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5. Note that 101 is prime

(a) Without using a computer or calculator, evaluate $3^{102} \pmod{101}$

$$3^{102} \pmod{101} = 3 (3^{101} \pmod{101}) = 3(3) = 9$$

Using Fermat's Little Theorem

(b) Without using a computer or calculator, evaluate $2^g \pmod{101}$ where $g = 10^{2023}$

Solution

$$2^{100} \pmod{101} = 1$$

Because $\phi(101) = 100$ and 2^{100} is a multiple of 100

We know that 2^{10^x} power, where x is any positive integer greater than 1, will give 1 mod 101, because all the numbers will be multiples of 100.

$$\text{So } 2^g \pmod{101} = 1$$