

**35.** By Fermat's theorem we have  $n^p \equiv n \pmod{p}$  while Wilson's theorem gives  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ . So, we find

$$n^p + n \cdot (p-1)! \equiv n + n \cdot (-1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

**36.** We observe that  $10^k \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$  for  $k \geq 1$  as  $10^1 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ ,  $10^2 \equiv 4^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ , ...

From Fermat's theorem, we have  $10^{6k+4} \equiv (10^6)^k \cdot 10^4 \equiv 10^4 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ , so we have

$$10^{10^0} + 10^{10^1} + 10^{10^2} + \cdots + 10^{10^{10}} \equiv 3 + 4 + 4 + 4 + \cdots + 4 \equiv 43 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}.$$

**37.** Let's write  $x = \overline{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{2021}}$ , then we have

$$\overline{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{2022}} = 10x + a_{2022}$$

and

$$\overline{a_{2022} a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{2021}} = 10^{2021} \cdot a_{2022} + x.$$

If 7 divides  $\overline{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{2022}}$ , then we have

$$10x + a_{2022} \equiv 0 \pmod{7} \implies a_{2022} \equiv -10x = 4x \pmod{7}.$$

Now,

$$10^{2021} \cdot a_{2022} + x \equiv (10^6)^{336} \cdot 10^5 \cdot 4x + x \equiv 1 \cdot 5 \cdot 4x + x \equiv 21x \equiv 0 \pmod{7},$$

i.e.  $\overline{a_{2022} a_1 a_2 \cdots a_{2021}}$  is also divisible by 7.

**38.** We first observe that  $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{11}$  because this would require  $5^n \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$ , which is clearly not possible.

We then have  $n^5 \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{11}$  because  $(n^5)^2 \equiv n^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$  by Fermat's theorem (and we know that  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  has two solutions  $x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$  for prime  $p$ ).

So, we should also have  $5^n \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{11}$ . We observe  $5^{5k} \equiv (5^5)^k \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$  and hence

$$5^{5k+1} \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

$$5^{5k+2} \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$$

$$5^{5k+3} \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$5^{5k+4} \equiv 9 \pmod{11}.$$

That means  $5^n \equiv -1 \pmod{11}$  is not possible and for  $5^n \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$  we must have  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ .

We should also have  $n^5 \equiv -1 \pmod{11}$  now. Writing down all possible values of  $n$  modulo 11, i.e.

$$1^5 \equiv 1, 2^5 \equiv -1, 3^5 \equiv 1, 4^5 \equiv 1, 5^5 \equiv 1, 6^5 \equiv -1, 7^5 \equiv -1, 8^5 \equiv -1, 9^5 \equiv 1, (10)^5 \equiv -1 \pmod{11},$$

we find out that we must have  $n \equiv 2, 6, 7, 8$ , or  $10 \pmod{11}$ .

We can combine the possible values of  $n$  modulo 11 with  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$  with the Chinese Remainder Theorem and we find

$$n \equiv 10, 30, 35, 40, 50 \pmod{55}.$$

**39.** Using Wilson's theorem, we have

$$(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p} \implies (p-1) \cdot (p-2)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\implies (-1) \cdot (p-2)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\implies (p-2)! \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

and

$$(p-2)! \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \implies (p-2) \cdot (p-3)! \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\implies (-2) \cdot (p-3)! \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\implies \frac{p-1}{2} \cdot (-2) \cdot (p-3)! \equiv \frac{p-1}{2} \pmod{p}$$

$$\implies (1-p) \cdot (p-3)! \equiv \frac{p-1}{2} \pmod{p}$$

$$\implies (p-3)! \equiv \frac{p-1}{2} \pmod{p}.$$

40. We know that  $7 \cdot 23 \cdot q$  is a Carmichael number if and only if

$$\begin{aligned} 7-1 & \mid 7 \cdot 23 \cdot q - 1 \\ 23-1 & \mid 7 \cdot 23 \cdot q - 1 \\ q-1 & \mid 7 \cdot 23 \cdot q - 1 \end{aligned}$$

The last condition  $q-1 \mid 7 \cdot 23 \cdot q - 1$ , i.e.  $7 \cdot 23 \cdot q - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}$  gives

$$7 \cdot 23 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1} \implies 160 \equiv 0 \pmod{q-1}.$$

The primes  $q$  satisfying the last congruence are only  $q = 2, 5, 11, 17, 41$ , and  $161$ . Checking the other two divisibility conditions with these values of  $q$ , we see that only  $q = 41$  satisfies them both.

41. We have  $7^2 \equiv 49 \equiv -1 \pmod{25}$  and therefore,  $7^{25} \equiv (7^2)^{12} \cdot 7 \equiv (-1)^{12} \cdot 7 \equiv 7 \pmod{25}$ .

42. Since  $n$  passes the base  $a$ -test and the base  $b$ -test, we have  $a^n \equiv a \pmod{n}$  and  $b^n \equiv b \pmod{n}$ . Therefore, we have

$$(ab)^n \equiv a^n \cdot b^n \equiv ab \pmod{n},$$

i.e.  $n$  passes the base  $ab$ -test.

43. We prove the first part by contradiction. Assume  $n$  passes the base  $a$ -test and the base  $ab$ -test while failing the base  $b$ -test. We have

$$(ab)^n \equiv ab \pmod{n} \implies a^n \cdot b^n \equiv ab \pmod{n}$$

from the base  $ab$ -test. Since  $n$  is passing the base  $a$ -test, we can replace  $a^n$  with  $a$  in the congruence above and we get

$$a \cdot b^n \equiv ab \pmod{n}.$$

Cancelling out  $a$  from both sides of the congruence, we get

$$b^n \equiv b \pmod{n/\gcd(n, a)} \implies b^n \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

for  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , i.e.  $n$  passes the base  $b$ -test, a contradiction.

This is not necessarily true when  $\gcd(a, n) \neq 1$ . A counter-example is  $a = 4, b = 3, n = 4$ .

44. Let's write  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x^2 + x + 3$ . We should first consider the congruence  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ . We have

$$\begin{aligned} f(0) & \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \\ f(1) & \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \\ f(2) & \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \\ f(3) & \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \\ f(4) & \equiv 4 \pmod{5}. \end{aligned}$$

So, the only solutions are  $x \equiv 2, 3 \pmod{5}$ .

Since  $f'(x) = 3x^2 + 6x + 1$  and  $f'(2) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , either all possible lifts of  $2 \pmod{5}$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_{25}$  are solutions to the original congruence or none of them is a solution. We just check  $x = 2$  to see that it is a solution, i.e.  $f(2) \equiv 0 \pmod{25}$ . So, all the other lifts will be solutions as well. We have  $x \equiv 2, 7, 12, 17, 22 \pmod{25}$ .

As  $f'(3) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , a unique lift of  $3 \pmod{5}$  will be a solution to the original congruence. We compute  $f(18) \equiv 0 \pmod{25}$ , so that should be the unique lift.

To summarize, the solutions are  $x \equiv 2, 7, 12, 17, 18, 22 \pmod{25}$ .

**45.** There are many ways to prove this. One way is to show that  $\phi(n)$  is even when  $n > 2$  using the formula for  $\phi(n)$ . Here we prove using the different argument.

If  $u$  is a unit in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , then  $\gcd(u, n) = 1 \implies \gcd(-u, n) = 1$ , i.e.  $-u$  is a unit as well. Pairing up  $u$  with  $-u \equiv n - u \pmod{n}$ , we get even number of units. The only problem can occur when we pair up the same element, i.e. when  $u \equiv -u \pmod{n}$ . However, this means  $u \equiv n/2 \pmod{n}$  and  $\gcd(n, n/2) = 1$  only when  $n = 2$ .

To demonstrate this, here is an example: when  $n = 28$ , we write the units as

$$(1, 27), (3, 25), (5, 23), (9, 19), (11, 17), (13, 15).$$