

Number Theory

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1 Divisibility Theory

1.1 Divisibility

$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \neq 0$, if there is a integer q let:

$$a = qb$$

then it is called that b can be divided by a or b divides a , marked as $b|a$, and b is a divisor of a , a is a multiple of b . Otherwise marked as $b \nmid a$.

Specially, if $a \neq 0$, and a is an integer, then $a|0$.

Theorem: suppose $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$

- (1) if $b|a$ and $a|b$, then $a = \pm b$
- (2) if $a|b$, and $b|c$, then $a|c$
- (3) if $c|a$ and $c|b$, then $c|ua+vb, u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$
- (4) if $c|a_1 \cdots a_k$, then $\forall u_1 \cdots u_k \in \mathbb{Z}$, there is $c|(u_1 a_1 \cdots u_k a_k)$
- (5) if $m \neq 0$ and $a|b \Leftrightarrow ma|mb$
- (6) if $a = qb + r$ and $b|a \Leftrightarrow b|r$

Prove:

- (1)(2)(4)(5)(6) skip
- (3) suppose $a = qc, b = pc$, then $ua + vb = uqc + vpc$, obviously

1.2 Greatest Common Divisor(GCD)

if $\exists q, a = qr_1, b = qr_2, r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$, then q is called a common divisor of a and b , $\mathcal{D}(a, \cdots, a_k)$ is a set of all common divisors of a_1, \cdots, a_k

if $\exists d \in \mathcal{D}(a, b)$ and $\forall d_i \in \mathcal{D}(a, b), d_i | d$, then d is the great common divisor of a and b , marked as $d = (a, b)$ or $d = \gcd(a, b)$

Theorem: $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

- (1) $(a, b) = (a, -b) = (-a, b) = (-a, -b) = (|a|, |b|)$
- (2) $(0, a) = |a|$
- (3) if $a_i | a_j, j = 1 \cdots k, (a_1, \cdots, a_i, \cdots, a_k) = |a_i|$

Prove:

(1)(2)(3)skip

1.3 Euclidean Alorithm

When a and b is large, to figure out their gcd directly is difficult, Euclidean Alorithm can be used to figure out their gcd

Suppose $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $r_0 = a, r_1 = b$, then:

$$\begin{aligned} r_0 &= q_1 r_1 + r_2 & 0 \leq r_2 < r_1 \\ r_1 &= q_2 r_2 + r_3 & 0 \leq r_3 < r_2 \\ &\vdots \\ r_{k-2} &= q_{k-1} r_{k-1} + r_k & 0 \leq r_k < r_{k-1} \\ r_{k-1} &= q_k r_k \end{aligned}$$

Now $r_k = (a, b)$

Prove:

if $\exists r_i, r_{i-1}, r_i | r_{i-1}$, then $r_{i-1} = q_i r_i$, otherwise, because $b = r_1 > r_2 > \dots > r_k > 0$, b is limited, so that $r_i \geq r_{i-1} - 1$, and $b - i + 1 \geq r_i \geq 0$, when $b - i + 1 = 1$, then $i = b$, now $r_i = 1$, so that $r_{i-1} = q_i$, therefore we can always get the equation $r_{k-1} = q_k r_k$, now

$$\begin{aligned} r_{k-2} &= q_{k-1} r_{k-1} + r_k = q_{k-1} q_k r_k + r_k \\ r_{k-3} &= q_{k-2} r_{k-2} + r_{k-1} = q_{k-2} (q_{k-1} q_k r_k + r_k) + q_k r_k = r_k (q_{k-2} q_{k-1} q_k + q_{k-2} + q_k) \\ &\vdots \\ b &= r_1 = X_1 r_k \\ a &= r_0 = X_2 r_k \end{aligned}$$

How to confirm r_k is greatest?

Construct contradiction

Corollary:

$\exists u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$, $\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, let

$$(a, b) = ua + vb$$

1.4 Least Common Mutiple

if $\exists c, q_1, q_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$, for a and b , $c = q_1 a = q_2 b$, then c is a common mutiple of a and b , suppose $\mathcal{L}(a_1 \cdots a_k)$ is a set of all common mutiples of $a_1 \cdots a_k$

if $\exists l \in \mathcal{L}(a, b)$ and $\forall l_i \in \mathcal{L}(a, b)$, $l | l_i$, then l is called least common mutiple, marked as $[a, b]$ or $\text{lcm}(a, b)$

1.5 Prime Number

if $\mathcal{D}(p) = \{1, p\}$, p is called prime number

if $(a, b) = 1$, it is called a and b are relatively prime and *exists* $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$, let $au + bv = 1$

Lemma:

$$(a, b) = 1 \Leftrightarrow au + bv = 1, u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$(a, p) = 1, a = 1 \cdots 2p-1, p \text{ is a prime}$$

1.6 Fundamental Theorem Arithmetic

$\forall N \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $N > 1, \exists P_1 \cdots P_k, a_1 \cdots a_k \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall P_i > 1, a_i > 1$, let

$$N = \prod_{i=1}^k P_i^{a_i}$$

suppose

$$N_1 = \prod_{i=1}^{k_1} P_{1i}^{a_{1i}}$$

$$N_2 = \prod_{i=1}^{k_2} P_{2i}^{a_{2i}}$$

let

$$S_1 = \{P_{11}, \cdots, P_{1k_1}\}$$

$$S_2 = \{P_{21}, \cdots, P_{2k_2}\}$$

if

$$S_1 \cup S_2 = \emptyset$$

then

$$(N_1, N_2) = 1$$

$$[N_1, N_2] = N_1 N_2$$

if

$$S_1 \cup S_2 = S$$

$$S = \{P_j, \dots, P_{j+l}\}$$

then

$$(N_1, N_2) = D = \prod_{i=j}^{j+l} P_i^{a_i} \quad a_i = \min\{a_{1j}, a_{2j}\}$$

and

$$\left(\frac{N_1}{D}, \frac{N_2}{D}\right) = 1$$

therefore

$$\left[\frac{N_1}{D}, \frac{N_2}{D}\right] = \frac{N_1 N_2}{D^2}$$

suppose

$$a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, m \neq 0, (a, b) = d$$

$$a = q_1 d, b = q_2 d$$

$$ma = q_1 dm, mb = q_2 dm$$

$$(ma, mb) = dm = (a, b) \times m$$

therefore

$$\left[D \times \frac{N_1}{D}, D \times \frac{N_2}{D}\right] = D \times \frac{N_1 N_2}{D^2}$$

$$[N_1, N_2] = \frac{N_1 N_2}{D} = \frac{N_1 N_2}{(N_1, N_2)}$$

1.7 Exercise

(1) if $(a, b) = 1 \Rightarrow (a^n, b^n) = 1$

(2) if $a^n \mid b^n \Rightarrow a \mid b$

(3) if $a \mid n, b \mid n \Rightarrow [a, b] \mid n$

(4) if $a \mid n$ and $b \mid n$, whether $\exists u, v$, let $ua + vb = n$

- (5) if $2^n - 1$ is a prime $\Rightarrow n$ is a prime
- (6) if $\exists \sqrt{m}, \sqrt{n} \in \mathbb{Z}, \forall k \in \{k = x \mid x \text{ is a odd number}\} \Rightarrow k = m - n$
- (7) $\frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{7n}{15} \in \mathbb{Z}$
- (8) $\forall x, y \Rightarrow 8 \nmid x^2 - y^2 - 2$
- (9) if $n = c_k \cdot 10^k + \cdots + c_1 \cdot 10 + c_0$ and $11 \mid n \Leftrightarrow 11 \mid \sum_{i=0}^k (-1)^i c_{k-i}$
- (10) if $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ no matter how to choose the $+, -$, $\sum_{i=0}^n (\pm \frac{1}{m+i}) \notin \mathbb{Z}$

2 Congruence

2.1 The Definition and Property of Congruence

suppose $a, b, q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a = bq + r$, $|r| < b$, marked as $a \pmod{b} = r$

if $a \pmod{p} = b \pmod{p}$, it is called a and b are congruent, marked as $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$

Theorem:

- (1) $a \equiv b \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow p \mid \pm(a-b)$
- (2) if $a_1 \equiv b_1 \pmod{p}$ and $a_2 \equiv b_2 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow (a_1 \pm a_2) \equiv (b_1 \pm b_2) \pmod{p}$
- (3) if $a_1 \equiv b_1 \pmod{p}$ and $a_2 \equiv b_2 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow (a_1 a_2) \equiv (b_1 b_2) \pmod{p}$
- (4) if $am \equiv bm \pmod{p}$ and $(m, p) = 1 \Leftrightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{p}$
- (5) if $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$ and $d \mid p \Leftrightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{d}$

Prove:

(1)(2) skip

(3) suppose

$$a_1 = q_{11}p + r_1$$

$$b_1 = q_{12}p + r_1$$

$$a_2 = q_{21}p + r_2$$

$$b_2 = q_{22}p + r_2$$

$$a_1 a_2 = q_{11}q_{21}p^2 + q_{21}r_1p + q_{11}r_2p + r_1r_2$$

$$b_1 b_2 = q_{12}q_{22}p^2 + q_{22}r_1p + q_{12}r_2p + r_1r_2$$

$$\therefore a_1 a_2 \equiv b_1 b_2 \pmod{p}$$

(4)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\because am \equiv bm \pmod{p} \\
&\therefore p \mid m(a - b) \\
&\because (m, p) = 1 \\
&\therefore p \nmid m \\
&\therefore p \mid (a - b) \\
&\therefore a \equiv b \pmod{p}
\end{aligned}$$

(5)

$$\begin{aligned}
&\because a \equiv b \pmod{p} \\
&d \mid p \\
&\therefore a = q_1 p + r \\
&b = q_2 p + r \\
&p = qd \\
&\therefore a = q_1 qd + r \\
&b = q_2 qd + r \\
&a \equiv b \pmod{d}
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem: $\forall N \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $p \geq 2$

$$N = n_d p^d + \cdots + n_1 p^1 + n_0$$

$$n_i \in \mathbb{Z}, |n_i| < p, n_d \neq 0$$

2.2 Euler's Totient Function

$$\varphi(m) = |S|, S = \{ a \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}, a < m, (a, m) = 1 \}$$

Theorem:

$$\varphi(m) = m \sum_{i=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right) \quad m = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{a_i}$$

Prove:

$$\varphi(m) = |\{1, 2, 3, \dots, m-2, m-1\} - \mathcal{D}(m) + \{1\}|$$

$$\varphi(m) = m - |\mathcal{D}(m)|$$

$$\mathcal{D}(m) = \{d | d = \prod_{i=1}^{k'} p_i^{a_i} \quad a_i = 0, 1, \dots, a_k \quad k' = k\}$$

$$|\mathcal{D}(m)| = \prod_{i=1}^k (a_k + 1)$$

2.2.1 Euler Theorem

if $(a, m) = 1$, then

$$a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

Prove:

2.2.2 Fermat's Little Theorem

if p is a prime, $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

Prove:

2.3 Exercise:

(1) if $a \equiv b \pmod{m_i}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, n \Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{[m_1, \dots, m_n]}$

(2) if p, q are prime and $p \neq q \Rightarrow q^{p-1} + p^{q-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{pq}$

(3) if $(a, b) = 1, c \neq 0 \Rightarrow \exists n, (a + nb, c) = 1$

3 Congruence Equation

3.1 Residue System

$$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \equiv r \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow n = qp + r, r = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

let

$$\bar{0} = \{0, \pm p, \pm 2p, \dots\}$$

$$\bar{1} = \{\pm 1, 1 \pm p, 1 \pm 2p, \dots\}$$

\vdots

$$\overline{p-1} = \{(p-1), (p-1) \pm p, (p-1) \pm 2p, \dots\}$$

\bar{i} is a residue class of $n \pmod{p}$

3.1.1 Complete Residue System

choose a number from each residue class to represent its residue class, all these numbers form a set, $\{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots, \overline{p-1}\}$ is a complete residue system of $n \pmod{p}$

3.1.2 Reduced Residue System

if $\{1, j, \dots, p-1\} \subset \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots, \overline{p-1}\}, \forall a \in \{1, j, \dots, p-1\}, (a, p) = 1$, then $\{1, j, \dots, p-1\}$ is a reduced residue system of $n \pmod{p}$

$$|\{1, j, \dots, p-1\}| = \varphi(p)$$

Theorem:

(1) if $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{\varphi(m)}\}$ is a reduced residue system, $(a, m) = 1 \Rightarrow \{ax_1, ax_2, \dots, ax_{\varphi(m)}\}$ is a reduced residue system

3.2 Linear Congruence Equation

3.2.1 Linear Congruence Equation

$ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ is called linear congruence equation

$$\begin{aligned}
& \therefore ax \equiv b \pmod{m} \\
& \therefore m \mid (ax - b) \\
& \text{let } ax - b = mq \\
& \therefore ax = mq + b \\
& \therefore x = \frac{m}{a}q + \frac{b}{a} \\
& \text{let } a' = \frac{a}{(a, m)} \\
& \quad m' = \frac{m}{(a, m)} \\
& \quad (a', m') = 1 \\
& \text{if } (a, m) \mid b \\
& \quad b' = \frac{b}{(a, m)} \\
& \quad m' \mid (a'x - b') \\
& \quad a'x \equiv b' \pmod{m'} \\
& \quad x \equiv b'a'^{-1} \pmod{m'} \\
& \quad x = b'a'_{-1} + km' \quad k = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots \\
& \therefore a\left(\frac{b}{(a, m)}a'^{-1} + km'\right) \pmod{m} = (a'a'^{-1}b + a'km) \pmod{m} = b \pmod{m} \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, (a, m) - 1 \\
& \therefore x \equiv a'^{-1} \frac{b}{(a, m)} + k \frac{m}{(a, m)}
\end{aligned}$$

Theorem:

$$(1) ax \equiv b \pmod{m}, (a, m) \mid b \Leftrightarrow x \equiv a'^{-1} \frac{b}{(a, m)} + k \frac{m}{(a, m)}, \quad k = 0, 1, \dots, (a, m) - 1$$

3.2.2 Linear Congruence Equation Set

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv b_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ x \equiv b_2 \pmod{m_2} \\ \vdots \\ x \equiv b_k \pmod{m_k} \end{cases}$$

it is called linear congruence equation

3.2.3 Chinese Remainder Theorem

When $(m_i, m_j) = 1$, $i \neq j$ and $i, j = 1, 2, \dots, k$

$$x \equiv M_1^{-1}M_1b_1 + \dots + M_k^{-1}M_kb_k$$

$$m = \prod_{i=1}^k m_i \quad M_i = \frac{m}{m_i} \quad M_i^{-1}M_i \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i}$$

Prove:

3.3 Polynomial Congruence Equation

$$f(x) = a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$$

$$\because (x^p - x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$f(x) \equiv (x^p - x)q(x) + r(x) \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore f(x) \equiv r(x) \pmod{p}$$

/vspace12 pt **Theorem:** if the numbers of solution of

$$f(x) = a_nx^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1x + a_0$$

is n

then $f(x) \mid (x^p - x)$

3.4 Wilson Theorem

suppose p is a prime

$$(p-1)! + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

3.5 Exercise:

$$(1) \ x \equiv 7(mod\ 10) \quad x \equiv 3(mod\ 12) \quad x \equiv 12(mod\ 15)$$

$$(2) \ 3x^{14} + 4x^{13} + 2x^{11} + x^9 + x^6 + x^3 + 12x^2 + x \equiv 0(mod\ 7)$$

4 Quadratic Residue

4.1 Definition and Property of Quadratic Residue

if p is an odd prime and

$$x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p} \quad (a, p) = 1$$

has a solution, then a is a quadratic residue of p , otherwise a is quadratic non-residue of p

Theorem:

(1) if p is an odd prime, there are $\frac{p-1}{2}$ quadratic residue and $\frac{p-1}{2}$ quadratic non-residue

(2) if p is an odd prime, $(a, p) = 1$

a is a quadratic residue mod $p \Leftrightarrow a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

a is a quadratic non-residue mod $p \Leftrightarrow a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

Prove:

4.2 Legendre Symbol

if p is an odd prime, $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p} = \begin{cases} 1 & a \text{ is a quadratic residue mod } p \\ -1 & a \text{ is not a quadratic residue mod } p \\ 0 & p \mid a \end{cases}$$

Theorem:

$$(1) \quad \left(\frac{1}{p}\right) = 1, \quad \left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)}$$

$$(2) \quad \text{if } a \equiv b \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$$

$$(3) \quad \left(\frac{a+p}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$$

$$(4) \quad (a, p) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{a^2}{p}\right) = 1$$

$$(4) \quad \left(\frac{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a_1}{p}\right) \left(\frac{a_2}{p}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{a_n}{p}\right)$$

Prove:

Lemma:

$$(1) \quad \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}}$$

4.2.1 Quadratic Reciprocity Law

if p, q are odd prime, $(p, q) = 1$, then

$$\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2} \frac{q-1}{2}} \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$$

4.3 Jacobi Symbol

if m is an odd and $m > 1$, $m = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_r$, p_i is a prime, then

$$\left(\frac{a}{m}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p_1}\right) \left(\frac{a}{p_2}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{a}{p_r}\right)$$

$p_1, p_2 \cdots p_r$ can be duplicate

Theorem:

$$(1) \quad \left(\frac{1}{m}\right) = 1$$

$$(2) \quad \text{if } a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{a}{m}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{m}\right)$$

$$(3) \quad \text{if } (a, m) = 1 \Leftrightarrow \left(\frac{a^2}{m}\right) = 1$$

$$(4) \quad \left(\frac{a+m}{m}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{m}\right)$$

$$(5) \quad \left(\frac{a_1 a_2 \cdots a_n}{m}\right) = \left(\frac{a_1}{m}\right) \left(\frac{a_2}{m}\right) \cdots \left(\frac{a_n}{m}\right)$$

$$(6) \quad \left(\frac{-1}{m}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{m-1}{2}}$$

$$(7) \quad \left(\frac{2}{m}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{m^2-1}{8}}$$

$$(8) \text{ if } m, n > 1 \text{ and } m, n \text{ is odd prime} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{n}{m}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{m-1}{2} \frac{n-1}{2}} \left(\frac{m}{n}\right)$$

Prove:

4.4 Exercise:

(1) if p is an odd prime, $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow$

in $1, 2, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}$, there are $\frac{p-1}{4}$ quadratic residue and non-quadratic residue

5 Discrete Logarithm

5.1 Index and Primitive Root

if $d > 0$ and $d \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$a^d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

d_{min} is called index of a mod p , marked as $ord_m(a)$

if

$$ord_m(a) = \varphi(m)$$

then a is a primitive root mod m

Theorem:

$$(1) \text{ if } a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow ord_m(a) = ord_m(b)$$

$$(2) a^d \equiv 1 \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow ord_m(a) \mid d$$

$$(3) ord_m(a) \mid \varphi(m)$$

$$(4) \text{ if } a^{-1}a \equiv 1 \pmod{m} \Rightarrow ord_m(a^{-1}) = ord_m(a)$$

$$(5) a^d \equiv a^k \pmod{m} \Rightarrow d \equiv k \pmod{ord_m(a)}$$

$$(6) \quad \text{if } k > 0 \text{ and } k \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \text{ord}_m(a^k) = \frac{\text{ord}_m(a)}{(\text{ord}_m(a), k)}$$

(7) if there is a primitive root mod m , and there are $\varphi(\varphi(m))$ primitive roots in total

$$(8) \quad \text{ord}_m(ab) = \text{ord}_m(a)\text{ord}_m(b) \Leftrightarrow (\text{ord}_m(a), \text{ord}_m(b)) = 1$$

$$(9) \quad \text{if } n \mid m \Rightarrow \text{ord}_m(a) \mid \text{ord}_n(a)$$

$$(10) \quad \text{if } (m_1, m_2) = 1 \Rightarrow \text{ord}_{m_1 m_2}(a) = [\text{ord}_{m_1}(a), \text{ord}_{m_2}(a)]$$

Prove:

5.2 Existence of Primitive Root

Theorem:

- (1) if p is an odd prime, then there are primitive roots mod p
- (2) there are primitive roots mod $m \Leftrightarrow m = 2, 4, p^\alpha, 2p^\alpha$ p is an odd prime
- (3) suppose the different divisors of $\varphi(m)$ is q_1, q_2, \dots, q_k and $(g, m) = 1$, g is a primitive root $\Leftrightarrow g^{\frac{\varphi(m)}{q_i}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$, $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$

Prove:

5.3 Discrete Logarithm

if g is a primitive root mod m , $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $(a, m) = 1$

$$a \mid g^\gamma \pmod{m} \quad 0 \leq \gamma \leq \varphi(m)$$

γ is a discrete logarithm, marked as $\text{ind}_g a$

Theorem:

- (1) $\text{ind}_g 1 = 0, \text{ind}_g g = 1$
- (2) $\text{ind}_g(ab) \mid \text{ind}_g a + \text{ind}_g b \pmod{\varphi(m)}$
- (3) $\text{ind}_g a^n \mid n \cdot \text{ind}_g a \pmod{\varphi(m)}$ $n \geq 1$
- (4) if g and g' are primitive roots mod $m \Rightarrow \text{ind}_g a \mid \text{ind}_{g'} a \cdot \text{ind}_g g' \pmod{\varphi(m)}$