

1. (a) Let a be an arbitrary element in H since it is non-empty. We note that $a^{|G|} = e$ by Corollary 12.4, so $e \in H$. This implies that $a^{|G|-1} = a^{-1}$, so $a^{-1} \in H$. Lastly, for any $a, b \in H$, we get that $ab \in H$. Thus, we proved that H is a subgroup of G . \square

- (b) **Claim 1:** Let $a \in G$. If $o(a) = d$, then if there exist a $k \in \mathbb{N}$ where $a^k = e$ then $d \mid k$.

By contradiction, $d \nmid k$, then by the Division Algorithm, there exist $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ where $a^k = a^{qd} \cdot a^r = e$ where $0 < r < d$. However, $a^{qd} = e^q = e$, so $a^r = e$. This contradicts the minimality of $o(a)$. Hence, r must be 0 and $d \mid k$.

Claim 2: Let $a \in G$. For any $k \in \mathbb{N}$, we have $o(a^k) = \frac{o(a)}{\gcd(o(a), k)}$. \square

Let $d = o(a)$ and $w = d/\gcd(d, k)$. Then $wk = d(k/\gcd(d, k))$ is divisible by d and so $a^{kw} = e$. Furthermore, suppose we have a $n \in \mathbb{N}$ where $a^{kn} = e$. By Claim 1, we get that $d \mid kn$, so:

$$\frac{d}{\gcd(k, d)} \mid \frac{k}{\gcd(k, d)} n$$

We note that $\gcd(d/\gcd(k, d), k/\gcd(k, d)) = 1$. By Corollary 2.20, $w \mid n$. This implies the smallest value for n is w . (Yes, this is just a re-write of the solution for HW3 2(b)) \square

Claim 3: For any positive integer $d \mid m$, there are exactly $\phi(d)$ elements of G with order d

Since G is cyclic, there exist some $g \in G$ with $o(g) = m$ where $G = \{g, g^2, \dots, g^m\}$. For any $d \mid m$, there exist an integer q where $dq = m$. Let $a = g^q \in G$ thus $a^d = g^{dq} = e$ and $o(a) = d$. Otherwise, $o(a) < d$ implies $q \cdot o(a) < dq = m$, contradicting the minimality of m . Since $o(a) = d$, we note that a, a^2, \dots, a^d are all unique because if there exist $a^j = a^k$ for $1 \leq j < k \leq d$, then $e = a^{k-j}$, contradicting d 's minimality. We apply Claim 2 to get that for $1 \leq k \leq d$ that $o(a^k) = d/\gcd(d, k)$. It is clear that if $o(a^k) = q$, then $\gcd(d, k) = 1$. We showed all of the a^k are unique, so there exist at least $\phi(d)$ elements with order d .

We now prove all orders $b \in G$ with order d must be in the form a^k . Let $b = g^r$ for $1 \leq r \leq m$. We apply Claim 2 again to get that $o(g^r) = m/\gcd(m, r)$ thus $\gcd(m, r) = d/m = q$. This further implies that $q \mid r$, so there exist an integer k where $1 \leq k \leq d$ that $qk = r$. Thus, $g^r = (g^q)^k = a^k$. This proves that there exist exactly $\phi(d)$ elements with order d . \square

Claim 4: For any positive integer $d \mid m$, there is a unique subgroup of G of order d .

Let $a \in G$ where $o(a) = d$ and $a = g^{m/d}$, which exists by Claim 3. We then denote the set $H = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^d\}$. For any $1 \leq i, j \leq d$, $a^i \cdot a^j = a^{i+j}$. If $i+j \leq d$, then $a^{i+j} \in H$. Otherwise, we note that $a^{i+j} = a^{i+j-d} \cdot a^d = a^{i+j-d}$. Since $i+j \leq 2d$ so $i+j-d \leq d$, $a^{i+j} \in H$. By (a), H is a subgroup of G . Note that all elements in H are unique by our proof of Claim 3, so it is also order d .

It remains to prove H is the only subgroup of order d in G . Suppose there exist a subgroup $E \leq G$ with order d . Let $b \in E$, then $b^d = e$ by Corollary 12.4. We note that $b = g^r$ for some $r \in \mathbb{N}$ and $g^{rd} = e$. By Claim 1, $m \mid rd$, which implies that $m/d \mid r$. Hence, there exist some integer k where $1 \leq k \leq d$ and $b = g^r = (g^{m/d})^k = a^k$. Hence, $b \in H$ and $E \subseteq H$. Since they have the same order, by the pigeonhole principle, $E = H$. \square

- (c) We note that from Claim 1 of (a) that since all elements α in G are $\alpha^{|G|} = e$, we have $o(\alpha) \mid m$. Let N_d denote the number of elements in G with exactly order d . We have:

$$\sum_{d \mid m} N_d = m$$

From the degree of the factorization of cyclotomic polynomial for $x^m - 1$, we have:

$$\sum_{d \mid m} \phi(d) = m$$

We first prove that either $N_d = 0$ or $N_d = \phi(d)$. We assume $N_d > 0$, so there exist an element $a \in G$ where $o(a) = d$. We note that $\langle a \rangle$ is a subgroup of G with order $o(a) = d$. We note that if there exist another $b \in G$ with order d , $\langle b \rangle = \langle a \rangle$ due to the uniqueness of subgroup with order d . Hence, $b \in \langle a \rangle$ and exists in the form a^k for $1 \leq k \leq d$. We apply Claim 2 from (a) to get that $o(a^k) = d / \gcd(d, k)$. Hence, $o(a^k) = o(a)$ iff $\gcd(d, k) = 1$. This proves that $N_d = \phi(d)$. This gives:

$$\sum_{d \mid m} (N_d - \phi(d)) = 0$$

Since $N_d \leq \phi(d)$, if there exists a $N_d < \phi(d)$, the sum will be negative. Hence, we get that $N_d = \phi(d)$. Since $m \mid m$ and $\phi(m) \leq 1$, there exist an element β where $o(\beta) = m$. We note that $\langle \beta \rangle$ has order m and G also has order m . Thus, $G = \langle \beta \rangle$. \square

2. (a) Yes because $2^5 = 32 \equiv -1 \pmod{11}$, so $-1 \in \langle 2 \rangle$.
- (b) We assume that $-1 \in \langle 2 \rangle$. This implies that there exist a positive integer k where $2^k \equiv -1 \pmod{23}$. Since -1 is not a square in $\mathbb{Z}/23\mathbb{Z}$, $(\frac{2^k}{23}) = -1$. However, $(\frac{2^k}{23}) = (\frac{2}{23}) \cdots (\frac{2}{23})$. By Theorem 11.4 (b), since $23 \equiv -1 \pmod{8}$, $(\frac{2}{23}) = 1$, so $(\frac{2^k}{23}) = 1$, a contradiction. Hence, $-1 \notin \langle 2 \rangle$. \square
- (c) We note that $2^m + 2^n = 2^{m-n}(2^n + 1)$. Since $23 \mid 2024$, $23 \mid 2^{m-n}(2^n + 1)$. By Euclid's Lemma, since $23 \nmid 2^{m-n}$, $23 \mid 2^n + 1$. This implies that $2^n \equiv -1 \pmod{23}$. However, this implies that $-1 \in \langle 2 \rangle$ in $(\mathbb{Z}/23\mathbb{Z})^\times$. This contradicts (b), so there does not exist such m and n . \square
- (d) We first note that for any $2^m + 2^n + 2^r$, we can factor it into $2^r(2^{m-r} + 2^{n-r} + 1)$. 2024's prime factorization is $2^3 \cdot 11 \cdot 23$. Hence, if we wish to make it divisible, we need to find m, n, r where $2^r(2^{m-r} + 2^{n-r} + 1)$ is divisible by 8, 11, 23. The case for 8 is trivial as we simply set $r = 3$. For 11, 23, $11, 23 \nmid 2^r$, so it must be that $11, 23 \mid 2^{m-r} + 2^{n-r} + 1$. Let $x = m - r$ and $y = n - r$. Finding a solution is equivalent to solving this congruence:

$$2^x + 2^y \equiv -1 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^x + 2^y \equiv -1 \pmod{23}$$

We first consider the congruences for $\pmod{11}$.

k	$2^k \pmod{11}$
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	5
5	10
6	9
7	7
8	3
9	6
10	1

For $2^x + 2^y \equiv -1$, the sum of their congruence must be equal to 10. Hence, the solutions (x, y) are $(3, 1), (4, 4), (6, 0), (7, 8), (9, 2)$. We now consider the congruences for $\pmod{23}$.

k	$2^k \pmod{23}$
1	2
2	4
3	8
4	16
5	9
6	18
7	13
8	3
9	6
10	12
11	1

For $2^x + 2^y \equiv -1$, the sum of their congruence must be equal to 23. Hence, the solutions (x, y) are $(6, 2), (7, 5), (9, 4)$. We take interest in the solution $(3, 1)$ from mod 11 and

$(7, 5)$ from mod 23 as their differences are both 2. From the table, we also learned that $o(2) = 10 \pmod{11}$ and $o(2) = 11 \pmod{23}$. Hence, we note that:

$$2^{10a}(2^3 + 2^1) \equiv -1 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^{11b}(2^7 + 2^5) \equiv -1 \pmod{23}$$

We wish to make $2^{10a}(2^3 + 2^1) = 2^{11b}(2^7 + 2^5)$. We examine this equality to only its degree where $10a + 3 = 11b + 7$, which we can re-arrange to $10a - 11b = 4$. We need to find positive integer solution to a, b . Fortunately, $70 - 66 = 4$, so $a = 7$ and $b = 6$. Hence, $2^{10 \cdot 7}(2^3 + 2^1) = 2^{11 \cdot 6}(2^7 + 2^5) = 2^{73} + 2^{71}$. This implies that

$$2^{73} + 2^{71} + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

$$2^{73} + 2^{71} + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{23}$$

Thus, $x = 73$ and $y = 71$. Lastly, recall that we set $r = 3$. Hence, $m = 73 + 3 = 76$ and $n = 71 + 3 = 74$. Thus, we get that $2024 \mid 2^{76} + 2^{74} + 2^3$. \square

3. (a) Let us assume n is a Carmichael Number. Let $p_i^{k_i}$ be one of its prime power factor. Since p_i is an odd prime, by Corollary 12.10, $(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})^\times$ is cyclic. Hence there exist a generator element g_i where $\langle g_i \rangle = (\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})^\times$ and its order is $|\langle g_i \rangle| = \phi(p_i^{k_i}) = p_i^{k_i-1}(p_i - 1)$. By the Chinese Remainder Theorem, there exist an element a where:

$$\begin{aligned} a &\equiv g_i \pmod{p_i^{k_i}} \\ a &\equiv 1 \pmod{p_j^{k_j}} \text{ for } j \neq i \end{aligned}$$

Because all the different prime power factors of n are co-prime to each other. Since g_i is co-prime to $p_i^{k_i}$, a is co-prime to $p_i^{k_i}$ and all such $p_j^{k_j}$. Hence, a must also be co-prime to n . This implies that $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})^\times$, so $a^{n-1} \equiv g_i^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p_i^{k_i}}$. By Claim 1 of 1 (a), this implies that $o(g_i) = p_i^{k_i-1}(p_i - 1) \mid n - 1$ as desired. \square

For the converse, let us assume that $p_i^{k_i-1}(p_i - 1) \mid n - 1$ for all i . Note that $p_i^{k_i-1}(p_i - 1) = \phi(p_i^{k_i})$. Let $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$. This implies that a is co-prime to n thus a is co-prime to any $p_i^{k_i}$. Hence, $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})^\times$. $(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})^\times$ forms a finite group, so by Corollary 12.4, since $|\langle a \rangle| = \phi(p_i^{k_i})$, $a^{\phi(p_i^{k_i})} = 1$ in $(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})^\times$. Note that there exist an integer m where $\phi(p_i^{k_i}) \cdot m = n - 1$, so $a^{\phi(p_i^{k_i}) \cdot m} \equiv 1^m = 1$ in $(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})^\times$. This implies that $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p_i^{k_i}}$ for all i . By Exercise 4.1, since all $p_i^{k_i}$ are all co-prime to one another, we get that the $\text{lcm}(p_1^{k_1} \cdots p_r^{k_r}) = n$. Hence, we get that $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ as desired. \square

- (b) We first note that the $pqr - 1$ expanded is $1296k^3 + 396k^2 + 36k$, which could be factorized into $36k(36k^2 + 11k + 1)$. Notice that $6k + 1$, $12k + 1$, and $18k + 1$ are all distinct thus all the prime factors of pqr have powers of 1. This meant that pqr is in the form $p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} p_3^{k_3}$ with $k_i = 1$ for all $i = 1, 2, 3$. For each p_i , $p_i^{k_i-1} p_i - 1 = p_i - 1$. We now note that $6k, 12k, 18k \mid 36k(36k^2 + 11k + 1)$. By (a), pqr is a Carmichael number. \square
- (c) Since p, q are distinct, let us assume $p > q$. We express $pq = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2}$ where $k_i = 1$ for all $i = 1, 2$. Let $p_1 = p$, so $p_1^{k_1-1}(p_1 - 1) = p - 1$. We now show that $p - 1 \nmid pq - 1$. By contradiction, we assume that $p - 1 \mid pq - 1$. Note that $pq - 1 = q(p - 1) + q - 1$. Since $p - 1 \mid q(p - 1)$, it implies that $p - 1 \mid q - 1$. However, $p - 1 > q - 1$, a contradiction. By (a), pq is not a Carmichael number. \square

4. By contradiction, we assume n is a composite number. Let q be a prime factor of n .

Claim: Let n be a composite number. There exist prime factors p where $p \leq \sqrt{n}$.

By contradiction, there only exist prime factors where $p > \sqrt{n}$. Since $p \mid n$, there exist integer q where $pq = n$. This implies that $n/q > \sqrt{n} \implies q/n < \sqrt{n}/n \implies q < \sqrt{n}$. Since $p \neq n$ as n is not prime, $q \neq 1$. Let \hat{p} be a prime factor of q , then $\hat{p} \mid q$ and $\hat{p} < \sqrt{n}$, a contradiction. \square

By the Claim, we may assume the existence of a q where $q < \sqrt{n}$. Since $q \mid n$, we note that $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$. By Fermat's Little Theorem, we also get that $a^{q-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{q}$. We then note that $\gcd(a^{(n-1)/p} - 1, q) = 1$, so $a^{(n-1)/p} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{q}$. This implies that $o_q(a) \nmid (n-1)/p$, but $o_q(a) \mid (n-1)$. This implies that $\gcd(o_q(a), p) > 1$. However, p is prime, so this implies that $\gcd(o_q(a), p) = p$ thus $p \mid o_q(a)$. Since $o_q(a) \mid q-1$, $p \mid q-1$ and $p \leq q-1 < q$. Thus, $q > p > \sqrt{n} - 1$ and $q \geq p+1 > \sqrt{n}$, so $q > \sqrt{n}$. This is a contradiction to our earlier assumption. Hence, n must be prime. \square

5. (a)