

# Problem Set 05 – Section 4.5 Applications of Congruences

All solutions must show all work and be written clearly and legibly. When applicable expand your answer to a short paragraph. Failure to not show work will result in no points awarded.

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## Exercises – Section 4.5 Applications of Congruences

2. Which memory locations are assigned by the hashing function  $h(k) = k \bmod 101$  to the records of insurance company customers with these Social Security numbers?

- a) 104578690 b) 432222187  
c) 372201919 d) 501338753

3. A parking lot has 31 visitor spaces, numbered from 0 to 30. Visitors are assigned parking spaces using the hashing function  $h(k) = k \bmod 31$ , where  $k$  is the number formed from the first three digits on a visitor's license plate.

- a) Which spaces are assigned by the hashing function to cars that have these first three digits on their license plates: 317, 918, 007, 100, 111, 310?  
b) Describe a procedure visitors should follow to find a free parking space, when the space they are assigned is occupied.

Another way to resolve collisions in hashing is to use *double hashing*. We use an initial hashing function  $h(k) = k \bmod p$  where  $p$  is prime. We also use a second hashing function  $g(k) = (k + 1) \bmod (p - 2)$ . When a collision occurs, we use a *probing sequence*  $h(k, i) = (h(k) + i \cdot g(k)) \bmod p$ .

4. Use the double hashing procedure we have described with  $p = 4969$  to assign memory locations to files for employees with social security numbers  $k_1 = 132489971$ ,  
 $k_2 = 509496993$ ,  $k_3 = 546332190$ ,  $k_4 = 034367980$ ,  
 $k_5 = 047900151$ ,  $k_6 = 329938157$ ,  $k_7 = 212228844$ ,  
 $k_8 = 325510778$ ,  $k_9 = 353354519$ ,  $k_{10} = 053708912$ .

6. What sequence of pseudorandom numbers is generated using the linear congruential generator  $x_{n+1} = (4x_n + 1) \bmod 7$  with seed  $x_0 = 3$ ?

~~16. The ISBN-10 of the sixth edition of *Elementary Number Theory and Its Applications* is 0-321-500Q1-8, where  $Q$  is a digit. Find the value of  $Q$ .~~

The United States Postal Service (USPS) sells money orders identified by an 11-digit number  $x_1x_2 \dots x_{11}$ . The first ten digits identify the money order;  $x_{11}$  is a check digit that satisfies  $x_{11} = x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_{10} \bmod 9$ .

18. Find the check digit for the USPS money orders that have identification number that start with these ten digits.

- a) 7555618873  
b) 6966133421  
~~c) 8018927435~~  
~~d) 3289744134~~

20. One digit in each of these identification numbers of a postal money order is smudged. Can you recover the smudged digit, indicated by a  $Q$ , in each of these numbers?

- a) Q1223139784  
b) 6702120Q988  
~~c) 27Q41007734~~  
~~d) 213279032Q1~~

24. Determine the check digit for the UPCs that have these initial 11 digits.

a) 73232184434

b) 63623991346

~~c) 04587320720~~

~~d) 93764323341~~

Some airline tickets have a 15-digit identification number  $a_1a_2 \dots a_{15}$  where  $a_{15}$  is a check digit that equals  $a_1a_2 \dots a_{14} \bmod 7$ .

28. Find the check digit  $a_{15}$  that follows each of these initial 14 digits of an airline ticket identification number.

a) 10237424413392

b) 00032781811234

~~c) 00611232134231~~

~~d) 00193222543435~~

Periodicals are identified using an **International Standard Serial Number (ISSN)**. An ISSN consists of two blocks of four digits. The last digit in the second block is a check digit. This check digit is determined by the congruence  $d_8 \equiv 3d_1 + 4d_2 + 5d_3 + 6d_4 + 7d_5 + 8d_6 + 9d_7 \pmod{11}$ . When  $d_8 \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$ , we use the letter X to represent  $d_8$  in the code.

32. For each of these initial seven digits of an ISSN, determine the check digit (which may be the letter X).

a) 1570-868

b) 1553-734

~~c) 1089-708~~

~~d) 1383-811~~