

1. Find the following:

(a) Find the values of $\bar{6} + \bar{13}$, $\bar{6} - \bar{13}$, and $\bar{6} \cdot \bar{13}$ in $\mathbb{Z}/11\mathbb{Z}$. Write your answers as \bar{a} where $0 \leq a \leq 10$.

- We have $\bar{6} + \bar{13} = \bar{19} = \bar{8}$, $\bar{6} - \bar{13} = \bar{-7} = \bar{4}$, and $\bar{6} \cdot \bar{13} = \bar{78} = \bar{1}$.

(b) Give the addition and multiplication tables modulo 7. (For ease of writing, you may omit the bars in the residue class notation.)

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
2	2	3	4	5	6	0	1
3	3	4	5	6	0	1	2
4	4	5	6	0	1	2	3
5	5	6	0	1	2	3	4
6	6	0	1	2	3	4	5

·	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	0	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	0	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	0	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	0	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	0	6	5	4	3	2	1

(c) Find all of the invertible residue classes modulo 7 and their multiplicative inverses.

- Every nonzero residue class is invertible: explicitly, $\bar{1}^{-1} = \bar{1}$, $\bar{2}^{-1} = \bar{4}$, $\bar{3}^{-1} = \bar{5}$, $\bar{4}^{-1} = \bar{2}$, $\bar{5}^{-1} = \bar{3}$, and $\bar{6}^{-1} = \bar{6}$.

(d) Give the multiplication table modulo 8. (Again, you may omit the bars.)

·	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	0	2	4	6	0	2	4	6
3	0	3	6	1	4	7	2	5
4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4
5	0	5	2	7	4	1	6	3
6	0	6	4	2	0	6	4	2
7	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

(e) Find all of the invertible residue classes modulo 8 and their multiplicative inverses.

- Modulo 8, only the odd residue classes are invertible, and in fact each one is its own inverse: $\bar{1}^{-1} = \bar{1}$, $\bar{3}^{-1} = \bar{3}$, $\bar{5}^{-1} = \bar{5}$, $\bar{7}^{-1} = \bar{7}$. The other residue classes $\bar{0}$, $\bar{2}$, $\bar{4}$, $\bar{6}$ are not invertible.

(f) Give the multiplication table modulo 9. (Again, you may omit the bars.)

·	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2	0	2	4	6	8	1	3	5	7
3	0	3	6	0	3	6	0	3	6
4	0	4	8	3	7	2	6	1	5
5	0	5	1	6	2	7	3	8	4
6	0	6	3	0	6	3	0	6	3
7	0	7	5	3	1	8	6	4	2
8	0	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

(g) Find all of the invertible residue classes modulo 9 and their multiplicative inverses.

- Modulo 9, the invertible residue classes are $\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{7}, \bar{8}$: $\bar{1}^{-1} = \bar{1}$, $\bar{2}^{-1} = \bar{5}$, $\bar{4}^{-1} = \bar{7}$, $\bar{5}^{-1} = \bar{2}$, $\bar{7}^{-1} = \bar{4}$, $\bar{8}^{-1} = \bar{8}$. The other residue classes $\bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}$ are not invertible.

2. Find the multiplicative inverse of each residue class \bar{a} modulo m , or explain why it does not exist.

(a) The residue class $\bar{7}$ modulo 10.

- Via the Euclidean algorithm we can compute $3 \cdot 7 - 2 \cdot 10 = 1$ so 7 and 10 are relatively prime. So the inverse exists.
- Reducing the Euclidean algorithm calculation modulo 10 yields $3 \cdot 7 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$, so $\bar{3} \cdot \bar{7} = \bar{1}$ modulo 10. Hence $\bar{7}^{-1} = \bar{3}$ mod 10.

(b) The residue class $\bar{14}$ modulo 49.

- We can see that 14 and 49 are not relatively prime since their gcd is 7, so $\bar{14}$ does not have a multiplicative inverse modulo 49.

(c) The residue class $\bar{16}$ modulo 49.

- Via the Euclidean algorithm we can compute $1 \cdot 49 - 3 \cdot 16 = 1$ so 16 and 49 are relatively prime. So the inverse exists.
- Reducing the Euclidean algorithm calculation modulo 49 yields $\bar{-3} \cdot \bar{16} = \bar{1}$ so the multiplicative inverse of $\bar{16}$ is $\bar{-3} = \bar{46}$ mod 49.

(d) The residue class $\bar{5}$ modulo 2024.

- Via the Euclidean algorithm we can compute $405 \cdot 5 - 2024 = 1$ so 5 and 2024 are relatively prime. So the inverse exists.
- Reducing the Euclidean algorithm calculation modulo 49 yields $\bar{405} \cdot \bar{5} = \bar{1}$ so the multiplicative inverse of $\bar{5}$ is $\bar{405}$ mod 2024.

3. Suppose a, b, c, d, m are integers and $m > 0$. Prove the following properties of modular arithmetic:

(a) If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then $ac \equiv bc \pmod{mc}$ for any $c > 0$.

- Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$. Then by definition, $m|(b-a)$. So by properties of divisibility, we see that mc divides $(b-a)c = bc - ac$.
- So by definition, this means $ac \equiv bc \pmod{mc}$ as claimed. (Note that $c > 0$ is needed only because the modulus mc is required to be positive.)

(b) If $d|m$ and $d > 0$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ implies $a \equiv b \pmod{d}$.

- Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$. Then by definition, $m|(b-a)$. But now because $d|m$, by properties of divisibility we see that $d|(b-a)$.
- So by definition, this means $a \equiv b \pmod{d}$ as claimed.

(c) If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ then $a^n \equiv b^n \pmod{m}$ for every positive integer n .

- Induction on n . The base case $n = 1$ is simply $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, which is given.
- For the inductive step suppose $a^n \equiv b^n \pmod{m}$. Multiplying this congruence by $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ yields $a^{n+1} \equiv b^{n+1} \pmod{m}$, which establishes the inductive step.

(d) Prove that the operation $+$ is commutative modulo m : namely, that $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \bar{b} + \bar{a}$ for any \bar{a} and \bar{b} .

- By definition of residue class addition we have $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a+b}$, and also $\bar{b} + \bar{a} = \overline{b+a}$.
- But by the commutative property [I2] in \mathbb{Z} , we know that $a+b = b+a$, so the associated residue classes $\overline{a+b}$ and $\overline{b+a}$ are also equal. Hence $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a+b} = \overline{b+a} = \bar{b} + \bar{a}$ as claimed.

(e) Prove that the operation \cdot is associative modulo m : namely, that $\bar{a} \cdot (\bar{b} \cdot \bar{c}) = (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}) \cdot \bar{c}$ for any \bar{a} , \bar{b} , and \bar{c} .

- By definition of residue class multiplication we have $\bar{a} \cdot (\bar{b} \cdot \bar{c}) = \overline{a \cdot (b \cdot c)}$ and also $(\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}) \cdot \bar{c} = \overline{(a \cdot b) \cdot c}$.
- But by the associative property [I5] in \mathbb{Z} , we know that $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$, so the associated residue classes $\overline{a \cdot (b \cdot c)}$ and $\overline{(a \cdot b) \cdot c}$ are also equal. Hence $\bar{a} \cdot (\bar{b} \cdot \bar{c}) = \overline{a \cdot (b \cdot c)} = \overline{(a \cdot b) \cdot c} = (\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b}) \cdot \bar{c}$ as claimed.

(f) Prove that the residue class $\bar{1}$ is a multiplicative identity modulo m , namely, that $\bar{1} \cdot \bar{a} = \bar{a}$ for any \bar{a} .

- By definition of residue class multiplication and the identity property [I7] we see $\bar{1} \cdot \bar{a} = \overline{1 \cdot a} = \bar{a}$, as claimed, since $1 \cdot a = a$ as integers.

4. The goal of this problem is to discuss modular exponentiation, which is frequently used in cryptography. If n is a positive integer, we define $\bar{a}^n \pmod{m}$ to be the n -term product $\underbrace{\bar{a} \cdot \bar{a} \cdot \dots \cdot \bar{a}}_{n \text{ terms}} \pmod{m}$. By problem 3c, one has $\bar{a}^n = \overline{a^n}$ (i.e., the n th power of the residue class \bar{a} is the residue class of the n th power a^n).

(a) Find the residue classes $\bar{2}^2, \bar{2}^3, \bar{2}^4, \bar{2}^5, \bar{2}^6, \bar{3}^2, \bar{3}^3, \bar{3}^4, \bar{3}^5$, and $\bar{3}^6 \pmod{10}$. (Write your answers as residue classes \bar{r} where $0 \leq r \leq 9$.)

- We simply calculate $\bar{2}^2 = \overline{4}$, $\bar{2}^3 = \overline{8}$, $\bar{2}^4 = \overline{16} = \overline{6}$, $\bar{2}^5 = \overline{32} = \overline{2}$, $\bar{2}^6 = \overline{64} = \overline{4}$.
- Likewise, $\bar{3}^2 = \overline{9}$, $\bar{3}^3 = \overline{27} = \overline{7}$, $\bar{3}^4 = \overline{81} = \overline{1}$, $\bar{3}^5 = \overline{243} = \overline{3}$, $\bar{3}^6 = \overline{729} = \overline{9}$.

(b) It is natural to think that if $n_1 \equiv n_2 \pmod{m}$, then $a^{n_1} \equiv a^{n_2} \pmod{m}$; i.e., that exponents “can also be reduced mod m ”. Show that this is incorrect by verifying that 2^2 is not congruent to 2^7 modulo 5.

- We calculate $2^2 \equiv 4$ modulo 5, while $2^7 = 128 \equiv 3$ modulo 5. They are not congruent.

(c) Show in fact that if $a \not\equiv 0$ modulo 5, then $a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$. Deduce that $a^{n_1} \equiv a^{n_2} \pmod{5}$ whenever $n_1 \equiv n_2 \pmod{4}$, so that the exponents actually behave “modulo 4”. [Hint: For the first part, test the 4 possible residue classes for a . For the second part, explain why $a^{4k} \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ for any k .]

- Since there are only 4 nonzero residue classes modulo 5, we simply check them all.
- We have $1^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$, $2^4 = 16 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$, $3^4 = 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$, and $4^4 = 256 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$. So the result holds in all cases.
- For the second part, we just showed that $a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ for any nonzero a . Taking the k th power then yields $a^{4k} \equiv 1^k \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$.
- Now, if $n_1 \equiv n_2 \pmod{4}$, then $n_2 - n_1 = 4k$ for some integer k which (by interchanging n_1, n_2 if needed) we may assume is nonnegative. We then have $a^{n_2} = a^{n_1+4k} = a^{n_1} \cdot (a^4)^k \equiv a^{n_1} \cdot 1^k = a^{n_1} \pmod{5}$, as claimed.

Now suppose we want to find the remainder when we divide 2^{516} by 61. Here is an efficient approach: compute the values $2^1 \equiv 2$, $2^2 \equiv 4$, $2^4 \equiv 16$, $2^8 \equiv 16^2 \equiv 12$, $2^{16} \equiv 12^2 \equiv 22$, $2^{32} \equiv 22^2 \equiv -4$, $2^{64} \equiv 16$, $2^{128} \equiv 12$, $2^{256} \equiv 22$, $2^{512} \equiv 57$ modulo 61 by squaring each previous term and reducing. Then simply evaluate $2^{516} = 2^{512} \cdot 2^4 \equiv 57 \cdot 16 \equiv 58 \pmod{61}$, so the remainder is 58.

(e) Use the method described above to find the remainder when 3^{261} is divided by 43.

- We compute $3^1 \equiv 3$, $3^2 \equiv 9$, $3^4 \equiv 81 \equiv -5$, $3^8 \equiv 25$, $3^{16} \equiv 625 \equiv 23$, $3^{32} \equiv 529 \equiv 13$, $3^{64} \equiv 169 \equiv -3$, $3^{128} \equiv (-3)^2 \equiv 9$, $3^{256} \equiv -5$.
- Then $3^{261} = 3^{256} \cdot 3^4 \cdot 3^1 \equiv (-5) \cdot (-5) \cdot 3 \equiv 75 \equiv 32$. Therefore, the remainder when 3^{261} is divided by 43 is $\overline{32}$.

- **Remark:** Efficient calculations with modular exponentiation are a fundamental part of the RSA cryptosystem, which is still in wide use today.

5. Let p be a prime. The goal of this problem is to prove that $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ for every integer a , which is a result known as Fermat's Little Theorem.

(a) Show that the binomial coefficient $\binom{p}{k} = \frac{p!}{k!(p-k)!}$ is divisible by p for each integer k with $0 < k < p$.

- If $0 < k < p$ then $\binom{p}{k} = \frac{p!}{k!(p-k)!}$ has a factor of p in the numerator (from the $p!$) but neither $k!$ nor $(p-k)!$ has a factor of p because p is prime and the only terms in $k!$ and $(p-k)!$ are integers less than p .
- Hence the numerator is divisible by p but the denominator is not, so the quotient is divisible by p .

(b) Prove that $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ for every positive integer a .

- Fix p and use induction on a . The base case $a = 1$ is trivial since clearly $1^p \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.
- For the inductive step, suppose $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$.
- Then $(a+1)^p = a^p + \binom{p}{1}a^{p-1} + \binom{p}{2}a^{p-2} + \cdots + \binom{p}{p-1}a + \binom{p}{p}1$ by the binomial theorem.
- By part (a), each of the middle terms is divisible by p , and so we have $(a+1)^p \equiv a^p + 1 \equiv a + 1 \pmod{p}$ by the inductive hypothesis. This establishes the inductive step so by induction the result holds for all positive integers a .

(c) Show in fact that $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ for all integers a . [Hint: The value of $a^p - a \pmod{p}$ only depends on what residue class a lies in mod p .]

- For a fixed p , the value of $a^p - a \pmod{p}$ only depends on the value of $a \pmod{p}$, since if $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$ then $a^p - a \equiv b^p - b \pmod{p}$.
- So since (b) establishes that $a^p - a$ is 0 modulo p for $a = 0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ (which represent all p possible residue classes for a), in fact $a^p - a$ is 0 modulo p for all integers a .

6. The goal of this problem is to establish a simple way to show large integers are composite without finding an explicit factorization.

(a) Show that if there exists an integer a such that $a^m \not\equiv a \pmod{m}$, then m is composite. [Hint: The result of problem 5 states that if p is prime, then $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ for all integers a .]

- Fermat's little theorem, in problem 5, states "If p is prime, then $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ for all integers a ".
- Taking the contrapositive yields "If there exists an integer a with $a^p \not\equiv a \pmod{p}$, then p is not prime".
- Changing the variable from p to m yields the desired result immediately.

(b) Given that $2^{23381} \equiv 9352 \pmod{23381}$, what can be concluded about whether 23381 is prime or composite?

- With $a = 2$ and $m = 23381$, since $a^m \not\equiv a \pmod{m}$, part (a) implies that 23381 is composite.

(c) Given that $2^{23377} \equiv 2 \pmod{23377}$, what can be concluded about whether 23377 is prime or composite?

- The result of part (a) is *not* an if-and-only-if statement. Since $2^{23377} \equiv 2 \pmod{23377}$, the hypothesis of part (a) does not apply, and therefore we cannot make any conclusion about whether 23377 is prime or composite. (In fact, $23377 = 97 \cdot 241$ is composite!)

- Remark: The powers in parts (b) and (c) can be calculated quickly using the method discussed in problem 4(e).