

Problem 1

Find all positive integers n such that

$$3^{n-1} + 5^{n-1} \mid 3^n + 5^n \quad (1)$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} 3^n + 5^n &\equiv 0 \pmod{3^{n-1} + 5^{n-1}} \\ \implies 3 \times 3^{n-1} + 5 \times 5^{n-1} &\equiv 0 \pmod{3^{n-1} + 5^{n-1}} \\ \implies 0 + 2 \times 5^{n-1} &\equiv 0 \pmod{3^{n-1} + 5^{n-1}} \\ \implies 2 \times 5^{n-1} &= 5^{n-1}k + 3^{n-1}k \\ \implies 5^{n-1}(2 - k) &= 3^{n-1} \\ \implies 5^{n-1}k' &= 3^{n-1} \\ \implies k' &= \frac{3^{n-1}}{5^{n-1}} \\ \text{for } k' \text{ to be an integer } 5^{n-1} &\mid 3^{n-1}, 5^{n-1} > 3^{n-1} \forall n > 1 \\ \implies n &= 1, (5^0 = 3^0) \\ \text{hence only one solution} \end{aligned}$$

Problem 2

When 4444^{4444} is written in decimal notation the sum of the digits of A. Find the sum of the digits of B.

Solution:

Problem 3

Prove or Disprove : $2233 \mid a^2 + b^2 \implies 2233 \mid a$

Solution:

Factorization of $2233 = 7 \times 29 \times 11$

Since 7 is a prime of form $4k + 3$ and 11 is a prime 11 of form $4k + 3$

$$11 \mid a^2 + b^2 \implies 11 \mid a$$

$$7 \mid a^2 + b^2 \implies 7 \mid a$$

$$\implies 77 \mid a^2 + b^2 \implies 77 \mid a \text{ Since } \gcd(7, 11) = 1$$

if $a = 5$ and $b = 2$ then $5 \equiv 5 \pmod{29}$ and $2 \equiv 2 \pmod{29}$ d . . . (1) $\implies a^2 + b^2 = 29$
 $a = 77k$

$$\implies a \equiv 19k \pmod{29}$$

From equation (1)

$$\implies a \equiv 19k \equiv 5 \pmod{29}$$

$$k = 26 \times 5 \text{ Since } 19^{-1} \pmod{29} \equiv 26$$

$$a = 26 \times 5 \times 77 \text{ Similarly } b = 26 \times 2 \times 77$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = 77^2(26^2 \times 5^2 + 26^2 \times 2^2)$$

$$\implies 77^2(9 \times (-4) + 9 \times 4) \equiv 77^2 \times 9(-4 + 4) \equiv 0 \pmod{29}$$

QED

Problem 4

Find a and b such that $a^2 + b^2 = 26361$

Solution:

Factorization of $26361 = 3^2 \times 29 \times 101$

$$\implies 3^2(5^2 + 2^2)(10^2 + 1^2)$$

$$\implies 3^2((10 + 10)^2 + (10 - 5)^2)$$

$$\implies (60)^2 + (15)^2$$

$$\implies a = 60 \wedge b = 15$$

or

$$\implies a = 15 \wedge b = 60$$

Problem 5

Find a positive integer with property that, if you move the first digit to the end, the new number is 1.5 times larger than the old one.

Solution:

Problem 6

Find all positive integers solutions (m, n, k) to the following equation

$$m^k = 1! + 2! + \dots + n!$$

Solution:

$$\forall x^k \pmod{10} \equiv s \in \{0^k, (\pm 1)^k, (\pm 2)^k, (\pm 3)^k, (\pm 4)^k, 5^k\}$$

$$m^k \pmod{10} = 1 + 2 + 6 + 24 + 120 + 720 + 720 \times 7 + 720 \times 7 \times 8$$

$$m^k \pmod{10} = 3$$

only power that can give 3 is $\{(\pm 3)^k\}$ in $\pmod{10}$

Problem 7

Find last 2 digits of 2^{2021}

Solution:

Last 2 digits of 2^{22} is 04

$$\implies 2^{19}(2^{22})^{91} \pmod{100}$$

$$\implies 2^{19}(2^2)^{91} \pmod{100}$$

$$\implies 2^{201} \pmod{100}$$

$$\implies 2^{22 \times 9 + 3} \pmod{100}$$

$$\implies (2^{22})^9 \times 2^3 \pmod{100}$$

$$\implies (2^2)^9 \times 2^3 \pmod{100}$$

$$\implies 2^{21} \pmod{100}$$

Since last 2 digits of $2^{22} = 04 \implies 2^{21} = 52$

Hence 52 is 2 last digits of 2^{2021}

Problem 8

What is the smallest positive integer that can be expressed as the sum of nine consecutive integers, the sum of ten consecutive integers, and the sum of eleven consecutive integers ?

Solution:

Sum of 9 consecutive integers can be written as $a = 9n + 36 \implies \gcd(9, 45) \mid a = 9 \mid a$

Sum of 10 consecutive integers can be written as $a = 10m + 45 \implies \gcd(10, 45) \mid a = 5 \mid a$

Sum of 11 consecutive integers can be written as $a = 11k + 55 \implies \gcd(11, 55) \mid a = 11 \mid a$
 $\implies \gcd(11, 5, 9) = 1 \implies 495 \mid a$

Minimal a is when $495 = a$ with $n = 51$, $m = 45$, $k = -10$

Problem 9

Find the number of positive integer solutions to the equation $x^2 - y^2 = 2^{10} \cdot 37^5 \cdot 41$

Solution:

Let's solve for $x^2 - y^2 = k$

$\implies (x - y)(x + y) = ab \quad \{k = ab \text{ where } a, b \text{ are integers} \}$

$x - y = a$ and $x + y = b$

Solving the system of equation

$x = \frac{a+b}{2}$ and $y = \frac{b-a}{2}$

For x and y to have integer values a and b both needs to odd or both needs to be even.

k is an even number so calculate number of ordered pairs (a, b) where a and b are even

In this case both $a = 2r$ and $b = 2s$ needs to be even .

Hence $x = r + s$ and $y = s - r$ where $rs = 2^8 \cdot 37^5 \cdot 41$

Number of different divisors of rs is $9 * 6 * 2 = 108$.

Total divisors = $\#\{a < b\} + \#\{a > b\}$

Total divisors = $2 \times \#\{a < b\}$

Hence ans is 54.

Problem 10

Let a and b be integer solutions to $17a + 6b = 13$. What is the smallest possible value for $a - b$?

Solution:

$17x + 6y = 1$ Since $\gcd(17, 6) = 1$

$\implies x = 1, y = -3$

$\implies 17(13x) + 6(13y) = 13$

$\implies 17(13) + 6(-39) = 13$

$\implies a = 13 \pm 6k$ and $b = -39 - \pm 17k$

$\text{Min}(a - b) \mid a - b > 0$

$\implies (\text{min}(13 + 39 \pm 6k \pm 17k))$

$\Rightarrow 52 \pm 23k$
 $\Rightarrow k = 2 \mid \min(a - b) = 6$
 $a = 13 - 12 = 1, b = -5$
 QED

Problem 11

Prove that there is no prime triplet of form $p, p + 2, p + 4$ except for 3, 5, 7

Solution:

Assume that all primes > 3 hence $p = 6k \pm 1$

$$\Rightarrow p + 2 = 6k + 1 \text{ or } 6k + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow p + 4 = 6k + 3, 6k - 1$$

So triplet is $(6k - 1, 6k + 1, 6k + 3)$ or $(6k + 1, 6k + 3, 6k - 1)$

In either way $6k + 3$ is not a prime except when its 3 Contradiction!!.

What about $p = 2$? But then $p + 2k$ is even and no prime except 2 is even . Hence triplet is rejected.

QED

Problem 12

Find $2^{50^{50}} \pmod{13}$

Solution:

$$2^{-2} \times 2^{50^{50}+2} \pmod{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4^{-1} \times (2^6)^{\frac{50^{50}+2}{6}} \pmod{13}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4^{-1} \times (64)^{\frac{50^{50}+2}{6}} \pmod{13}$$

$50^{50} + 2$ is divisible by 2

$$\Rightarrow (50 \pmod{3})^{50} + 2 \equiv (-1)^{50} + 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$50^{50} + 2$ is divisible by 6

$$(50 \pmod{4})^{50} - 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^{50}) + 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{50^{50}+2}{6} \text{ is odd}$$

$$4^{-1} \times (-1)^k \pmod{13} \text{ k is odd}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 \times (-1) \equiv 5 \pmod{13} \text{ Since } 4 \times 7 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

5 is the ans

Problem 13

For how many positive integers $n \mid \frac{n^4 - n + 2}{n + 2}$ is also an integer ?

Solution:

$$n \equiv -2 \pmod{n + 2}$$

$(-2)^4 - (-2) + 2 \pmod{n+2}$
 $16 + 2 + 2 \pmod{n+2}$
 $20 \pmod{n+2}$
 $2^2 \times 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{n+2}$
 $n = 2$ or $n = 3$ or $n = 8$ or $n = 18$
 4 positive values of n

Problem 14

$p > 7$ is a prime number and $m = \frac{8^p-1}{7}$ chosen . Prove

$$2^{m-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m} \quad (2)$$

Solution:

Problem 15

Solve $x^y + 1 = z$ in prime numbers.

Solution:

Every prime number except 2 is an odd number.

$$x^y = z - 1$$

Assume $z > 2$ hence always of form $2k + 1$

$$\implies x^y = 2k$$

x must be even . Only even prime is 2 implies $x = 2$

$$\text{Solve } 2^y + 1 = z .$$

Theorem: If there exist an odd divisor of n then $2^n + 1$ is not a prime.

Counter-positive Theorem

If $2^n + 1$ is a prime then n is form 2^k .

$$\implies 2^k = y \text{ which is a prime}$$

$$\implies 2 = y , k = 1$$

Hence the prime triplet solution is (2, 2, 5)

Problem 15

How many triples $a, b, c \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ exist so that $a < b < c$?

Solution:

$$\binom{10}{3}$$

Problem 16

How many triples $a, b, c \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ exist so that $a \leq b \leq c$?

Solution:

$$\binom{10+2}{3}$$

Problem 17

In how many ways 10 couples can be selected from 10 woman and 15 men?

Solution:

$$\binom{10}{10} \times \binom{15}{10} \times (10)^2$$

Problem 18

In how many ways we can place 8 black and 12 white marbles on 8 by 8 chessboard?

Solution:

Problem 19

How three element subset of $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 30\}$ exist so that the sum of element are divisible by 3?

Solution:

$$\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 30\}$$

$$\{1, -1, 0, \dots, 0\} \pmod{3}$$

There are 10 labeled one's , 10 labeled negative one and 10 zeroes.

$\{\# \text{ways to choose 3 labeled one}\} + \{\# \text{ways to choose 1 labeled one and 1 labeled negative one and 1 labeled zero}\} + \{\text{all 3 labeled zeros}\}$

$$\binom{10}{3} + \left(\binom{10}{1}\right)^3 + \binom{10}{3}$$

Problem 20

How many 6-digit number can be constructed using 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3 ?

Solution:

$$\frac{6!}{2!3!}$$

Problem 21

How many 7-digit number can be constructed using 0, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3 ?

Solution:

$$\frac{6 \times 6!}{2! \times 3!}$$

Problem 22

How many 5-digit number can be constructed using 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3?

Solution:

$$\binom{6}{5} \times \frac{5!}{2!3!}$$

Problem 23

How many 6-digit number can be constructed using 0, 1, 2, 2, 3, 3, 3?

Solution:

There are 6 ways to choose the digits with 0 and 1 way to choose without it.

Case 1 (2 NOT INCLUDED): $5 \times \frac{5!}{3!}$

Case 2 (3 NOT INCLUDED): $5 \times \frac{5!}{2!2!}$

Case 3 (0 NOT INCLUDED): $\frac{6!}{2!3!}$

Case 4 (1 NOT INCLUDED): $5 \times \frac{5!}{2!3!}$

Total of $\binom{2}{1}$ Case 1 and $\binom{3}{1}$ Case 2 and $\binom{1}{1}$ Case 3 and $\binom{1}{1}$ Case 4

$$2 \times 5 \times \frac{5!}{3!} + 3 \times 5 \times \frac{5!}{2!2!} + \frac{6!}{2!3!} + 5 \times \frac{5!}{2!3!}$$

Problem 24

How many 5 digit palindrome numbers exist?

Solution:

$$9 \times 10 \times 10$$

Problem 25

Two dices are thrown, and sum of numbers facing up is a. Again, two dices are thrown, and sum of numbers facing up is now b. Find probability of $a > b$.

Solution:

Favourable cases $\binom{11}{2} = 55$

Total cases 11^2

$$p = \frac{5}{11}$$

Problem 26

Two dices are thrown, and sum of numbers facing up is a. Then, a dice is thrown, and the numbers facing up is now b. Find probability of $a \leq b$.

Solution:

Favourable cases $\binom{11}{2} + 11 = 66$

Total cases 11^2

$$p = \frac{6}{11}$$

Problem 27

The English alphabet contains 26 letters. Find the number of 3-length words that contains either "a" or "e".

Solution:

Total number of 3 letter words that can be made with 26 letters – Total number of 3 letter words that can be made without $\{a, e\}$

$$(26)^3 - (24)^3 = 3752$$

Problem 28

Using numbers 1,2,3,4,5 without repetition, how many 5 digit number that is divisible by 4 can be constructed?

Solution:

$\{ 12, 24, 32, 52 \}$ are the last 2 digits that can ensure that the number formed is divisible by 4 .
Rest can be filled up with $3!$ each.
 $\implies 4 \times 3! = 24$

Problem 29

Using numbers 1,2,3,4,5 with repetition allowed, how many 5 digit number that is divisible by 4 can be constructed?

Solution:

$\{ 12, 24, 32, 52, 44 \}$ are the last 2 digits that can ensure that the number formed is divisible by 4 .
Rest can be filled up with 5^3 each.
 $\implies 5 \times 5^3 = 5^4 = 625$

Problem 30

Let $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$. Find the number of functions $f : A \rightarrow A$ such that $f(f(f(a))) = a$ for all $a \in \{A\}$

Solution:

f has two options

either be identity function

or be assigned to value $f(a) = b \mid f(f(b)) = a \wedge b \neq a$

if $f(b) = b \implies f(f(b)) = b \implies f(f(f(b))) = b \mid a \neq b$ so that case is rejected

$f(b) = c \mid f(c) = a \implies f(f(f(a))) = a \mid b \neq c \neq a$

so b has $(n - 1)$ options and c has $(n - 2)$ options

$$f(n) = f(n - 1) + (n - 1)(n - 2) * f(n - 3) \mid \forall n > 3$$

$$f(1) = 1, f(2) = 1, f(3) = 3$$
