

# VE203 Discrete Math

## Spring 2022 — Worksheet 6 Solutions

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### Exercise 6.1 Modular Arithmetic

Find each of these values.

a)  $(-133 \bmod 23 + 261 \bmod 23) \bmod 23$

b)  $(457 \bmod 23 \cdot 182 \bmod 23) \bmod 23$

**Solution:**

a) Working modulo 23, we have  $-133 + 261 = 128 \equiv 13$ , so the answer is 13.

b) Working modulo 23, we have  $457 \cdot 182 \equiv 20 \cdot 21 = 420 \equiv 6$ .

### Exercise 6.2 Fermat's (Little) Theorem

Show that  $2^{11,213} - 1$  is not divisible by 11.

**Solution:**

By Fermat's theorem,  $2^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ , so

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{11,213} - 1 &\equiv \left[ (2^{10})^{1,121} \cdot 2^3 \right] - 1 \equiv [1^{1,121} \cdot 2^3] - 1 \\ &\equiv 2^3 - 1 \equiv 8 - 1 \equiv 7 \pmod{11} \end{aligned}$$

### Exercise 6.3 Euler's Theorem

1. Compute  $\varphi(p^2)$  where  $p$  is a prime.

2. Compute  $\varphi(pq)$  where both  $p$  and  $q$  are primes.

**Solution:**

1. All positive integers less than  $p^2$  that are not divisible by  $p$  are relatively prime to  $p$ . Thus we delete from the  $p^2 - 1$  integers less than  $p^2$  the integers  $p, 2p, 3p, \dots, (p-1)p$ . There are  $p-1$  integers deleted, so  $\phi(p^2) = (p^2 - 1) - (p-1) = p^2 - p$ .

2. We delete from the  $pq - 1$  integers less than  $pq$  those that are multiples of  $p$  or of  $q$  to obtain those relatively prime to  $pq$ . The multiples of  $p$  are  $p, 2p, 3p, \dots, (q-1)p$  and the multiples of  $q$  are  $q, 2q, 3q, \dots, (p-1)q$ . Thus we delete a total of  $(q-1) + (p-1) = p+q-2$  elements, so  $\phi(pq) = (pq - 1) - (p+q-2) = pq - p - q + 1 = (p-1)(q-1)$ .

### Exercise 6.4 Congruences

Find all solutions of the congruence  $12x \equiv 27 \pmod{18}$ .

**Solution:**

The gcd of 12 and 18 is 6, and 6 is not a divisor of 27. Thus by the preceding theorem, there are no solutions.

### Exercise 6.5 Solving Congruences

What are the solutions of the linear congruence  $101x \equiv 583 \pmod{4620}$ ?

**Solution:**

1. The gcd of 101 and 4620 is 1, and 1 is a divisor of 583. Thus by the preceding theorem, there is a solution.

2. Find an inverse of 101 modulo 4620.

The steps used by the Euclidean algorithm to find  $\gcd(101, 4620)$  are

$$\begin{aligned} 4620 &= 45 \cdot 101 + 75 \\ 101 &= 1 \cdot 75 + 26 \\ 75 &= 2 \cdot 26 + 23 \\ 26 &= 1 \cdot 23 + 3 \\ 23 &= 7 \cdot 3 + 2 \\ 3 &= 1 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ 2 &= 2 \cdot 1 \end{aligned}$$

3. Because the last nonzero remainder is 1, we know that  $\gcd(101, 4620) = 1$ . We can now express  $\gcd(101, 4620) = 1$  in terms of each successive pair of remainders.

In each step we eliminate the remainder by expressing it as a linear combination of the divisor and the dividend. We obtain

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 3 - 1 \cdot 2 \\ &= 3 - 1 \cdot (23 - 7 \cdot 3) = -1 \cdot 23 + 8 \cdot 3 \\ &= -1 \cdot 23 + 8 \cdot (26 - 1 \cdot 23) = 8 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot 23 \\ &= 8 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot (75 - 2 \cdot 26) = -9 \cdot 75 + 26 \cdot 26 \\ &= -9 \cdot 75 + 26 \cdot (101 - 1 \cdot 75) = 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot 75 \\ &= 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot (4620 - 45 \cdot 101) = -35 \cdot 4620 + 1601 \cdot 101 \end{aligned}$$

4. 1601 is an inverse of 101 modulo 4620.

5. Multiplying both sides of the congruence by 1601 shows that  $1601 \cdot 101x \equiv 1601 \cdot 583 \pmod{4620}$ . Because  $161701 \equiv 1 \pmod{4620}$  and  $933383 \equiv 143 \pmod{4620}$ , it follows that if  $x$  is a solution, then  $x \equiv 143 \pmod{4620}$ .

### Exercise 6.6 Fast Modular Exponentiation

$$2^{2021} \pmod{2021}$$

#### Solution:

Consider  $2^{2021} \pmod{2021}$ . We first note that the binary representation of 2021 is

$$2021 = 2^{10} + 2^9 + 2^8 + 2^7 + 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^2 + 2^0.$$

Then we know that  $2^{2021} = 2^{2^{10}+2^9+2^8+2^7+2^6+2^5+2^2+2^0} = 2^{2^{10}} \times 2^{2^9} \times 2^{2^8} \times 2^{2^7} \times 2^{2^6} \times 2^{2^5} \times 2^{2^2} \times 2^{2^0}$

Calculating that

$$\begin{aligned} 2^1 &\equiv 2 \pmod{2021} \\ 2^{2^2} &\equiv 16 \pmod{2021} \\ 2^{2^5} &\equiv 747 \pmod{2021} \\ 2^{2^6} &\equiv 213 \pmod{2021} \\ 2^{2^7} &\equiv 907 \pmod{2021} \\ 2^{2^8} &\equiv 102 \pmod{2021} \\ 2^{2^9} &\equiv 299 \pmod{2021} \\ 2^{2^{10}} &\equiv 477 \pmod{2021} \end{aligned}$$

$$2^{2021} \equiv 477 \times 299 \times 102 \times 907 \times 213 \times 747 \times 16 \times 2 \equiv 1322 \pmod{2021}$$

**Exercise 6.7** Chinese Remainder Theorem

Solve the following system of linear congruence

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv 6 \pmod{11} \\x &\equiv 13 \pmod{16} \\x &\equiv 9 \pmod{21} \\x &\equiv 19 \pmod{25}\end{aligned}$$

**Solution:**

Solution: Since 11, 16, 21, and 25 are pairwise relatively prime, the Chinese Remainder Theorem tells us that there is a unique solution modulo  $m$ , where  $m = 11 \cdot 16 \cdot 21 \cdot 25 = 92400$ .

We apply the technique of the Chinese Remainder Theorem with

$$\begin{aligned}k &= 4, \quad m_1 = 11, \quad m_2 = 16, \quad m_3 = 21, \quad m_4 = 25, \\a_1 &= 6, \quad a_2 = 13, \quad a_3 = 9, \quad a_4 = 19,\end{aligned}$$

to obtain the solution.

We compute

$$\begin{aligned}z_1 &= m/m_1 = m_2 m_3 m_4 = 16 \cdot 21 \cdot 25 = 8400 \\z_2 &= m/m_2 = m_1 m_3 m_4 = 11 \cdot 21 \cdot 25 = 5775 \\z_3 &= m/m_3 = m_1 m_2 m_4 = 11 \cdot 16 \cdot 25 = 4400 \\z_4 &= m/m_4 = m_1 m_3 m_2 = 11 \cdot 16 \cdot 21 = 3696 \\y_1 &\equiv z_1^{-1} \pmod{m_1} \equiv 8400^{-1} \pmod{11} \equiv 7^{-1} \pmod{11} \equiv 8 \pmod{11} \\y_2 &\equiv z_2^{-1} \pmod{m_2} \equiv 5775^{-1} \pmod{16} \equiv 15^{-1} \pmod{16} \equiv 15 \pmod{16} \\y_3 &\equiv z_3^{-1} \pmod{m_3} \equiv 4400^{-1} \pmod{21} \equiv 11^{-1} \pmod{21} \equiv 2 \pmod{21} \\y_4 &\equiv z_4^{-1} \pmod{m_4} \equiv 3696^{-1} \pmod{25} \equiv 21^{-1} \pmod{25} \equiv 6 \pmod{25} \\w_1 &\equiv y_1 z_1 \pmod{m} \equiv 8 \cdot 8400 \pmod{92400} \equiv 67200 \pmod{92400} \\w_2 &\equiv y_2 z_2 \pmod{m} \equiv 15 \cdot 5775 \pmod{92400} \equiv 86625 \pmod{92400} \\w_3 &\equiv y_3 z_3 \pmod{m} \equiv 2 \cdot 4400 \pmod{92400} \equiv 8800 \pmod{92400} \\w_4 &\equiv y_4 z_4 \pmod{m} \equiv 6 \cdot 3696 \pmod{92400} \equiv 22176 \pmod{92400}\end{aligned}$$

The solution, which is unique modulo 92400, is

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv a_1 w_1 + a_2 w_2 + a_3 w_3 + a_4 w_4 \pmod{92400} \\&\equiv 6 \cdot 67200 + 13 \cdot 86625 + 9 \cdot 8800 + 19 \cdot 22176 \pmod{92400} \\&\equiv 2029869 \pmod{92400} \\&\equiv \mathbf{89469} \pmod{92400}\end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 6.8** RSA

In an RSA procedure, the public key is chosen as  $(n, E) = (2077, 97)$ , i.e., the encryption function  $e$  is given by

$$e(x) = x^{97} \pmod{2077}$$

(Note that  $2077 = 31 \times 67$ .)

Compute the private key  $D$ , where  $D = E^{-1} \pmod{\varphi(n)}$ . Decrypt the message 279, that is, find  $x$  if  $y = e(x) = 279 \pmod{2077}$ .

**Solution:**

Note that  $\varphi(2077) = (31 - 1)(67 - 1) = 1980$ . We need to solve  $97D \equiv 1 \pmod{1980}$ .  
By Euclidean algorithm (or anything else that works)

$$\begin{aligned} 1980 &= 97 \times 20 + 40 \\ 97 &= 40 \times 2 + 17 \\ 40 &= 17 \times 2 + 6 \\ 17 &= 6 \times 2 + 5 \\ 6 &= 5 \times 1 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

hence

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 6 - 5 \\ &= 6 - (17 - 6 \times 2) = 6 \times 3 - 17 \\ &= (40 - 17 \times 2) \times 3 - 17 = 40 \times 3 - 17 \times 7 \\ &= 40 \times 3 - (97 - 40 \times 2) \times 7 = 40 \times 17 - 97 \times 7 \\ &= (1980 - 97 \times 20) \times 17 - 97 \times 7 \\ &= 1980 \times 17 - 97 \times 347 \end{aligned}$$

Thus  $D \equiv -347 \equiv 1633 \pmod{1980}$ .

We need to calculate  $279^D \pmod{2077}$ . First note that

$$1633 = (11001100001)_2 = 2^{10} + 2^9 + 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^0$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} 279^{2^0} &\equiv 279 \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{2^1} &\equiv 279^2 \equiv 992 \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{2^2} &\equiv 992^2 \equiv -434 \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{2^3} &\equiv (-434)^2 \equiv -651 \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{2^4} &\equiv (1426)^2 \equiv 93 \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{2^5} &\equiv 93^2 \equiv 341 \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{2^6} &\equiv 341^2 \equiv (-31) \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{2^7} &\equiv (-31)^2 \equiv 961 \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{2^8} &\equiv 961^2 \equiv 1333 \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{2^9} &\equiv 1333^2 \equiv 1054 \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{2^{10}} &\equiv 1054^2 \equiv -279 \pmod{2077} \\ 279^{1633} &\equiv 279^{2^0} + 2^5 + 2^6 + 2^9 + 2^{10} \\ &\equiv 279^{2^0} \cdot 279^{2^5} \cdot 279^{2^6} \cdot 279^{2^9} \cdot 279^{2^{10}} \\ &\equiv (279)(341)(-31)(1054)(-279) \\ &\equiv (-403)(-31)(1054)(-279) \\ &\equiv (31)(1054)(-279) \\ &\equiv (-558)(-279) \\ &\equiv 1984 \pmod{2077} \end{aligned}$$

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