

• Observe: $7^1 = 7$, $7^2 = 49$, $7^3 = 343$, 7^4 ends with 1, 7^5 ends with 7 and so on.

• We can easily show by induction on k , where $k \geq 1$, that the last digit of the no. 7^k will be either 7, 9, 3 or 1. Each of the numbers having last digit 7, 9, 3 or 1 will have k of the form $4p+1, 4p+2, 4p+3, 4p$, where $p \in \mathbb{N}$.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 7^{194} = 4 \times 194 + 1$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 7^{194} = 7^{193} \cdot 7 = (7^4)^{48} \cdot 7$$

ends with 1

\therefore ends with 7

Prob 31: Find the remainder when 2^{100} is divided by 3.

$$2^{100} = 4^{50} = (3+1)^{50} = (3+1)(3+1) \dots (3+1)$$

• E.g., we can apply the binomial thm, but it's intuitive to see that only the term 1^{50} will not contain any 3 in its prime factorization, the rest of terms must contain at least one 3 as its factor.

\therefore The remainder will be 1.

Prob 32: Find the remainder when the number 3^{1989} is divided by 7.

$$3^{1989} = 3^{1988} \cdot 3 = 9^{994} \cdot 3 = (7+2)^{994} \cdot 3$$

• Applying the intuition used in Prob 31, we will now try to find the remainder when $2^{994} \cdot 3$ is divided by 7.

$$2^{994} \cdot 3 = 2^{993} \cdot 6 = 8^{331} \cdot 6 = (7+1)^{331} \cdot 6$$

• Applying the ideas of Prob 31, the remainder will be 6.

Prob 33: Prove that $2222^{5555} + 5555^{2222}$ is divisible by 7

$$2222^{5555} = (7 \times 317 + 3)^{5555} + (7 \times 793 + 4)^{2222}$$

• Using the concept ~~used~~ used in Prob 31, we will try to show that $3^{5555} + 4^{2222}$ is divisible by 7.

$$3^{5555} = 3^{5554} \cdot 3 = 9^{2777} \cdot 3 = (7+2)^{2777} \cdot 3$$