

1. Calculate the following (please write down the detail calculation process)

(a) Divide 2^{12345} by 120. What is the remainder?

(b) What is the last 3 digits of 321^{2439} ?

(c) Evaluate $7^{999} \pmod{8}$?

(d) Use part (c) to find $6^{799} \pmod{30}$?

2. Let $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ be prime. Show that $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ has no solution, i.e. -1 or $p-1$ is a quadratic non-residue. (Hint: by contradiction, i.e. assume that the solution x exists. Raise both sides to the power $(p-1)/2$ and use Fermat's theorem.)

3. Let a and $n > 1$ be integers with $\gcd(a, n) = 1$. The order of $a \pmod{n}$ is the smallest positive integer r such that $a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. Denote $r = \text{ord}_n(a)$.

(a) Show that $r \leq \phi(n)$

(b) Show that if $m = rk$ is a multiple of r , then $a^m \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

(c) Suppose $a^t \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. Write $t = qr + s$ with $0 \leq s < r$ (this is just division with remainder). Show that $a^s \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.

(d) Using the definition of r and the fact that $0 \leq s < r$, show that $s = 0$ and therefore $r \mid t$. This, combined with part (b), yields the result that $a^t \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ if and only if $\text{ord}_n(a) \mid t$.

(e) Show that $\text{ord}_n(a) \mid \phi(n)$.