

Discrete Maths Supervision Work 2

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1 2.2

1. $(i, k, l, m) = (-1, 1, 6, 5)$ meets the requirement ✓

2. **RTP:** $\forall N \forall k_0, k_1, k_2, \dots, k_N (\exists a \sum_{i=0}^N k_i 10^i = 3a \iff \exists b \sum_{i=0}^N k_i = 3b)$

Let N arbitrary natural number, and let $k_0, k_1, k_2, \dots, k_N$ arbitrary natural numbers

First we prove ' \Rightarrow '.

Assume $\exists a \sum_{i=0}^N k_i 10^i = 3a$

Instantiating, let a such that $\sum_{i=0}^N k_i 10^i = 3a$

RTP: $\exists b \sum_{i=0}^N k_i = 3b$

INCOMPLETE

3. **RTP:** $\forall n (\text{rem}(n^2 + 1, 4) = 0 \vee \text{rem}(n^2 + 1, 4) = 1)$

C0:

$n = 2k$ for some integer k

$$\text{rem}(n^2, 4) = \text{rem}((2k)^2, 4) = \text{rem}(4k^2, 4) = 0$$

C1:

$n = 2k + 1$ for some integer k

$$\text{rem}(n^2, 4) = \text{rem}((2k + 1)^2, 4) = \text{rem}(4k^2 + 4k + 1, 4) = \text{rem}(4(k^2 + k) + 1, 4) = 1$$

Since the above cases are exhaustive, we have shown the required statement.

4.

(a) $\text{rem}(55^2, 79) = \text{rem}(3025, 79) = 23$

(b) $\text{rem}(23^2, 79) = \text{rem}(529, 79) = 55$

(c) $\text{rem}(23 \cdot 55, 79) = \text{rem}(1265, 79) = 1$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{rem}(55^{78}, 79) &= \text{rem}((55^2)^{39}, 79) \\ &= \text{rem}(23^{39}, 79) \\ &= \text{rem}(23 \cdot (23^2)^{19}, 79) \\ &= \text{rem}(23 \cdot 55 \cdot (55^2)^9, 79) \\ &= \text{rem}(23 \cdot (23^2)^4, 79) \\ &= \text{rem}(23 \cdot 55^2 \cdot 55^2, 79) \\ &= \text{rem}(23 \cdot 23 \cdot 23, 79) \\ &= \text{rem}(55 \cdot 23, 79) \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Rephrase as
 $\{ 10^i a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \}$
 \iff
 $\sum a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$
and use that
 $10 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

follows directly
from FLT, so
no need to
calculate

5.

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^{153} &\equiv 2 \cdot (2^8)^{19} \\
 &\equiv 2 \cdot 256^{19} \\
 &\equiv 2 \cdot 103^{19} \\
 &\equiv 206 \cdot (103^2)^9 \\
 &\equiv 53 \cdot 10609^9 \\
 &\equiv 53 \cdot 52^9 \\
 &\equiv 2756 \cdot (52^2)^4 \\
 &\equiv 2 \cdot (103^2)^2 \\
 &\equiv 2 \cdot 52^2 \\
 &\equiv 2 \cdot 103 \\
 &\equiv 206 \\
 &\equiv 53 \pmod{153}
 \end{aligned}$$

Correct. We will see another proof in person as well, using that $153 = 9 \cdot 17$

This does not contradict Fermat's Little Theorem because 153 is not prime.

6.

(a) \mathbb{Z}_3

a	b	$a+b$	ab	$-b$	$\frac{1}{b}$
0	0	0	0	0	
0	1	1	0	2	1
0	2	2	0	1	2
1	1	2	1		
1	2	0	2		
2	2	1	1		

When asked for tables for some binary operation, it is common to make a square, e.g.

(b) \mathbb{Z}_6

a	b	$a+b$	ab	$-b$	$\frac{1}{b}$
0	0	0	0	0	
0	1	1	0	5	1
0	2	2	0	4	
0	3	3	0	3	
0	4	4	0	2	
0	5	5	0	1	5
1	1	2	1		
1	2	3	2		
1	3	4	3		
1	4	5	4		
1	5	0	5		
2	2	4	4		
2	3	5	0		
2	4	0	2		
2	5	1	4		
3	3	0	3		
3	4	1	0		
3	5	2	3		
4	4	2	4		
4	5	3	2		
5	5	4	1		

$(\mathbb{Z}_3, +)$

	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	1

• since we can easily read information from it,
 • symmetry along diagonal = commutativity
 • first row is same as "header" means $0 + a = a$ etc.

(c) \mathbb{Z}_7

a	b	$a+b$	ab	$-b$	$\frac{1}{b}$
0	0	0	0	0	
0	1	1	0	6	1
0	2	2	0	5	4
0	3	3	0	4	5
0	4	4	0	3	2
0	5	5	0	2	3
0	6	6	0	1	6
1	1	2	1		
1	2	3	2		
1	3	4	3		
1	4	5	4		
1	5	6	5		
1	6	0	6		
2	2	4	4		
2	3	5	6		
2	4	6	1		
2	5	0	3		
2	6	1	5		
3	3	0	2		
3	4	0	5		
3	5	1	1		
3	6	2	4		
4	4	1	2		
4	5	2	6		
4	6	3	3		
5	5	3	4		
5	6	4	2		
6	6	5	1		

You know
 $n^3 \equiv \text{rem}(n, 6)^3 \pmod{6}$
 by 2.1.2 b
 or c.

That says
 nothing about
 n^3 and n
 though. Instead

show that
 $n^3 - n = (n-1)n(n+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$

7. Assume $n^3 \equiv (\text{rem}(n, 6))^3 \pmod{6}$. We can therefore check all possibilities for $\text{rem}(n, 6)$

$\text{rem}(n, 6)$	$(\text{rem}(n, 6))^3$	$\text{rem}((\text{rem}(n, 6))^3, 6)$
0	0	0
1	1	0
2	8	6
3	27	3
4	64	4
5	125	5

Since $\text{rem}((\text{rem}(n, 6))^3, 6) \equiv (\text{rem}(n, 6))^3 \equiv n^3 \pmod{6}$, we can see that $\forall n \ n^3 \equiv n \pmod{6}$

8. Assume $n \equiv 1 \pmod{p-1}$.

Equivalently, assume $n = j(p-1) + 1$ for some integer j

RTP: $\forall i$ not multiple of $p \ i^n \equiv i \pmod{p}$

By universal instantiation, let i some positive integer not a multiple of p .

RTP: $i^n \equiv i \pmod{p}$

Equivalently, **RTP:** $i^n = kp + i$ for some integer k .

Substituting n into the left-hand side,

$$\begin{aligned}
 i^{j(p-1)+1} &\equiv i^{jp+(1-j)} \\
 &\equiv (i^p)^j \cdot i^{1-j} \\
 &\equiv i^j \cdot i^{(1-j)} \text{ by Fermat's Little Theorem} \\
 &\equiv i^1 \\
 &\equiv i \pmod{p}
 \end{aligned}$$

Here $1-j$ might be negative, so
 you use that mult. inverses
 mod p exist and are unique.
 More directly, FLT
 says $i^{p-1} \equiv 1$, so
 $i^{j(p-1)+1} = (i^{p-1})^j \cdot i \equiv i$

As required.

9. $n^7 \equiv n \pmod{7}$ By question 8

$n^7 \equiv n^3 n^3 n \equiv n \cdot n \cdot n \equiv n^3 \equiv n \pmod{6}$ By question 7

We can therefore claim that $n^7 \equiv 36n + 7n \pmod{42}$ and we prove this below by showing that this solution satisfies both of the above equations:

(a) $n^7 \equiv (36n + 7n) \equiv 1n + 0 \equiv n \pmod{7}$

$$(b) \quad n^7 \equiv (36n + 7n) \equiv 0 + 1n \equiv n \pmod{6}$$

Therefore, $n^7 \equiv 43n \equiv n \pmod{42}$ as required.

$$n^2 \equiv n \pmod{6} \text{ by above}$$

$$n^7 \equiv n \pmod{7} \text{ by FLT}$$

So $6 | n^2 - n$, $7 | n^7 - n$ & 6, 7 coprime
Thus $6 \cdot 7 | n^7 - n$.

2 2.3

1. **RTP:** $\forall n ((\exists i, j \ n = i^2 - j^2) \iff (n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \vee n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \vee n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}))$ Let n arbitrary integer.

First we prove ' \Leftarrow '.

RTP: $\exists i, j \ n = i^2 - j^2$

Note that the following cases are exhaustive but not mutually exclusive.

They are n can not be 0 and 1 mod 4 at the same time for example.

C0:

$$n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$\therefore n = 4a \text{ for some integer } a$$

$$\therefore n = (a+1)^2 - (a-1)^2$$

C1:

$$n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$\therefore n = 4a + 1 \text{ for some integer } a$$

$$\therefore n = (2a+1)^2 - (2a)^2$$

C2:

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

$$\therefore n = 4a + 3 \text{ for some integer } a$$

$$\therefore n = (2a+2)^2 - (2a+1)^2$$

Now we prove ' \Rightarrow '

Assume $\exists i, j \ n = i^2 - j^2$

Let i, j such that $n = i^2 - j^2 = (i-j)(i+j)$

RTP: $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \vee n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \vee n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

C0:

i is odd and j is odd

Therefore $i-j = 2a, i+j = 2b$ for some integers a, b

Therefore $n = (i-j)(i+j) = 4ab \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

C1:

Exactly one of i and j is even. Without loss of generality, take i is odd and j is even.

Therefore $i-j = 2a+1, i+j = 2b+1$ for some integers a, b

Therefore $n = (i-j)(i+j) = 4ab + 2(a+b) + 1 \equiv 2c+1 \pmod{4}$ where $c = a+b$

Therefore $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \vee n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

C2:

i is even and j is even

Therefore $i-j = 2a, i+j = 2b$ for some integers a, b

Therefore $n = (i-j)(i+j) = 4ab \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

Since you work mod 4, you can also use 2.3.3 and observe that

i^2	j^2	$n = i^2 - j^2$
0	0	0
0	1	3
1	0	1
1	1	0

is exhaustive.

2.

- (a) 1, 11, 111

1, 3, 7

- (b) The k^{th} decimal repunit in base n can be written as $\frac{n^k - 1}{n - 1}$

Consider the expression $(2a)^k - 1 \pmod{4}$ in the two following exhaustive cases

C0:

$k2i$ for some integer i

$$(2a)^k - 1 \equiv 4^i \cdot a^k - 1$$

$$\equiv -1$$

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

C1:

$k = 2i + 1$ for some integer i

$$(2a)^k - 1 \equiv 4^i \cdot 2 \cdot a^k - 1$$

$$\equiv -1$$

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

for $i \geq 1$ or equiv. $k \geq 2$.

As such, the expression is always congruent to 3 (mod 4).

Next, note that $n - 1$ is a square number $\Rightarrow (\frac{n^k - 1}{n - 1})$ is a square number $\Rightarrow n^k - 1$ is a square number

Therefore, for all bases n such that n is even and $n - 1$ is square (for example, $n = 2$ or $n = 10$), then $\frac{n^k - 1}{n - 1} \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, which, by Lemma 26, means it cannot be a square number.

Great proof!

Another idea: If $n = 2m$ is even, then for $k \geq 1$,

$$1 + n + \dots + n^k = 1 + n + 4 \sum_{i=2}^k 2^{i-2} m^i$$

$$\equiv 1 + n \pmod{4}$$

so it suffices to have an even

$$\bullet 1 + n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}.$$

What happens for other bases? Can you find a counterexample to show this is not always true?