

NU1 Statements

A Collection of Unsubstantiated Claims

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Divisibility

Notation. $a|b \iff \exists x : ax = b$

Proposition.

1. $a|b \implies a|bc$
2. $a|b$ and $b|c \implies a|c$
3. $a|b$ and $a|c \implies a|bx + cy$
4. $a|b$ and $b \neq 0 \implies |a| \leq |b|$
5. $a|b$ and $b|a \implies a = \pm b$

Proposition. $a^n - b^n = (a - b) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} a^{n-i} b^i$

Proposition. If n is odd, then $a^n + b^n = (a + b) \sum_{i=0}^{n-1} (-1)^i a^{n-i} b^i$

Proposition. If n is composite, then $2^n - 1$ is also composite.

Proposition. If $n \geq 2$ and $a^n - 1$ is prime, then $a = 2$ and n is prime.

Definition (Fermat numbers). $F_n = 2^{(2^n)} + 1$

Proposition. $(F_n, F_m) = 1$

Definition. d , denoted (a, b) , is the distinguished common divisor of a and b iff

1. $d|a$ and $d|b$
2. $c|a$ and $c|b \implies c|d$

Proposition. (a, b) exists, and is unique up to sign.

Definition (Euclidean Algorithm). Todo

Proposition.

1. $(a, b) = (a, ak + b)$
2. $(ma, mb) = m(a, b)$

Definition (Euclidean Algorithm). (a, b) is the smallest n such that $ax + by = n$.

Definition. a and b are relatively prime iff $(a, b) = 1$.

Lemma (Euclid). $a|bc$ and $(a, b) = 1 \implies a|c$

Base 10 Divisibility

Proposition (Divisibility by 9). $\overline{a_k \dots a_1 a_0} \equiv a_k + \dots + a_1 + a_0 \pmod{9}$

Proposition (Divisibility by 11). $\overline{a_k \dots a_1 a_0} \equiv \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i a_i \pmod{11}$

Proposition (Last n digit rule). If $a|10^k$, then $\overline{\dots a_k \dots a_1 a_0} \equiv \overline{a_k \dots a_2 a_1} \pmod{a}$

Primes

Definition. p is irreducible iff $a|p \implies a = 1 \vee a = p$

Definition. p is prime iff $p|ab \implies p = a \vee p = b$

Proposition. In \mathbb{Z} , irreducibility and primality are equivalent.

Theorem (Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic). Every positive integer n has a unique canonical representation

$$n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k} = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\alpha_i}$$

Where $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_k$ are primes.

Theorem (Bertrand's Postulate). For all n , there exists a prime p such that $n < p < 2n$.

Theorem (Bertrand's Postulate). Arbitrarily large prime gaps exist.

Theorem (Dirichet). If $(a, b) = 1$, then there are infinitely many primes of the form $ak + b$.

Theorem. $(\exists x : x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}) \iff p = 4k + 1$

Theorem. If $p = 4k + 1$ and $p|a^2 + b^2$, then $p|a$, $p|b$, and $p^2|a^2 + b^2$.

Congruences

Proposition. Assume $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$.

1. $a + c \equiv b + d$
2. $ac \equiv bd$
3. $ac \equiv bd$
4. $a^n \equiv b^n$

Definition.

1. A complete residue system modulo n is a set containing exactly one element from each residue class modulo n .
2. A reduced residue system modulo n is a set containing exactly one element from each residue class modulo n coprime to n .

Definition (Totient function). $\phi(n)$ is the number of integers a such that $1 \leq a < n$ such that $(a, n) = 1$.

Proposition. Assume $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$. Then $\phi(n) = \prod (p_i^{\alpha_i} - p_i^{\alpha_i-1}) = n \prod (1 - \frac{1}{p_i})$

Theorem (Euler's totient theorem). If $(a, n) = 1$, then $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.

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

Theorem. The congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has a solution iff $(m, a)|b$. Furthermore, all such solutions are equivalent modulo $\frac{m}{(m, a)}$.

Corollary. $ab \equiv ac \pmod{m} \iff b \equiv c \pmod{\frac{m}{(m, a)}}$

Corollary. The equation $ax + by = c$ has a solution iff $(a, b)|c$. Furthermore, if (x_0, y_0) is a solution, then so is $(x_0 - t\frac{b}{(a, b)}, y_0 + t\frac{a}{(a, b)})$.

Interesting Numbers

Theorem. If m and n are each the sum of two squares, then so is mn .

Theorem. n is the sum of two squares iff $n = 2^\gamma \prod p_i^{\alpha_i} \prod q_i^{2\beta_i}$, where $p_i = 4k + 1$ and $q_i = 4k - 1$.