

- (b) Prove that  $|x|^2 \neq 3$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ .
- (c) Prove that if  $x \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$  and  $|x| = 1$ , then  $x = \pm 1$ .
- (d) Prove that if  $|xy| = 3$  for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ , then  $x = \pm 1$  or  $y = \pm 1$ .
- Hint:*  $|z|^2 \in \mathbb{N}$  for  $z \in \mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ .
- (e) Complete the proof of the Claim.

## Problems for Section 9.6

### Practice Problems

#### Problem 9.26.

Prove that if  $a \equiv b \pmod{14}$  and  $a \equiv b \pmod{5}$ , then  $a \equiv b \pmod{70}$ .

#### Problem 9.27.

Show that there is an integer  $x$  such that

$$ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

iff

$$\gcd(a, n) \mid b.$$

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**Problem 9.28.** (a) Prove if  $n$  is not divisible by 3, then  $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

(b) Show that if  $n$  is odd, then  $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ .

(c) Conclude that if  $p$  is a prime greater than 3, then  $p^2 - 1$  is divisible by 24.

#### Problem 9.29.

The values of polynomial  $p(n) ::= n^2 + n + 41$  are prime for all the integers from 0 to 39 (see Section 1.1). Well,  $p$  didn't work, but are there any other polynomials whose values are always prime? No way! In fact, we'll prove a much stronger claim.

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## Problems for Section 9.7

### Practice Problems

#### Problem 9.30.

List the numbers of all statements below that are *equivalent* to

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n},$$

where  $n > 1$  and  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. Briefly explain your reasoning.

- i)  $2a \equiv 2b \pmod{n}$
- ii)  $2a \equiv 2b \pmod{2n}$
- iii)  $a^3 \equiv b^3 \pmod{n}$
- iv)  $\text{rem}(a, n) = \text{rem}(b, n)$
- v)  $\text{rem}(n, a) = \text{rem}(n, b)$
- vi)  $\text{gcd}(a, n) = \text{gcd}(b, n)$
- vii)  $\text{gcd}(n, a - b) = n$
- viii)  $(a - b)$  is a multiple of  $n$
- ix)  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}. a = b + nk$

#### Problem 9.31.

What is  $\text{rem}(3^{101}, 21)$ ?

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#### Problem 9.32.

Prove that congruence is preserved by arithmetic expressions. Namely, prove that

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n}, \tag{9.22}$$

then

$$\text{eval}(e, a) \equiv \text{eval}(e, b) \pmod{n}, \tag{9.23}$$

for all  $e \in \text{Aexp}$  (see Section 7.4).

**Problem 9.36.**

The following properties of equivalence mod  $n$  follow directly from its definition and simple properties of divisibility. See if you can prove them without looking up the proofs in the text.

- (a) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , then  $ac \equiv bc \pmod{n}$ .
- (b) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$ , then  $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$ .
- (c) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$ , then  $ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$ .
- (d)  $\text{rem}(a, n) \equiv a \pmod{n}$ .

**Problem 9.37. (a)** Why is a number written in decimal evenly divisible by 9 if and only if the sum of its digits is a multiple of 9? *Hint:*  $10 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ .

(b) Take a big number, such as 37273761261. Sum the digits, where every other one is negated:

$$3 + (-7) + 2 + (-7) + 3 + (-7) + 6 + (-1) + 2 + (-6) + 1 = -11$$

Explain why the original number is a multiple of 11 if and only if this sum is a multiple of 11.

**Problem 9.38.**

At one time, the Guinness Book of World Records reported that the “greatest human calculator” was a guy who could compute 13th roots of 100-digit numbers that were 13th powers. What a curious choice of tasks. . . .

In this problem, we prove

$$n^{13} \equiv n \pmod{10} \tag{9.29}$$

for all  $n$ .

(a) Explain why (9.29) does not follow immediately from Euler’s Theorem.

(b) Prove that

$$d^{13} \equiv d \pmod{10} \tag{9.30}$$

for  $0 \leq d < 10$ .

(c) Now prove the congruence (9.29).

**Problem 9.51.**

What is  $\text{rem}(24^{79}, 79)$ ?

*Hint:* You should not need to do any actual multiplications!

**Problem 9.52. (a)** Prove that  $22^{12001}$  has a multiplicative inverse modulo 175.

**(b)** What is the value of  $\phi(175)$ , where  $\phi$  is Euler’s function?

**(c)** What is the remainder of  $22^{12001}$  divided by 175?

**Problem 9.53.**

How many numbers between 1 and 6042 (inclusive) are relatively prime to 3780?

*Hint:* 53 is a factor.

**Problem 9.54.**

How many numbers between 1 and 3780 (inclusive) are relatively prime to 3780?

**Problem 9.55.**

**(a)** What is the probability that an integer from 1 to 360 selected with uniform probability is relatively prime to 360?

**(b)** What is the value of  $\text{rem}(7^{98}, 360)$ ?

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**Problem 9.56.**

Find the remainder of  $26^{1818181}$  divided by 297.

*Hint:*  $1818181 = (180 \cdot 10101) + 1$ ; use Euler’s theorem.

**Problem 9.57.**

Find the last digit of  $7^{7^{7^7}}$ .

**Problem 9.58.**

Prove that  $n$  and  $n^5$  have the same last digit. For example:

$$\underline{2}^5 = 3\underline{2} \qquad 7\underline{9}^5 = 307705639\underline{9}$$

**Problem 9.59.**

Use Fermat’s theorem to find the inverse  $i$  of 13 modulo 23 with  $1 \leq i < 23$ .

**Problem 9.60.**

Let  $\phi$  be Euler’s function.

- (a) What is the value of  $\phi(2)$ ?
- (b) What are three nonnegative integers  $k > 1$  such that  $\phi(k) = 2$ ?
- (c) Prove that  $\phi(k)$  is even for  $k > 2$ .

*Hint:* Consider whether  $k$  has an odd prime factor or not.

- (d) Briefly explain why  $\phi(k) = 2$  for exactly three values of  $k$ .

**Problem 9.61.**

Suppose  $a, b$  are relatively prime and greater than 1. In this problem you will prove the *Chinese Remainder Theorem*, which says that for all  $m, n$ , there is an  $x$  such that

$$x \equiv m \pmod{a}, \tag{9.31}$$

$$x \equiv n \pmod{b}. \tag{9.32}$$

Moreover,  $x$  is unique up to congruence modulo  $ab$ , namely, if  $x'$  also satisfies (9.31) and (9.32), then

$$x' \equiv x \pmod{ab}.$$

- (a) Prove that for any  $m, n$ , there is some  $x$  satisfying (9.31) and (9.32).

*Hint:* Let  $b^{-1}$  be an inverse of  $b$  modulo  $a$  and define  $e_a ::= b^{-1}b$ . Define  $e_b$  similarly. Let  $x = me_a + ne_b$ .

- (b) Prove that

$$[x \equiv 0 \pmod{a} \text{ AND } x \equiv 0 \pmod{b}] \text{ implies } x \equiv 0 \pmod{ab}.$$

(c) Conclude that

$$[x \equiv x' \pmod{a} \text{ AND } x \equiv x' \pmod{b}] \text{ implies } x \equiv x' \pmod{ab}.$$

(d) Conclude that the Chinese Remainder Theorem is true.

(e) What about the converse of the implication in part (c)?

**Problem 9.62.**

The *order* of  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  is the smallest positive  $m$  such that  $k^m = 1 \pmod{n}$ .

(a) Prove that

$$k^m = 1 \pmod{n} \text{ IMPLIES } \text{ord}(k, n) \mid m.$$

*Hint:* Take the remainder of  $m$  divided by the order.

Now suppose  $p > 2$  is a prime of the form  $2^s + 1$ . For example,  $2^1 + 1, 2^2 + 1, 2^4 + 1$  are such primes.

(b) Conclude from part (a) that if  $0 < k < p$ , then  $\text{ord}(k, p)$  is a power of 2.

(c) Prove that  $\text{ord}(2, p) = 2s$  and conclude that  $s$  is a power of 2.<sup>21</sup>

*Hint:*  $2^k - 1$  for  $k \in [1..r]$  is positive but too small to equal  $0 \pmod{p}$ .

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**Problem 9.63.**

This problem is about finding square roots modulo a prime  $p$ .

(a) Prove that  $x^2 \equiv y^2 \pmod{p}$  if and only if  $x \equiv y \pmod{p}$  or  $x \equiv -y \pmod{p}$ . *Hint:*  $x^2 - y^2 = (x + y)(x - y)$

An integer  $x$  is called a *square root* of  $n \pmod{p}$  when

$$x^2 \equiv n \pmod{p}.$$

An integer with a square root is called a *square mod  $p$* . For example, if  $n$  is congruent to 0 or 1 mod  $p$ , then  $n$  is a square and it is its own square root.

So let's assume that  $p$  is an odd prime and  $n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . It turns out there is a simple test we can perform to see if  $n$  is a square mod  $p$ :

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<sup>21</sup>Numbers of the form  $2^{2^k} + 1$  are called *Fermat numbers*, so we can rephrase this conclusion as saying that any prime of the form  $2^s + 1$  must actually be a Fermat number. The Fermat numbers are prime for  $k = 1, 2, 3, 4$ , but not for  $k = 5$ . In fact, it is not known if any Fermat number with  $k > 4$  is prime.