

# Problem 4

Calculate

$$2^{560}, 3^{560}, 5^{560}, 7^{560} \pmod{561}$$

(Hint:  $561 = 3 \times 11 \times 17$ )

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^{560} &= 3773962424821541352241554580988268890 \\
 &\quad 916921220416440428376206300245624162 \\
 &\quad 392148852086126725177658767541468375 \\
 &\quad 030763844899770584629924792632561434 \\
 &\quad 251432696043649395326976 \\
 &\equiv ??? \pmod{561}
 \end{aligned}$$

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- Can we calculate  $A^{560} \pmod{561}$  ?
- We cannot use **Fermat's Little Thm** because  $561 = 3 \times 11 \times 17$  is **not a prime number**.

**Claim**  $A \equiv B \pmod{561}$  if and only if

$$A \equiv B \pmod{3},$$

$$A \equiv B \pmod{11}, \text{ and}$$

$$A \equiv B \pmod{17}.$$

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**Proof of Claim** ( $561 = 3 \times 11 \times 17$ )

$$A \equiv B \pmod{561}$$

$\Leftrightarrow A - B$  is divisible by 561.

$\Leftrightarrow A - B$  is divisible by 3, 11, and 17.

$\Leftrightarrow A \equiv B \pmod{3}$ ,  $A \equiv B \pmod{11}$ , and  $A \equiv B \pmod{17}$ .

➤ We need to calculate  $A^{560} \pmod{N}$   
for  $N=3, 11, 17$ .

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- ◆ **(mod 3)** By **Fermat's Little Thm**,  
 $A^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  if  $A$  is not divisible by 3.  
 $A^{560} = (A^2)^{280} \equiv 1^{280} \equiv \mathbf{1 \pmod{3}}$ .
- ◆ **(mod 11)** If  $A$  is not divisible by 11,  
 $A^{560} = (A^{10})^{56} \equiv 1^{56} \equiv \mathbf{1 \pmod{11}}$ .
- ◆ **(mod 17)** If  $A$  is not divisible by 17,  
 $A^{560} = (A^{16})^{35} \equiv 1^{35} \equiv \mathbf{1 \pmod{17}}$ .  
(560 = 16×35)

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## Conclusion

If A and 561 are relatively prime  
( $\text{GCD}(A, 561) = 1$ ),

$$A^{560} \equiv 1 \pmod{561}.$$

**Answer**      $2^{560} \equiv 5^{560} \equiv 7^{560} \equiv 1 \pmod{561}$

➤ How can we calculate  $3^{560} \pmod{561}$ ?

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$$3^{560} \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{3}, \quad 3^{560} \equiv \mathbf{1} \pmod{11, 17}.$$

By **Chinese Remainder Thm**, there is a **unique**  $A$  ( $0 \leq A \leq 560$ ) satisfying

$$A \equiv 0 \pmod{3}, \quad A \equiv 1 \pmod{11, 17}.$$

In fact,  $A = 375$ .

**Answer**  $3^{560} \equiv 375 \pmod{561}$

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- If A and 561 are **relatively prime**  
( $\text{GCD}(A, 561) = 1$ ),

$$A^{560} \equiv 1 \pmod{561}.$$

- 561 is an example of **Carmichael Numbers**. It is also an example of **pseudo-prime numbers**.