



Mathematical background

Proposed exercises

Exercise 1 :

Computing inverses. Solve $ax=1 \pmod{n}$, when $\text{g.c.d}(a,n)=1$

- a) Applying Fermat's theorem. Solve: $37x = 1 \pmod{5}$
- b) Applying Euler's theorem. Solve: $7x = 1 \pmod{12}$
- c) Applying modified Euclid's algorithm. Solve: $32x = 1 \pmod{5}$

Exercise 2:

Solve $ax=b \pmod{n}$ equations, when $\text{g.c.d}(a,n)=1$

- a) Applying Euler's theorem. Solve $3x = 3 \pmod{14}$
- b) Applying modified Euclid's algorithm. Solve $19x = 4 \pmod{49}$

Exercise 3:

Solve $ax=b \pmod{n}$ equations, when $\text{g.c.d}(a,n)=m \neq 1$

- a) Applying Euler's theorem. Solve $15x = 6 \pmod{9}$

Exercise 4:

Modular arithmetic. Miscellaneous exercises

- a) Using your preferred method.
 - i) Solve: $2x = 1 \pmod{4}$
 - ii) Solve: $37x = 1 \pmod{10}$
 - iii) Solve $3x = 5 \pmod{8}$
 - iv) Solve $5x = 10 \pmod{15}$
 - v) Solve $63x = 2 \pmod{110}$

b) Mathematical proofs on properties:

i) Proof that:

Given M, n such that $\text{g.c.d}(M, n) = 1$, and

Given $e, d \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$ such that $e \cdot d \equiv 1 \pmod{\Phi(n)}$, then the following expression holds:

$$M^{e \cdot d} \pmod{n} = M$$

ii) Justify whether these statements are true or false:

ii.a) $16^{16} + 16^{17} \pmod{17} = 1 \pmod{17}$

ii.b) $16^{17} \cdot 16^{16} \pmod{17} \equiv -1 \pmod{17}$

iii) Proof that:

Given a, n integers such that $\text{g.c.d.}(a, n) = 1$, then:

$$a^x \equiv a^y \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{\Phi(n)}.$$

iv) Proof that:

$$\text{Given } a, b, c, n \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\} \text{ such that } \text{g.c.d.}(a, n) = d, \text{ if } ab \equiv ac \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow b \equiv c \pmod{n/d}.$$

v) Proof that the following system has no solution:

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv 2 \pmod{6} \\ x \equiv 3 \pmod{9} \end{cases}$$