

# COMP8760

## Lecture 3

### Worksheet for Practice

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1. Consider the set  $\mathbb{Z}_{11} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ . How many elements are there in the set  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$ ?  
**Note:** The number of elements in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$  is called its cardinality and is denoted as  $|\mathbb{Z}_{11}|$ .

2. Consider the set  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$  and the operation  $+$  (mod 11) on its elements. Create a table for all operations  $x + y$  (mod 11) where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}$ . We will call it the “addition table of  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$ ”.

3. From the table in question 2, find the element  $\bar{x}$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}$  such that

$$x + \bar{x} = 0 \pmod{11}.$$

**Hint:** In the row corresponding to the number  $x$ , find the column  $\bar{x}$  with the entry 0. Such a pair  $x, \bar{x}$  are additive inverses of each other with respect to  $+$  (mod 11).

4. Prove that  $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}, + \pmod{11})$  is a group.

**Hint:** Show that all four properties (closure, associativity, identity and inverse) hold.

**Note:** This proof is for advanced learning only. You may skip this question.

5. Find all numbers  $1 \leq x \leq 20$  that are mutually prime to 20. We will denote this set of numbers as  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}^*$ .

6. Find all numbers  $1 \leq x \leq 11$  that are mutually prime to 11. We will denote this set of numbers as  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$ .

7. What is the value of  $|\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*|$ ?

8. What is the value of  $\phi(11)$ ?

9. What is the relationship between  $\phi(11)$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$ ?

10. Consider the set  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^* = \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$  of all  $1 \leq x \leq 11$  that are mutually prime to 11 and the operation  $\cdot$  (mod 11) on its elements. Create a table for all operations  $x \cdot y$  (mod 11) where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$ . We will call it the “multiplication table of  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$ ”.

11. From the table in question 10, find the element  $\bar{x}$  for each  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$  such that

$$x \cdot \bar{x} = 1 \pmod{11}.$$

**Hint:** In the row corresponding to the number  $x$ , find the column  $\bar{x}$  with the entry 1. Such a pair  $x, \bar{x}$  are multiplicative inverses of each other with respect to  $\cdot$  (mod 11).

12. Prove that  $(\mathbb{Z}_{11}^*, \cdot \pmod{11})$  is a group.

**Hint:** Show that all four properties (closure, associativity, identity and inverse) hold.

**Note:** This proof is for advanced learning only. You may skip this question.

13. What is the value of  $3^{10}$  where  $3 \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$ ?

In other words, find the value of  $3^{10} = \underbrace{3 \times 3 \times \cdots \times 3}_{10 \text{ times}} \pmod{11}$ .

14. For any  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$ , let us define  $x^{10} = \underbrace{x \times x \times \cdots \times x}_{10 \text{ times}} \pmod{11}$ . Find the values of  $x^{10}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{11}^*$ .