

1 Problem 1

Find order of 2 *mod* 17, or find the smallest possible positive integer k such that $2^k \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$

$$2^k \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$$

$$2^k \pmod{17} = 1$$

$$2^1 \pmod{17} = 0 * 17 + 2 = 2$$

$$2^2 \pmod{17} = 0 * 17 + 4 = 4$$

$$2^3 \pmod{17} = 0 * 17 + 8 = 8$$

$$2^4 \pmod{17} = 0 * 17 + 16 = 16$$

$$2^5 \pmod{17} = 1 * 17 + 15 = 15$$

$$2^6 \pmod{17} = 3 * 17 + 13 = 13$$

$$2^7 \pmod{17} = 7 * 17 + 9 = 9$$

$$2^8 \pmod{17} = 15 * 17 + 1 = 1$$

Order 2 *mod* 17 is $k = 8$

2 Problem 2

Find order of 3 *mod* 19, or find the smallest possible positive integer k such that $3^k \equiv 1 \pmod{19}$

$$3^k \equiv 1 \pmod{19}$$

$$3^k \pmod{19} = 1$$

$$3^1 \pmod{19} = 0 * 19 + 3 = 3$$

$$3^2 \pmod{19} = 0 * 19 + 9 = 9$$

$$3^3 \pmod{19} = 1 * 19 + 8 = 8$$

$$3^4 \pmod{19} = 4 * 19 + 5 = 5$$

$$3^5 \pmod{19} = 12 * 19 + 15 = 15$$

$$3^6 \pmod{19} = 38 * 19 + 7 = 7$$

$$3^7 \pmod{19} = 115 * 19 + 2 = 2$$

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$$3^{16} \pmod{19} = 2265616 * 19 + 17 = 17$$

$$3^{17} \pmod{19} = 6796850 * 19 + 13 = 13$$

$$3^{18} \pmod{19} = 20390552 * 19 + 1 = 1$$

Order 3 *mod* 19 is $k = 18$

3 Problem 3

Find order of 5 mod 23, or find the smallest possible positive integer k such that $5^k \equiv 1 \pmod{23}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 5^k &\equiv 1 \pmod{23} \\
 5^k \pmod{23} &= 1 \\
 5^1 \pmod{23} &= 0 * 23 + 5 = 5 \\
 5^2 \pmod{23} &= 1 * 23 + 2 = 2 \\
 5^3 \pmod{23} &= 5 * 23 + 10 = 10 \\
 5^4 \pmod{23} &= 13 * 23 + 4 = 4 \\
 5^5 \pmod{23} &= 135 * 23 + 20 = 20 \\
 5^6 \pmod{23} &= 679 * 23 + 8 = 8 \\
 5^7 \pmod{23} &= 3396 * 23 + 17 = 17 \\
 &\dots \\
 5^{20} \pmod{23} &= 12 \\
 5^{21} \pmod{23} &= 14 \\
 5^{22} \pmod{23} &= 1
 \end{aligned}$$

Order 5 mod 23 is $k = 22$

4 Problem 4

Proposition 1 If a has order hk mod n then a^h has order k mod n

Proof 1 Let a have order hk modulo n . Then, hk is the smallest possible integer such that $a^{hk} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. Suppose k is not the smallest integer such that $a^{hk} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ and an integer i less than k such that $a^{ik} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. It should be the case that $k \mid i$ according to the theorem, however, it is assumed that $k > i$, meaning that k cannot divide i .

So, by contradiction, k is the smallest integer which satisfies $a^{hk} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. Therefore, a^h has order k mod n

5 Problem 5

Proposition 2 The odd prime divisors of the integer $n^4 + 1$ are of the form $8k + 1$

6 Problem 6

Using the primitive root test algorithm developed in class, find the primitive roots of 13

The primitive root test algorithm: If $a^{\frac{\phi(n)}{d}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, then a is a primitive root.

$\phi(13) = 13 - 1 = 12$ and the factors of 12, d is equal to $d = 2, 3, 4$

$$a^{\frac{\phi(13)}{d}} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$1^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 1^{\frac{12}{2}} = 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$1^{\frac{\phi(13)}{3}} = 1^{\frac{12}{3}} = 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$1^{\frac{\phi(13)}{4}} = 1^{\frac{12}{4}} = 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$2^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 2^{\frac{12}{2}} = 2^6 = 64 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$2^{\frac{\phi(13)}{3}} = 2^{\frac{12}{3}} = 2^4 = 16 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$$

$$2^{\frac{\phi(13)}{4}} = 2^{\frac{12}{4}} = 2^3 = 8 \pmod{13}$$

2 is a primitive root

$$3^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 3^{\frac{12}{2}} = 3^6 = 729 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$3^{\frac{\phi(13)}{3}} = 3^{\frac{12}{3}} = 3^4 = 81 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$$

$$3^{\frac{\phi(13)}{4}} = 3^{\frac{12}{4}} = 3^3 = 27 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

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$$4^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 4^{\frac{12}{2}} = 4^6 = 4096 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

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$$5^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 5^{\frac{12}{2}} = 5^6 \equiv 12 \pmod{13}$$

$$5^{\frac{\phi(13)}{3}} = 5^{\frac{12}{3}} = 5^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

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$$6^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 6^{\frac{12}{2}} = 6^6 \equiv 12 \pmod{13}$$

$$6^{\frac{\phi(13)}{3}} = 6^{\frac{12}{3}} = 6^4 \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$$

$$6^{\frac{\phi(13)}{4}} = 6^{\frac{12}{4}} = 6^3 \equiv 8 \pmod{13}$$

6 is a primitive root

$$7^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 7^{\frac{12}{2}} = 7^6 \equiv 12 \pmod{13}$$

$$7^{\frac{\phi(13)}{3}} = 7^{\frac{12}{3}} = 7^4 \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$$

$$7^{\frac{\phi(13)}{4}} = 7^{\frac{12}{4}} = 7^3 \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$$

7 is a primitive root

$$8^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 8^{\frac{12}{2}} = 8^6 = 12 \pmod{13}$$

$$8^{\frac{\phi(13)}{3}} = 8^{\frac{12}{3}} = 8^4 = 1 \pmod{13}$$

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$$9^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 9^{\frac{12}{2}} = 9^6 = 1 \pmod{13}$$

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$$10^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 10^{\frac{12}{2}} = 10^6 = 1 \pmod{13}$$

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$$11^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 11^{\frac{12}{2}} = 11^6 = 12 \pmod{13}$$

$$11^{\frac{\phi(13)}{3}} = 11^{\frac{12}{3}} = 11^4 = 3 \pmod{13}$$

$$11^{\frac{\phi(13)}{4}} = 11^{\frac{12}{4}} = 11^3 = 5 \pmod{13}$$

11 is a primitive root

$$12^{\frac{\phi(13)}{2}} = 12^{\frac{12}{2}} = 12^6 = 1 \pmod{13}$$

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The primitive roots of 13 are 2, 6, 7, 11