

## Question 6

(a)

We denote a polynomial with degree  $\phi(n) - 1$  by  $f(x) = f_0 + f_1x + \dots + f_{\phi(n)-1}x^{\phi(n)-1}$ . It is trivially true that if  $f(x) = g(x)$ , then  $f(\zeta_i) = g(\zeta_i)$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq \phi(n)$ .

On the other hand, if for two polynomials  $f, g$  with degree  $\phi(n) - 1$ , their NTT representations are exactly identical, then for all  $1 \leq i \leq \phi(n)$ :

$$f(\zeta_i) = g(\zeta_i)$$

Define  $h(x) = f(x) - g(x)$ , then  $\zeta_1, \zeta_2, \dots, \zeta_{\phi(n)}$  are distinct roots of  $h(x)$ . This means that  $h(x)$  must have form:

$$h(x) = h'(x)(x - \zeta_1)(x - \zeta_2) \dots (x - \zeta_{\phi(n)})$$

Because  $f(x), g(x)$  both have degree  $\phi(n) - 1$ , the degree of  $f(x) - g(x)$  cannot be more than  $\phi(n) - 1$ . Therefore,  $h(x)$  must be 0, because otherwise it must have degree of at least  $\phi(n)$ . ■

(b)

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