^{1105} - a$$

$$a^{1105} \equiv a \pmod{1105}$$

If  $1105 \nmid a$  then  $5 \nmid a, 13 \nmid a, 17 \nmid a$  then by Fermat theorem

$$a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}, a^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}, a^{16} \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$$

$$a^{1104} = (a^4)^{276} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$a^{1104} = (a^{12})^{92} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$a^{1104} = (a^{16})^{69} \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$$

$$\therefore a^{1104} \equiv 1 \pmod{5 \times 13 \times 17}$$

$$a^{1105} = a \pmod{1105} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From (1), (2) we conclude that 1105 is absolute pseudo prime.

b)  $2465 = 5 \cdot 17 \cdot 29$

Note that  $2465 = 5 \times 17 \times 29$

If  $2465 \mid a$  then  $2465 \mid a^{2465}$

$$\Rightarrow 2465 \mid a^{2465} - a$$

$$\Rightarrow \exists a^{2465} = a \pmod{2465}$$

If  $2465 \nmid a$  then  $5 \nmid a, 17 \nmid a, 29 \nmid a$  then by Fermat theorem

$$a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}, a^{16} \equiv 1 \pmod{17}, a^{28} \equiv 1 \pmod{29}$$

$$a^{2464} = (a^4)^{616} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$a^{2464} = (a^{16})^{154} \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$$

$$a^{2464} = (a^{28})^{88} \equiv 1 \pmod{29}$$

$$a^{2464} \equiv 1 \pmod{17 \times 29}$$

$$a^{2465} = a \pmod{2465}$$

From (1), (2) we conclude that 2465 is absolute pseudo prime.

(10) Find the remainder when  $15!$  is divided by 17.

Using Wilson's theorem which states that every prime  $p$  divides  $(p-1)! + 1$

As  $17$  is a prime.

$$16! \equiv -1 \pmod{17}$$

$$16(15)! \equiv -1 \pmod{17}$$

$$(17-1)(15)! \equiv -1 \pmod{17}$$

$$17(15)! \equiv -15! \equiv -1 \pmod{17}$$

We get  $17(15)! \equiv 0 \pmod{17}$

So,  $-15! \equiv -1 \pmod{17}$

$$15! \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$$

The remainder when  $15!$  is divided by  $17$  is 1.

(11) Arrange the integers  $2, 3, 4, \dots, 21$  in pairs  $a$  and  $b$  that satisfy  $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$

$p=23$  i.e. the prime number then it's possible to divide the integers  $2, 3, 4, \dots, 21$  into  $\frac{p-1}{2} = \frac{23-1}{2} = 10$

Pairs each ~~and~~ product of which is congruent to 1 modulo 23.

$$21 = (2 \times 12) \cdot (3 \times 8) \cdot (4 \times 6) \cdot (5 \times 14) \cdot (7 \times 10) \cdot (13 \times 16) \cdot (9 \times 17) \cdot (17 \times 19) \cdot (15 \times 20) \cdot (11 \times 21)$$

$$= (1)^{10} \pmod{23}$$



The integers are arranged in paired as

$$ab \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$$

(12) Show that  $18! \equiv -1 \pmod{437}$

Using Fermat's theorem :-

$$(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

as  $437 = 19 \times 23$

We apply above theorem separately

$$(19-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{19}$$

$$18! \equiv -1 \pmod{19}$$

$$(23-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{23}$$

$$22! \equiv -1 \pmod{23}$$

$$22! = 22 \times 21 \times 20 \times 19 \times 18! \equiv (-1)(-2)(-3)(-4) \pmod{23}$$

$$\equiv 24$$

$$\equiv 1 \pmod{23}$$

Since 23 and 19 are coprimes

$$18! \equiv -1 \pmod{19 \times 23}$$

$$18! \equiv -1 \pmod{437}$$

13 Given a prime number  $p$ , establish the congruence

$$(p-1)! \equiv (p-1) \pmod{1+2+\dots+(p-1)}$$

Proof by Wilson's theorem

$$(p-1)! \equiv -1 \equiv p-1 \pmod{p} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$



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$$p | (p-1)! - (p-1)$$

Now using the identity

$$1 + 2 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

$$\therefore 1 + 2 + \dots + p-1 = \frac{p(p-1)}{2}$$

Since  $p$  is odd prime then  $(p-1)$  is even,  
so  $\frac{p-1}{2}$  is integer.

$$\text{But, } (p-1) \nmid (p-1)! - (p-1)$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right) \nmid (p-1)! - (p-1) \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Since  $p$  is prime then  
 $\gcd\left(\frac{p-1}{2}, p-1\right) = 1$  from (1) & (2)

We have

$$\frac{p(p-1)}{2} \nmid (p-1)! - (p-1) \Rightarrow (p-1)! \equiv (p-1) \pmod{\frac{p(p-1)}{2}}$$