

1. Which of the following congruence relations have solutions. If yes, what are the solutions?

(a) $X^2 \equiv 153 \pmod{419}$?

(b) $X^2 \equiv 53 \pmod{191}$?

(c) $X^2 \equiv 52528 \pmod{80029}$

Note: 419, 191 are primes, $80029 = 419 \cdot 191$

Sol:

(a) $419 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

$$153^{\frac{419-1}{2}} \equiv 153^{209} \equiv 153^{128+64+16+1} \equiv 252 \cdot 154 \cdot 352 \cdot 153 \equiv 418 \equiv -1 \pmod{419}$$

$x^2 \equiv 153 \pmod{419}$ has no solution.

(b) $191 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

$$53^{\frac{191-1}{2}} \equiv 53^{95} \equiv 53^{64+16+8+4+2+1} \equiv 98 \cdot 50 \cdot 97 \cdot 80 \cdot 135 \cdot 53 \equiv 190 \equiv -1 \pmod{191}$$

$x^2 \equiv 53 \pmod{191}$ has no solution.

(c) This problem is equivalent to the system of congruence equations

$$x^2 \equiv 153 \pmod{419} \text{ and } x^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{191}.$$

From part (a), the first congruence has no solution, means that 153 or 52528 is not a quadratic residue modulo 419. Thus the congruence relation $x^2 \equiv 52528 \pmod{80029}$ has no solution, i.e. not a quadratic

residue modulo 80029, even though $3^{\frac{191-1}{2}} \equiv 3^{95} \equiv 3^{64+16+8+4+2+1} \equiv 12 \cdot 96 \cdot 67 \cdot 81 \cdot 9 \cdot 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{191}$ means that 3 or 52528 is a quadratic residue mod 191.

2. Find the last 3-digits of 1234^{5632}

Sol:

$$1000 = 2^3 \cdot 5^3$$

$$\phi(1000) = 1000 \cdot (1-1/2) \cdot (1-1/5) = 400$$

We would really like to use the Euler's Theorem $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ to simplify the modulo exponentiation.

However, the catch is that $\gcd(a, n)=1$ or $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ must be satisfied and unfortunately $\gcd(1234,1000)=2$. In

this case we still can use Fermat's Little Theorem and Chinese Remainder Theorem to speed up the calculation of the modular exponentiation, which takes $O((\log n)^3)$ of time and is large if $\log n$ goes to

several thousands. $1234^{5632} \pmod{1000}$ is equivalent to the following system of congruence equations

$$x \equiv 1234^{5632} \pmod{8} \equiv 1234^{5632} \pmod{125} \text{ where } \gcd(8,125)=1$$

Now the first congruence relation becomes $x \equiv (1234 \pmod{8})^{5632} \equiv 2^{5632} \equiv 8 \cdot 2^{5629} \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$ and the

second congruence relation becomes $x \equiv (1234 \pmod{125})^{(5632 \pmod{100})} \equiv 109^{32} \equiv 81 \pmod{125}$, where

$\gcd(1234,125)=1$ and $\phi(125) = 125 \cdot (1-1/5) = 100$.

Now we use CRT to solve the following system of equations

$$x \equiv 0 \pmod{8} \equiv 81 \pmod{125} \text{ where } \gcd(8,125)=1$$

Because we have $8 \cdot (8^{-1})_{\text{mod } 125} + 125 \cdot (125^{-1})_{\text{mod } 8} = 1$, i.e. $8 \cdot (-78) + 125 \cdot 5 = 1$ and the CRT solution for the above system of congruence relations is

$$x \equiv 81 \cdot 8 \cdot (-78) + 0 \cdot 125 \cdot 5 \equiv 456 \pmod{1000}$$

A last note, although if we neglect the fact that $\text{gcd}(1234, 1000)=2$ and apply Euler's Theorem anyway, $1234^{5632} \equiv 234^{5632 \pmod{400}} \equiv 234^{32} \equiv (((((234^2)^2)^2)^2)^2) \equiv 456 \pmod{1000}$. This happens by chance or maybe some extra conditions are satisfied and is not guaranteed.

3. Find all primes p for which the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{p}$ is not invertible.

Sol:

If $\text{gcd}(\det(A), p) > 1$ then a matrix A is not invertible modulo p .

$$\det\left(\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix}\right) = 3 \times 3 - 5 \times 6 = -21 \equiv p-21 \pmod{p}$$

If p is greater than 21 then $\text{gcd}(p-21, p) = 1$ since p is a prime number. Thus, A is always invertible modulo p . Now we need to consider all primes less than 21, i.e. $\{2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19\}$, one by one to see if any one satisfies $\text{gcd}(p-21, p) > 1$. Since p is a prime number, only its multiples are not relative prime to itself, which implies that $p-21 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, or equivalently **prime p that divides 21**

$$(1) p=19 \Rightarrow 19-21 \equiv -2 \equiv 17 \pmod{19}$$

$$(2) p=17 \Rightarrow 17-21 \equiv -4 \equiv 13 \pmod{17}$$

$$(3) p=13 \Rightarrow 13-21 \equiv -8 \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$$

$$(4) p=11 \Rightarrow 11-21 \equiv -10 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$(5) p=7 \Rightarrow 7-21 \equiv -14 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$(6) p=5 \Rightarrow 5-21 \equiv -16 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$(7) p=3 \Rightarrow 3-21 \equiv -18 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$$(8) p=2 \Rightarrow 2-21 \equiv -19 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

Hence, the only prime numbers that make the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 6 \\ 5 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{p}$ not invertible are 3 and 7.

4. Let a and $n > 1$ be integers with $\text{gcd}(a, n) = 1$. 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 $\text{ord}_n(a) \mid \phi(n)$.

Sol.

(a) Since r is the smallest positive integer such that $a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ and Euler theorem says that the integer $\phi(n)$ satisfies $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ for all $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$, we obtain that $r \leq \phi(n)$.

(b) Since $a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, $a^m \equiv a^{rk} \equiv (a^r)^k \equiv 1^k \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.

(c) Since $a^t \equiv a^{qr+s} \equiv a^{qr} \cdot a^s \equiv 1 \cdot a^s \equiv a^s \pmod{n}$, $a^t \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ implies $a^s \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.

(d) We want to prove that “ $a^t \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow \text{ord}_n(a) \mid t$ ”

(\Rightarrow): part (c) shows that if $t = qr + s$, $0 \leq s < r$ then $a^t \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \Rightarrow a^s \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$. Since by definition r is the smallest number such that $a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, we must have $s = 0$ and $t = qr + 0 = qr$ and therefore $r \mid t$.

(\Leftarrow): part (b) shows exactly that if $r \mid t$ then $a^t \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.

(e) Assume $\phi(n) = qr + s$. From the Euler theorem $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ and the result of part (d), we concludes that $s = 0$ and thus $\text{ord}_n(a) \mid \phi(n)$.