

① show that 2 is a primitive root modulo 11.

Ans: we need to show that smallest positive integer k for which -

$$2^k \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$\text{is } k = \phi(11) = 10$$

compute powers of 2 modulo 11

$$2^1 \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^3 \equiv 8 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^4 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^5 \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^6 \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^7 \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^8 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$$

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$$2^9 \equiv 6 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

The smallest exponent k is

so the first time we get 1 is at exponent 10. so the order of 2 modulo 11 is 10. Hence 2 is a primitive root modulo 11.

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② How many incongruent primitive roots does 14 have?

Ans: First need to find, whether 14 has primitive root.

A number n has primitive root if only if -

$n = 2, 4, p^k$ or $2p^k$ where p is an odd number.

Here, $14 = 2 \times 7$ fits

So, 14 has primitive roots $= \phi(\phi(14))$

compute - $\phi(14) = \phi(2) \times \phi(7) = 1 \times 6 = 6$

$\phi(\phi(14)) = \phi(6) = \phi(2 \times 3) = 1 \times 2$

Therefore, 14 has 2 incongruent primitive roots.

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③ suppose n is pos int and a^{-1} is the multiplicative inverse of $a \pmod{n}$

Ⓐ show $\text{ord } n(a) = \text{ord } n(a^{-1})$

let, $\text{ord } n(a) = k$

Then by definition -

$$a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

take inverse both sides

$$(a^{-1})^k \equiv 1^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

so order of a^{-1} divides k

similarly, if $(a^{-1})^m \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ then

$$a^m \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

so the order of a divides m

hence $\text{order}(a) \geq \text{order}(a^{-1})$

(b) If a is a primitive root mod n
must a^{-1} also be a primitive root?

since a is a primitive root
and $\text{ord}(a) = \phi(n)$

For $\text{ord}(a^{-1})$

$$\text{ord}(a^{-1}) = \text{ord}(a) = \phi(n)$$

Therefore, a^{-1} also has order $\phi(n)$
So, it is also a primitive root modulo n

$\therefore a^{-1}$ is also a primitive root modulo n .