

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  $\gcd(d/\gcd(k, d), k/\gcd(l, d)) = 1$ . 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  $i + j \leq 2j$  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  $\alpha$  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:

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

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

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

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:

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

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  $\beta$  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  $2^5 = 32 = -1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z}$ , 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  $\mathbb{Z}/23\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $(\frac{2^k}{23})$ . 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:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^x + 2^y &\equiv -1 \pmod{11} \\ 2^x + 2^y &\equiv -1 \pmod{23} \end{aligned}$$

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  $o(2) = 10 \bmod 11$  and  $o(2) = 11 \bmod 23$ . Hence, we note that:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{10a}(2^3 + 2^1) &\equiv -1 \pmod{11} \\ 2^{11b}(2^7 + 2^5) &\equiv -1 \pmod{23} \end{aligned}$$

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

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{73} + 2^{71} + 1 &\equiv 0 \pmod{11} \\ 2^{73} + 2^{71} + 1 &\equiv 0 \pmod{23} \end{aligned}$$

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  $|(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})^\times| = \phi(p_i^{k_i}) = p^{k_i-1}(p_i - 1)$ . 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  $\phi(g_i) = p^{k_i-1}(p_i - 1) \mid n - 1$  as desired.  $\square$

For the converse, let us assume that  $p^{k_i-1}(p_i - 1) \mid n - 1$  for all  $i$ . Note that  $p^{k_i-1}(p_i - 1) = \phi(p_i^{k_i})$ . 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  $|(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})^\times| = \phi(p_i^{k_i})$ ,  $a^{\phi(p_i^{k_i})} = 1$  in  $(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})$ . 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  $(\mathbb{Z}/p_i^{k_i}\mathbb{Z})$ . 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)