

Warm up!

Let $m = 3$ be a modulus.

By combining set notation and congruence classes,

- Express the set of all integers, \mathbb{Z} .
- Express the empty set \emptyset .

• Let $m = 3$. Then $[0] \cup [1] \cup [2] = \mathbb{Z}$ and $[0] \cap [1] \cap [2] = \emptyset$.

Reminder!

- We never defined division for congruence classes.
- $[a / b]$ is not recommended!
- $[a] / [b]$ is not recommended!

MATH 135: Lecture 26

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- Friday 12 November:
 - Moebius quiz tonight! (covers up to middle of page 121)
- Friday 12 November:
 - Look at WA08 (covers up to end of pg 133) and solutions to WA07
- Reading: Up to end of Chapter 8.
 - Moebius quizzes seem to have covered things out of order
 - Knowing ℓ T, CRT and “Splitting mod” can help you on quizzes
- Wednesday 17 November:
 - Submit Written Assignment 8: WA8 (covers up to page 133)


Objectives

- F *l* T
- CRT

FLT: Fermat's Last Theorem

The proposition was first stated as a theorem by Pierre de Fermat around 1637 in the margin of a copy of *Arithmetica*; Fermat added that he had a proof that was too large to fit in the margin. Although other

F & T: Fermat's Little Theorem

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Frenicle de Bessy


As usual, Fermat did not prove his assertion, only stating:

Et cette proposition est généralement vraie en toutes progressions et en tous nombres premiers; de quoi je vous enverrois la démonstration, si je n'appréhendois d'être trop long.

(And this proposition is generally true for all progressions and for all prime numbers; the proof of which I would send to you, if I were not afraid that it would be too long.)

- Euler gave the first published proof (1736)
- Leibniz gave the same proof as Euler in an unpublished paper (before 1683)

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$ax + by = c$	This is a linear Diophantine equation.
$w^3 + x^3 = y^3 + z^3$	The smallest nontrivial solution in positive integers is $12^3 + 1^3 = 9^3 + 10^3 = 1729$. It was famously given as an evident property of 1729, a taxicab number (also named Hardy–Ramanujan number) by Ramanujan to Hardy while meeting in 1917. ^[1] There are infinitely many nontrivial solutions. ^[2]
$x^n + y^n = z^n$	For $n = 2$ there are infinitely many solutions (x, y, z) : the Pythagorean triples . For larger integer values of n , Fermat's Last Theorem (initially claimed in 1637 by Fermat and proved by Andrew Wiles in 1995 ^[3]) states there are no positive integer solutions (x, y, z) .

F *ℓ* T

\forall $p \in \mathbb{P}$, if $p \nmid a$, then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Be careful! p *must be prime!*

$$2^{4-1} \equiv ? \pmod{4}$$

Be careful! p *must not divide a!*

$$49^{7-1} \equiv ? \pmod{7}$$

F ℓ T

\forall $p \in \mathbb{P}$, if $p \nmid a$, then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Corollaries

\forall $p \in \mathbb{P}$, if ~~$p \nmid a$~~ , then $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$

If $p \nmid a$, multiply both sides of F ℓ T by a .

If $p \mid a$, $a^p \equiv a \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

FET

$\forall p \in \mathbb{P}$, if $p \nmid a$, then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Corollaries

$\forall p \in \mathbb{P}$, if ~~$p \nmid a$~~ , then $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$

$\forall p \in \mathbb{P}$, if $[a] \neq [0]$ in \mathbb{Z}_p , $[a]^{-1} = [a^{p-2}]$

Skipped since WA08 and final don't need it

Practice!

Determine all solutions to $x^{61} + 26x^{41} + 11x^{25} + 20 \equiv 30 \pmod{3}$.

$x^3 \equiv x \pmod{3}, \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$ (Corollary to FLT)

$$x^{3 \cdot 20 + 1} + 26x^{3 \cdot 13 + 2} + 11x^{3 \cdot 8 + 1} + 20 \equiv 30 \pmod{3}$$

$$x^{3 \cdot 20}x + 26x^{3 \cdot 13}x^2 + 11x^{3 \cdot 8}x + 20 \equiv 30 \pmod{3}$$

$$x^{20}x + 26x^{13}x^2 + 11x^8x + 20 \equiv 30 \pmod{3}$$

$$x^{21} + 26x^{15} + 11x^9 + 20 \equiv 30 \pmod{3}$$

$$x^7 + 26x^5 + 11x + 20 \equiv 30 \pmod{3}$$

$$x + 26x + 11x + 20 \equiv 30 \pmod{3}$$

$$38x + 20 \equiv 30 \pmod{3}$$

Chinese Remainder Theorem

有物不知其数，三三数之剩二，
五五数之剩三，七七数之剩二。问物几何？

There's an unknown number x ,
when counted in 3s we have 2 left over,
when counted in 5s we have 3 left over,
when counted in 7s we have 2 left over,
what is the number?

CRT

Problem 26, Volume 3 of:

孫子 (Sun Zi) 算經 (Mathematics Manual)

In China, it's called:

孙子定理 (Sun Zi Theorem), or
中国剩余定理 (Chinese Remainder Theorem)

孫子兵法 (Art of War): 430-500 BC

孫子算經: 200-400 AD (~765 years difference!)

CRT

Sun Zi explained how to solve the problem. He noticed:

$$70 \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$21 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$15 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\therefore x = 2(70) + 3(21) + 2(15) = 233 \text{ solves the problem.}$$

Any multiple of 105 ($3 \times 7 \times 5$) is divisible by 3, 5, and 7,

$$\therefore 233 - 2(105) = 23 \text{ is the smallest positive answer.}$$

CRT

Theorem 16 (Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT))

For all integers a_1 and a_2 , and positive integers m_1 and m_2 , if $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1$, then the simultaneous linear congruences

$$n \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

$$n \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

have a unique solution modulo $m_1 m_2$. Thus, if $n = n_0$ is one particular solution, then the solutions are given by the set of all integers n such that

$$n \equiv n_0 \pmod{m_1 m_2}.$$

[10] 3. Solve the following system of linear congruences.

$$x \equiv 12 \pmod{20}$$

$$x \equiv 11 \pmod{39}$$

$$x = 20n + 12$$

$$(20n + 12) \equiv 11 \pmod{39}$$

$$20n \equiv -1 \pmod{39}$$

$$20n = 39y - 1$$

$$1 = 39y - 20n \text{ [now solve the Diophantine eqn]}$$

Theorem 17 (Generalized Chinese Remainder Theorem (GCRT))

For all positive integers k and m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k , and integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k , if $\gcd(m_i, m_j) = 1$ for all $i \neq j$, then the simultaneous congruences

$$n \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

$$n \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$n \equiv a_k \pmod{m_k}$$

have a unique solution modulo $m_1 m_2 \cdots m_k$. Thus, if $n = n_0$ is one particular solution, then the solutions are given by the set of all integers n such that

$$n \equiv n_0 \pmod{m_1 m_2 \cdots m_k}.$$

EXERCISE

Solve the problem posed by Sun Zi that was discussed at the beginning of this section.

Solve the simultaneous congruences

$$n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$n \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$n \equiv 5 \pmod{7}.$$

Splitting Modulus Theorem (SMT)

Theorem 18

(Splitting Modulus Theorem (SMT))

For all integers a and positive integers m_1 and m_2 , if $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1$, then the simultaneous congruences

$$n \equiv a \pmod{m_1}$$

$$n \equiv a \pmod{m_2}$$

have exactly the same solutions as the single congruence $n \equiv a \pmod{m_1 m_2}$.

“Inverse Chinese Remainder Theorem”
(Do not actually call it that on the exam)

Example 22Find all integers x such that $x^3 + x^2 \equiv 26 \pmod{35}$.

$$x^3 + x^2 \equiv 26 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$x^3 + x^2 \equiv 26 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}.$$

$x \pmod{5}$	0	1	2	3	4
$x^2 \pmod{5}$	0	1	4	4	1
$x^3 \pmod{5}$	0	1	3	2	4
$x^3 + x^2 \pmod{5}$	0	2	2	1	0

$x \pmod{7}$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
$x^2 \pmod{7}$	0	1	4	2	2	4	1
$x^3 \pmod{7}$	0	1	1	6	1	6	6
$x^3 + x^2 \pmod{7}$	0	2	5	1	3	3	0

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}.$$

$x \equiv n_0 \pmod{35}$, where n_0 is one particular solution.

Example 22

Find all integers x such that $x^3 + x^2 \equiv 26 \pmod{35}$.

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}.$$

$x \equiv n_0 \pmod{35}$, where n_0 is one particular solution.

To find a suitable value for n_0 , note that $n_0 = 2, 9, 16, 23, 30$ are the choices of integers between 0 and 34 that are congruent to 2 (mod 7). Now we observe that $2 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$, $9 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$, $16 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$, $23 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ and $30 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$, so $n_0 = 23$ is a

$$x \equiv 23 \pmod{35}.$$

Thank you!

Extra practice:

- ▶ Is 156723 divisible by 11?
- ▶ Is $5^9 + 62^{2000} - 14$ divisible by 7?
- ▶ What is the remainder when $77^{100}(999) - 6^{83}$ is divided by 4?
- ▶ What is the last digit of $5^{32}3^{10} + 9^{22}$?
- ▶ Prove that $\gcd(2^a - 1, 2^b - 1) \mid 2^{\gcd(a,b)} - 1$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$.

without actually carrying out any long division.

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for writing notes from the tablet.

