

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

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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)

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

5.

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

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 | | |

(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 | | |

(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 | | |

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,

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

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.

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 '.

$$\mathbf{RTP:} \quad \exists i, j \, n = i^2 - j^2$$

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

C0:

$$\begin{aligned} n &\equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ \therefore n &= 4a \text{ for some integer } a \\ \therefore n &= (a+1)^2 - (a-1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

C1:

$$\begin{aligned} n &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ \therefore n &= 4a + 1 \text{ for some integer } a \\ \therefore n &= (2a+1)^2 - (2a)^2 \end{aligned}$$

C2:

$$\begin{aligned} n &\equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ \therefore n &= 4a + 3 \text{ for some integer } a \\ \therefore n &= (2a+2)^2 - (2a+1)^2 \end{aligned}$$

Now we prove ' \Rightarrow '

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

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

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

C0:

$$\begin{aligned} i &\text{ is odd and } j \text{ is odd} \\ \text{Therefore } i-j &= 2a, i+j = 2b \text{ for some integers } a, b \\ \text{Therefore } n &= (i-j)(i+j) = 4ab \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

C1:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Exactly one of } i \text{ and } j \text{ is even. Without loss of generality, take } i \text{ is odd and } j \text{ is even.} \\ \text{Therefore } i-j &= 2a+1, i+j = 2b+1 \text{ for some integers } a, b \\ \text{Therefore } n &= (i-j)(i+j) = 4ab + 2(a+b) + 1 \equiv 2c+1 \pmod{4} \text{ where } c = a+b \\ \text{Therefore } n &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \vee n \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

C2:

$$\begin{aligned} i &\text{ is even and } j \text{ is even} \\ \text{Therefore } i-j &= 2a, i+j = 2b \text{ for some integers } a, b \\ \text{Therefore } n &= (i-j)(i+j) = 4ab \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

2.

$$(a) \quad 1, 11, 111$$

$$1, 3, 7$$

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

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

C0:

$$k2i \text{ for some integer } i$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2a)^k - 1 &\equiv 4^i \cdot a^k - 1 \\ &\equiv -1 \\ &\equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

C1:

$$k = 2i + 1 \text{ for some integer } i$$

$$\begin{aligned} (2a)^l - 1 &\equiv 4^i \cdot 2 \cdot a^k - 1 \\ &\equiv -1 \\ &\equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{aligned}$$

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.