

MAT246 HW3

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(1). Claim:

Proof: For  $p^{p-1} \bmod p-1 = p \bmod p-1$  (1)<sup>p-1</sup> mod  $p-1 \equiv 1 \bmod p-1$   
 Then let  $p^{p-1} = k(p-1) + 1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Hence } a^{p-1} \equiv a^{k(p-1)+1} \equiv (a^{p-1})^k \cdot a^1 \bmod p$$

By Fermat's Little theorem: Hypothesis?  
 $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \bmod p$

By the condition  $a \neq p$ : Why do we have this?

$$a' \bmod p \equiv a \bmod p$$

$$\text{Therefore } a^{p-1} \equiv (1)^k \cdot a' \bmod p \equiv a \bmod p.$$

(2).

Solution: The values of  $b$  are shown below:

$1 \leq a \leq 10$	$1 \leq b \leq 10$	$a \cdot b$	$a \cdot b \bmod 11$
1	1	$1 = 0 \cdot 11 + 1$	1
2	6	$12 = 1 \cdot 11 + 1$	1
3	4	$12 = 1 \cdot 11 + 1$	1
4	3	$12 = 1 \cdot 11 + 1$	1
5	9	$45 = 4 \cdot 11 + 1$	1
6	2	$12 = 1 \cdot 11 + 1$	1
7	8	$56 = 5 \cdot 11 + 1$	1
8	7	$56 = 5 \cdot 11 + 1$	1
9	5	$45 = 4 \cdot 11 + 1$	1
10	10	$100 = 9 \cdot 11 + 1$	1

(3).

$$\text{Solution: } \cancel{2^{100} \bmod 3 = (2^4)^{25} \bmod 3}$$

For  $2^n \bmod 6$  we have:

$$2 \bmod 6 \equiv 2$$

$$\text{so } 2^{2k+1} \bmod 6 \equiv 2$$

$$2^2 \bmod 6 \equiv 4$$

$$2^{2k} \bmod 6 \equiv 4$$

$$2^3 \bmod 6 \equiv 2$$

for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$2^4 \bmod 6 \equiv 4$$

$$\text{Then } 2^{100} \bmod 6 \equiv 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Therefore } 3^{2^{100}} &\equiv 3^{6k+4} \pmod{7} \\ &\equiv (3^6)^k \cdot 3^4 \pmod{7} \quad \text{for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \end{aligned}$$

By Fermat's Little Theorem (note that  $3 \nmid 7$ )

$$3^6 \pmod{7} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } 3^{2^{100}} &\equiv (3^6)^k \cdot 3^4 \pmod{7} \\ &\equiv 1^k \cdot 3^4 \pmod{7} \\ &\equiv 81 \pmod{7} \\ &\equiv 4 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

(4).

(a). Solution: For  $3^n \pmod{4}$ :

$$3^1 \pmod{4} \equiv 3$$

$$3^2 \pmod{4} \equiv 1$$

$$3^3 \pmod{4} \equiv 3$$

$$3^4 \pmod{4} \equiv 1$$

$$\text{So } 3^{2k+1} \pmod{4} \equiv 3$$

$$3^{2k} \pmod{4} \equiv 1 \quad \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\text{Then } 3^{100} \pmod{4} \equiv 1$$

$$\text{Therefore } 2^{3^{100}} \equiv 2^{4k+1} \pmod{5}$$

$$\equiv (2^4)^k \cdot 2 \pmod{5} \quad \text{for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

By Fermat's Little Theorem

$$2^4 \pmod{5} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$\text{Then } 2^{3^{100}} \equiv (2^4)^k \cdot 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$\equiv 1^k \cdot 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$\equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

(b). Solution: We want to find the last digit of  $3^{100}$ ,

i.e. we need to calculate  $3^{100} \pmod{10}$ .

According to Q(3) and Q(4)(a), for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\begin{aligned} 3^{100} \pmod{10} &\equiv 3^{4k} \pmod{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{10} \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

Say  $3^{100} = 4m + 1$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$

$$\text{Then } 2^{3^{100}} \equiv 2^{4m+1} \pmod{10}$$

$$\equiv (2^4)^m \cdot 2 \pmod{10}$$

$$\equiv 6 \cdot 2 \pmod{10} \equiv 2 \pmod{10}.$$

Hence the last digit is 2.

(5). Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} & 11 \cdot 18 \cdot 2322 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 \pmod{7} \\ & \equiv 4 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 5 \pmod{7} \\ & \equiv \cancel{16} \cdot \cancel{30} \pmod{7} \\ & \equiv \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{2} \pmod{7} \\ & \equiv \cancel{4} \pmod{7} \\ & \equiv 16 \cdot 5 \cdot 30 \pmod{7} \\ & \equiv 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 \pmod{7} \\ & \equiv 6 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

(6). Solution:

Let  $X = 1+x+x^2+\dots+x^n$ , both sides times  $(1-x)$  then we have

$$\begin{aligned} (1-x)X &= (1-x)(1+x+x^2+\dots+x^n) \\ &= 1+x+x^2+\dots+x^n - x - x^2 - \dots - x^n - x^{n+1} \\ &= 1 - x^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{so } X = \frac{1-x^{n+1}}{1-x}$$

$$\text{Then } 1+2+2^2+\dots+2^{219} = \frac{1-2^{220}}{1-2} = 2^{220} - 1$$

$$\text{so } 2^{220} - 1 \pmod{13} \equiv 2^4 - 1 \pmod{13} \equiv 15 \pmod{13} \equiv 2 \pmod{13}$$

(7). Proof: ~~Since  $a \nmid bc$~~

$$\text{Since } \gcd(a, b) = 1$$

Then  $a \nmid b \rightarrow$  Always true?

$$\text{As } bc = b \cdot c, a \nmid bc$$

By Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic.

then  ~~$a \nmid b$~~   $a \nmid c$ . What?

If we don't assume  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , then the conclusion may not hold. Here's a counter-example: Give  $a, b, c$  explicitly.

Say  $bc = (m \cdot n) \cdot (k \cdot l)$  where  $m, n, k, l$  are primes.

Then say  $a = n \cdot k$ ,  $a \nmid b$ ,  $a \nmid c$ ,  $\gcd(a, b) = k \neq 1$

But  ~~$a \nmid b$~~   $a \mid bc$ .

Hence ~~it is not true while not assuming  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$~~ .

Problems on textbook:

$$\#6. \text{Proof: } \because 1^2 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdots (p-1)^2 - 1 = (1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (p-1))^2 - 1^2 \\ = ((p-1)! + 1)((p-1)! - 1)$$

: By Wilson's Theorem:

$$p | (p-1)! + 1 \text{ for } p \text{ is a prime.}$$

$$\therefore p | ((p-1)! + 1)((p-1)! - 1)$$

$$\therefore p | 1^2 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdots (p-1)^2 - 1$$



#8.

(a). Solution: By Fermat's Little Theorem that  $a^{10k} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$  for any  $a, k \in \mathbb{Z}^*$  ( $\neq 0$ )

Let  $a = 9! \times 16 + 43 \pmod{11}$ , then  $a^{8603} \equiv a^{8600} \cdot a^3 \equiv x \pmod{11}$  ( $x$  is the solution)

$$\text{Then } (a^{10})^{86} \cdot a^3 \equiv 1 \cdot a^3 \equiv x \pmod{11}$$

$$\text{Since } a \equiv 9! \times 16 + 43 \pmod{11} \equiv 1 \times 5 + 10 \pmod{11} \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$\text{Therefore } x \equiv a^3 \equiv 4^3 \pmod{11} \equiv 64 \pmod{11} \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$$

So the remainder is 9.

(b). Solution: Since  $42! \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdots 29 \cdot 30 \cdots 42 \pmod{29} \equiv 0 \pmod{29}$

$$7^{28} \equiv 1 \pmod{29} \text{ (by Wilson's Theorem)}$$

$$66 \equiv 8 \pmod{29}$$

$$\text{Then } (42)! + 7^{28} + 66 \pmod{29} \equiv 1 + 8 \pmod{29} \equiv 9 \pmod{29}.$$

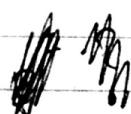
So the remainder is 9.

#13. Proof: According to Wilson's Theorem.

$$(p-1)! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } (2(p-3)! + 1) - ((p-1)! + 1) &= (p-3)! (2 - (p-2)(p-1)) \\ &= (p-3)! p (-p+3) \\ &= p(3-p)(p-3)! \end{aligned}$$

Good.



$$\text{So } p | 2(p-3)! + 1$$

$$\text{Then } 2(p-3)! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{Therefore } 2(p-3)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p} \text{ for all primes } > 3.$$



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#16.

Proof: Suppose  $k$  has other prime divisors other than 2, which should be odd of course. Say  $k=ab$  and  $b$  is odd.

So  ~~$\frac{k}{b}$~~ What about  $b=1$ ?

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^k + 1 &\equiv 2^{ab} + 1 \pmod{2^a + 1} \\
 &\equiv (2^a)^b + 1 \pmod{2^a + 1} \\
 &\equiv (2^a + 1 - 1)^b + 1 \pmod{\cancel{2^a + 1}} \\
 &\equiv (-1)^b + 1 \pmod{2^a + 1} \\
 &\equiv -1 + 1 \pmod{2^a + 1} \\
 &\equiv 0 \pmod{2^a + 1}
 \end{aligned}$$

i.e.  $2^k + 1$  is divisible by  $2^a + 1$ 

And this contradicts the definition of prime number  
and the condition of  $2^k + 1$  is a prime.

Thus the assumption is false.

Therefore  $k$  has no ~~other~~ prime divisors other than 2.3  
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