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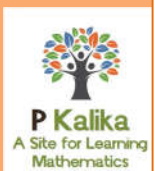
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* Divisibility

* Congruent relation

An integer 'a' is said to be congruent to an integer 'b' modulo a fixed positive integer 'm' if $a-b$ is divisible by m i.e. $m|a-b$ written as

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

Q:- Show that congruence relation is an equivalence relation.

Proof:- We have to show that congruence relation is an equivalence relation.

(1) Reflexive relation

Consider a fixed integer m , then for any $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ $a-a=0$ is divisible by m

$$\text{i.e. } m|a-a$$

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv a \pmod{m}$$

\therefore The relation is reflexive.

(2) Symmetric relation

Let aRb

i.e. $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, for some fixed integer m

$$\Rightarrow m|a-b$$

$$\Rightarrow a-b = km, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow -(b-a) = km$$

$$\Rightarrow b-a = (-k)m$$

$$\Rightarrow b-a = tm, \quad \text{where } t = -k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow m|b-a$$

$$\Rightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow bRa$$

$$\therefore aRb \Rightarrow bRa$$

Hence the relation is symmetric.

(3) Transitive relation:-

Let aRb and bRc

i.e. $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$ for a fixed integer m .

i.e. $m|a-b$ and $m|b-c$

$$\Rightarrow a-b = k_1m, \quad k_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$b-c = k_2m, \quad k_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

Adding (i) & (ii), we get

$$a-c = (k_1+k_2)m$$

$$\Rightarrow a-c = sm, \quad \text{where } s = k_1+k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow m|a-c$$

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow aRc$$

$$\therefore aRb \text{ and } bRc \Rightarrow aRc$$

Hence the relation is transitive relation.

\therefore Congruence relation is an equivalence relation.

Q:-
 $+$ · $+$ = $+$
 $+$ · $-$ = $-$
 $-$ · $+$ = $-$
 $-$ · $-$ = $+$, why ?

A:- Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then we have to show that

$$(-x) \cdot (-x) = +x^2$$

$$\text{i.e. } (-x)^2 = +x^2$$

Proof:- By the existence of additive inverse, we can write $x + (-x) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (-x) \{ x + (-x) \} = (-x) \cdot 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-x)x + (-x)(-x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (-x)(-x) = +x \cdot x$$

$$\Rightarrow (-x)^2 = +x^2$$

□

↳ G.C.D

A positive integer d is said to be gcd of two integers a & b (not both zero) if

(i) $d|a$ & $d|b$

(ii) if $c|a$ & $c|b$ then $c|d$

↳ The gcd of a & b is denoted by (a, b) or $\text{gcd}(a, b)$.

↳ If gcd of a & b is 1, then a & b are co-prime or relatively prime to each other.

*1. If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ & $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$ then
 $a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{m}$

2. If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ & $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then
 $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$

3. If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ & $d > 0$, $d|m$, then
 $a \equiv b \pmod{d}$

4. If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then $ac \equiv bc \pmod{mc}$, $c > 0$

5. $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$ iff $x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{(a,m)}}$

Complete Residue System modulo m (C.R.S):-

Let m be a fixed positive integer. The C.R.S modulo m is a finite set S of integers such that

① $|S| = m$

② $a_i \not\equiv a_j \pmod{m}$ for all $a_i, a_j \in S$

Ex:- $m = 7$

$S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Reduced Residue System modulo m (R.R.S) :-

Let m be a fixed positive integer. The R.R.S modulo m is a finite set S of integers such that

$$(1) |S| = \phi(m)$$

$$(2) a_i \not\equiv a_j \pmod{m} \text{ for all } a_i, a_j \in S.$$

$$(3) (a_i, m) = 1 \quad \forall a_i \in S.$$

Theorem-1

Let S be a CRS modulo m and $(a, m) = 1$, then prove that $S' = \{ax \mid x \in S\}$ is also a CRS modulo m .

Theorem-2

Let S be a R.R.S modulo m and $(a, m) = 1$, then prove that $S' = \{ax \mid x \in S\}$ is also a R.R.S modulo m .

1) Proof:-

Given, $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ & $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$

Now, $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a - b$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = mk_1 \text{ for some } k_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$c \equiv d \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid c - d$$

$$\Rightarrow c - d = mk_2 \text{ for some } k_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Adding eq(1) & (2), we get

$$(a - b) + (c - d) = mk_1 + mk_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + c) - (b + d) = m(k_1 + k_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + c) \equiv (b + d) \pmod{m} \text{ where } t = k_1 + k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$$\Rightarrow a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m} \quad (7)$$

2) Proof:- Given $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ & $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$

$$\text{i.e. } m | a - b$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = mk_1 \quad \text{for some } k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b + mk_1$$

$$\text{and } m | c - d$$

$$\Rightarrow c - d = mk_2 \quad \text{for some } k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow c = d + mk_2$$

$$\text{Now, } ac = (b + mk_1)(d + mk_2)$$

$$= bd + mbk_2 + mdk_1 + m^2k_1k_2$$

$$\Rightarrow ac - bd = m(bk_2 + dk_1 + mk_1k_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow ac - bd = ml \quad \text{where}$$

$$bk_2 + dk_1 + mk_1k_2 = l \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$$

3) Proof:- Given, $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow m | a - b$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = mk_1 \quad \text{for some } k_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Also given, $d > 0$ and $d | m$

$$\Rightarrow m = dk_2 \quad \text{for some } k_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Putting the value of m in eq(1),

$$a - b = (dk_2)k_1$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = d(k_2k_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow a-b = dk_3, \text{ where } k_3 = k_1 k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow d|a-b$$

$$\therefore a \equiv b \pmod{d}$$

4) Given $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow m|a-b$$

$$\Rightarrow a-b = mk_1, \text{ for some } k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Multiplying c on both sides, we get

$$ac - bc = mk_1 c$$

$$\Rightarrow ac - bc = mc(k_1)$$

$$\Rightarrow mc | ac - bc$$

$$\therefore ac \equiv bc \pmod{mc}$$

5) Proof:- Given $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow m|ax - ay$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - ay = mk_1, \text{ for some } k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow a(x-y) = mk_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{(a,m)}(x-y) = \frac{m}{(a,m)}k_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{(a,m)} \mid \frac{a}{(a,m)}(x-y)$$

But $\left(\frac{a}{(a,m)}, \frac{m}{(a,m)} \right) = 1$

[We know that, if $d|a$ and $d|b$ and $d > 0$,

then $\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d} \right) = \frac{1}{d} \gcd(a,b)$

if $(a,b) = g$, then

$$\left(\frac{a}{g}, \frac{b}{g} \right) = 1$$

$\therefore \frac{m}{(a,m)} \mid (x-y)$ [if $c \mid ab$ and $(b,c) = 1$, then $c \mid a$].

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{(a,m)}}$$

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Q:-1 Show that a decimal number n is divisible by 2 iff its unit digit is divisible by 2.

Q:-2 Show that a decimal number n is divisible by 3 or 9 iff the sum of its digits is divisible by 3 or 9.

Q:-3 Show that a decimal number n is divisible by 4 iff the number formed by last two digits is divisible by 4.

Q:-4 Show that a decimal number n is divisible by 11 iff the difference of the sum of the digits at odd places and even places is divisible by 11.

Theorem:-2

Let S be a RRS modulo m and $\gcd(a,m) = 1$.

Then prove that $S' = \{ax \mid x \in S\}$ is also a RRS modulo m .

Proof:-

By definition of $S' = \{ax \mid x \in S\}$ it is clear that $|S'| = \phi(m)$, as S is a RRS modulo m .

Let us consider, ax_1 and ax_2 are two elements in S' such that

$$ax_1 \equiv ax_2 \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid ax_1 - ax_2$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \quad [\because (a, m) = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 \equiv \alpha_2 \pmod{m}$$

As $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in S$, there is a contradiction that S is a RRS modulo m .

$$\therefore a\alpha_1 \not\equiv a\alpha_2 \pmod{m}$$

Let us consider that $\gcd(ax, m) = d$, for any $ax \in S'$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Since } \gcd(a, m) = 1 \text{ and } \alpha \in S &\Rightarrow (\alpha, m) = 1 \\ \Rightarrow (ax, m) = 1 \\ \Rightarrow d = 1. \end{aligned}$$

Thus S' is a RRS modulo m . □

Theorem-1:-

Let S be a CRS modulo m and $(a, m) = 1$, then prove that $S' = \{ax \mid x \in S\}$ is also a CRS modulo m .

Proof:- By definition of $S' = \{ax \mid x \in S\}$ it is clear that $|S'| = m$, as S is a CRS modulo m .

Let us consider, $a\alpha_1$ and $a\alpha_2$ are two elements in S' such that

$$a\alpha_1 \equiv a\alpha_2 \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a\alpha_1 - a\alpha_2$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a(\alpha_1 - \alpha_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid \alpha_1 - \alpha_2 \quad [\because (a, m) = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 \equiv \alpha_2 \pmod{m}$$

As $\alpha_1, \alpha_2 \in S$, there is a contradiction that S is a CRS modulo m .

$$\text{Thus } \therefore a\alpha_1 \not\equiv a\alpha_2 \pmod{m}$$

Thus S' is a CRS modulo m . \square

Linear Congruence :-

For a fixed m integer, the linear congruence mod m is defined as $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$, where a and b are integers.

Theorem-3 :-

Let $(a, m) = 1$. Then the linear congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has unique solution.

Proof :-

Let us consider a CRS mod m is,

$$S = \{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$$

Since $(a, m) = 1$, the set $S' = \{a \cdot 0, a \cdot 1, \dots, a(m-1)\}$ is also a CRS mod m .

Since S is a CRS mod m , there is a unique element $r \in S$ such that $b \equiv r \pmod{m}$ and with same argument there is a unique element $ak \in S'$ such that $ak \equiv r \pmod{m}$.

$\therefore ak \equiv b \pmod{m}$ for unique k in S .

$\therefore ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has unique solution.

Theorem-4:-

Let $\gcd(a, m) = d$, then the linear congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has d solutions if $d|b$ and no solution if $d \nmid b$.

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Proof:- Let $d|b$ and $b = dk_1$, k_1 is an integer

Given that $(a, m) = d$

\Rightarrow There exists integers k_2 & k_3 such that
 $a = dk_2$ & $m = dk_3$ with $(k_2, k_3) = 1$.

Now, the linear congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ --- (1)
 i.e. $dk_2x \equiv dk_1 \pmod{dk_3}$
 reduced to $k_2x \equiv k_1 \pmod{k_3}$ --- (2)

Since $(k_2, k_3) = 1$, the linear congruence (2) has unique solution say x_0 .

Now, consider a set $S = \{x_0, x_0 + k_3, x_0 + 2k_3, \dots, x_0 + (d-1)k_3\}$

Consider a general element $x_0 + tk_3$ of S , where
 $t = 0, 1, \dots, d-1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now, } a(x_0 + tk_3) - b &= ax_0 + atk_3 - b \\ &= dk_2x_0 + dk_2tk_3 - dk_1 \\ &= dk_3k_2t + d(k_2x_0 - k_1) \\ &= mk_2t + dk_3s, \text{ for some integers } s. \\ &= mk_2t + ms \\ &= m(k_2t + s) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid [a(x_0 + tk_3) - b]$$

$$\Rightarrow a(\alpha_0 + tk_3) \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

Hence $\alpha_0 + tk_3$ is a solution of (1) and since S is a solution set of C.R.S modulo m

So S is a solution set of (1).

So (L) has d solution.

Let $d \nmid b$ and consider that the linear congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has a solution say x' .

$$\text{Then } m \mid (ax' - b)$$

$$\Rightarrow ax' - b = mk, \text{ for some integer } k.$$

$$\Rightarrow b = ax' - km$$

$$\Rightarrow d \mid (ax' - km) = b \quad [\because (a, m) = d]$$

which is a contradiction.

Therefore if $d \nmid b$ then it has no solution.

Ex:-1 Solve $12x \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$

A:- Since $(12, 13) = 1$, it has unique solution.

$$13 = 12 \cdot 1 + 1$$

$$12 = 1 \cdot 12 + 0$$

$$1 = 13 \cdot 1 - 12 \cdot 1$$

$$5 = 13 \cdot 5 - 12 \cdot 5$$

$$12 \cdot 5 + 5 = 13 \cdot 5$$

$$\Rightarrow (-12)(-5) + 5 = 13 \cdot 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 12(-5) - 5 = 13 \cdot (-5)$$

$$\therefore x \equiv -5 \pmod{13}$$

$$\text{i.e. } x \equiv 8 \pmod{13}$$

$\therefore 8$ is the required solution.

Ex:-2 $8x \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$

Since $(8, 13) = 1$, so it has unique solution.

$$13 = 8 \cdot 1 + 5$$

$$8 = 5 \cdot 1 + 3$$

$$5 = 3 \cdot 1 + 2$$

$$3 = 2 \cdot 1 + 1$$

$$2 = 1 \cdot 2 + 0$$

~~$$1 = 3 - 2 \cdot 1$$~~

~~$$2 = 5 - 3 \cdot 1$$~~

$$1 = 3 - 2 \cdot 1$$

$$= 3 - (5 - 3 \cdot 1) \cdot 1$$

$$= 3 \cdot 2 - 5 \cdot 1$$

$$= (8 - 5 \cdot 1) \cdot 2 - 5 \cdot 1$$

$$= 8 \cdot 2 - 5 \cdot 3$$

$$= 8 \cdot 2 - (13 - 8 \cdot 1) \cdot 3$$

$$1 = 8 \cdot 5 - 13 \cdot 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = (8 \cdot 5) \cdot 3 - 13 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 = \left(\frac{3}{13} \right) [15, -9]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{b} = \frac{8}{a} \frac{15}{x} - \frac{13}{m} \frac{9}{m}$$

$$\therefore x \equiv 15 \pmod{13}$$

i.e. $x \equiv 2 \pmod{13}$ is the required solution.

$\therefore 2$ is the req. solution.

* Simple Continued Fraction :-

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{a}{m} &= \frac{8}{13} = 0 + \frac{1}{\frac{13}{8}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{5}{8}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\frac{8}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{3}{5}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\frac{5}{3}}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{3}}}} \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}}}}} \end{aligned}$$

S.C.F $(\frac{8}{13}) = [0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2]$

$$\begin{aligned} [0, 1, 1, 1, 1] &= 0 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1}}}} \\ &= 0 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}}} = 0 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{3}} = \frac{3}{5} \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{8}{13} \not\rightarrow \frac{3}{5}$$

$$8 \cdot 5 - 13 \cdot 3 = 1$$

$$\frac{8 \cdot 15 - 13 \cdot 9 = 3}{a \cdot x \quad m \quad b}$$

For multiple solution

$$8x \equiv 4 \pmod{14} \quad (1)$$

$\therefore (8, 14) = 2$ & $2 | 4$, so it has 2 sol^s

$$4x \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \quad (2)$$

$x_0 = 4$ is a solⁿ of (2).

$$S = \{x_0, x_0 + k_3, \dots, x_0 + (d-1)k_3\}$$

$$k_3 = \frac{m}{d} = \frac{14}{2} = 7$$

$$S = \{4, 4+7\}$$

$$S = \{4, 11\}$$

$\therefore 4$ & 11 are two solutions of (1).

1) Show that a decimal number n is divisible by 2 iff its unit digit is divisible by 2.

A:- Let $n = a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_2 a_1 a_0$
 $= a_k 10^k + a_{k-1} 10^{k-1} + \dots + a_2 \cdot 10^2 + a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0$

$10 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

$10^j \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$

$\therefore a_k 10^k + a_{k-1} 10^{k-1} + \dots + a_2 \cdot 10^2 + a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0 \equiv a_0 \pmod{2}$

\therefore if $2|a_0$, then $2|n$

2) Show that a decimal number n is divisible by 3 or 9 if the sum of its digits is divisible by 3 or 9.

A:- Let $n = a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_2 a_1 a_0$
 $= a_k 10^k + a_{k-1} 10^{k-1} + \dots + a_2 10^2 + a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0$

$10 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

$10^j \equiv 1^j = 1 \pmod{3}, j = 0, 1, 2, \dots, k$

$\therefore a_k 10^k + a_{k-1} 10^{k-1} + \dots + a_2 10^2 + a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0 \equiv a_k + a_{k-1} + \dots + a_1 + a_0 \pmod{3}$

$\Rightarrow n \equiv a_k + a_{k-1} + \dots + a_1 + a_0 \pmod{3}$

$\therefore n$ is divisible by 3 if $a_k + a_{k-1} + \dots + a_1 + a_0$ is divisible by 3.

Similarly n is divisible by 9 if sum of its digit is divisible by 9.

3) Show that a decimal number n is divisible by 4 iff the number formed by last two digits is divisible by 4.

A:- Let $n = a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_2 a_1 a_0$

$$= a_k 10^k + a_{k-1} 10^{k-1} + \dots + a_2 \cdot 10^2 + a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0$$

$$10^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$\therefore a_k 10^k + a_{k-1} 10^{k-1} + \dots + a_2 10^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_k 10^k + a_{k-1} 10^{k-1} + \dots + a_2 10^2 + a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0 \equiv a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0 \pmod{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \equiv a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0 \pmod{4}$$

$\therefore n$ is divisible by 4 if the number formed by last two digits is divisible by 4.

4) Show that a decimal number n is divisible by 11 iff the difference of the sum of the digits at odd places and even places is divisible by 11.

A:- Let $n = a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_2 a_1 a_0$

$$= a_k 10^k + a_{k-1} 10^{k-1} + \dots + a_2 \cdot 10^2 + a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0$$

$$10 \equiv -1 \pmod{11}$$

$$10^k \equiv (-1)^k \pmod{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore a_k 10^k + a_{k-1} 10^{k-1} + \dots + a_2 \cdot 10^2 + a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0 \\ \equiv (-1)^k a_k + (-1)^{k-1} a_{k-1} + \dots + (-1)^2 a_2 - a_1 + a_0 \pmod{11} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \equiv (-1)^k a_k + (-1)^{k-1} a_{k-1} + \dots + a_2 - a_1 + a_0 \pmod{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow n \equiv (a_0 + a_2 + a_4 + \dots) - (a_1 + a_3 + a_5 + \dots) \pmod{11}$$

$\therefore n$ is divisible by 11 if the difference of the sum of the digits at odd places and even places is divisible by 11.

Fermat's little Theorem :-

Let p be a prime and $p \nmid a$ then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

^w Furthermore, for any integers a , $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$

Proof:-

gf $p \mid a$, then $p \mid (a^p - a) = a(a^{p-1} - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

gf $p \nmid a$, then we have to show that

$$p \mid (a^{p-1} - 1) \quad \text{i.e.} \quad a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Let $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{\phi(p)}\}$ be a R.R.S mod p .

Since $p \nmid a$, $(a, p) = 1$ and hence

$S' = \{aa_i \mid a_i \in S\}$ is also a R.R.S mod p .

It is clear that for each $aa_i \in S'$, there exists exactly one element say $a_j \in S$ such that

$$aa_i \equiv a_j \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{Then } \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(p)} aa_i \equiv \prod_{j=1}^{\phi(p)} a_j \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{\phi(p)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(p)} a_i \right) \equiv \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\phi(p)} a_j \right) \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{\phi(p)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid a^{\phi(p)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(p)} a_i \right) - \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(p)} a_i \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(p)} a_i (a^{\phi(p)} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid a^{\phi(p)} - 1 \quad [\because (a_i, p) = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{\phi(p)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad [\because \phi(p) = p-1]$$

□

Euler's Theorem:-

gf $(a, m) = 1$, then $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

Proof:- Let $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{\phi(m)}\}$ be a R.R.S mod m .

Since $(a, m) = 1$ and hence,

$S' = \{aa_i \mid a_i \in S\}$ is also a R.R.S mod m .

It is clear that for each $aa_i \in S'$, there exists exactly one element $a_j \in S$ such that

$$aa_i \equiv a_j \pmod{m}$$

$$\text{Then } \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(m)} aa_i \equiv \prod_{j=1}^{\phi(m)} a_j \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{\phi(m)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(m)} a_i \right) \equiv \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\phi(m)} a_j \right) \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a^{\phi(m)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(m)} a_i \right) - \left(\prod_{j=1}^{\phi(m)} a_j \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a^{\phi(m)} \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(m)} a_i \right) - \left(\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(m)} a_i \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(m)} a_i (a^{\phi(m)} - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a^{\phi(m)} - 1 \quad [\because (a_i, m) = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$* \phi(m) = m \prod_{p|m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right), m \geq 1$$

$$\phi(1) = 1$$

Theorem:-

* Prove that $\phi(m) = m \prod_{p|m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right), m \geq 1$

Proof:-

Q) Find the number of integers from 1 to 250 (inclusive) which are not divisible by any of 3, 4 and 6

A:- A = set of all integers from 1 to 250 which are divisible by 3.

B = Set of all integers from 1 to 250 which are divisible by 4

C = Set of all integers from 1 to 250 which are divisible by 6

$$|A| = \left\lfloor \frac{250}{3} \right\rfloor = 83$$

$$|B| = \left\lfloor \frac{250}{4} \right\rfloor = 62$$

$$|C| = \left\lfloor \frac{250}{6} \right\rfloor = 41$$

$$|A \cap B| = \left\lfloor \frac{250}{12} \right\rfloor = 20$$

$$|B \cap C| = \left\lfloor \frac{250}{12} \right\rfloor = 20$$

$$|A \cap C| = \left\lfloor \frac{250}{6} \right\rfloor = 41$$

$$|A \cap B \cap C| = \left\lfloor \frac{250}{12} \right\rfloor = 20$$

$$|A \cup B \cup C| = 83 + 62 + 41 - (20 + 20 + 41) + 20$$

$$= 206 - 81$$

$$= 125$$

$$|(A \cup B \cup C)'| = 250 - 125 = 125$$

$$\phi(m) = m \prod_{p|m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right), \quad m > 1$$

Proof:- Since $m > 1$, by fundamental theorem of arithmetic consider $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$, where p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k are distinct primes.

By definition, $\phi(m)$ = the no. of positive integers less than or equal to m which are co-prime to m .
 = the no. of integers between 1 to m which are not divisible by any of the primes p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k

Let A_i be the set of integers between 1 to m which are divisible by p_i

$$\therefore |A_i| = \left\lfloor \frac{m}{p_i} \right\rfloor = \frac{m}{p_i}$$

$$|A_i \cap A_j| = \left\lfloor \frac{m}{p_i p_j} \right\rfloor = \frac{m}{p_i p_j}, \quad i \neq j$$

$$\dots |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k| = \left\lfloor \frac{m}{p_1 p_2 \dots p_k} \right\rfloor = \frac{m}{p_1 p_2 \dots p_k}$$

Now by the ~~P. & P.~~ Principle of inclusion & Exclusion,

$$\phi(m) = m - \sum_{i=1}^k |A_i| + \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^k |A_i \cap A_j| - \dots + (-1)^k |A_1 \cap A_2 \cap \dots \cap A_k|$$

$$= m - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{m}{p_i} + \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^k \frac{m}{p_i p_j} - \dots + (-1)^k \frac{m}{p_1 p_2 \dots p_k}$$

$$= m \left[1 - \sum_{i=1}^k \frac{1}{p_i} + \sum_{\substack{i,j=1 \\ i \neq j}}^k \frac{1}{p_i p_j} - \dots + (-1)^k \frac{1}{p_1 p_2 \dots p_k} \right]$$

$$= m \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1} \right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2} \right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_k} \right)$$

$$= m \prod_{i=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i} \right)$$

$$= m \prod_{p|m} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p} \right)$$

□

Theorem:- (theorem on gcd)

Let $d = (a, b)$, then there exists integers x_0 and y_0 such that $d = ax_0 + by_0$.

Proof:- Let us consider a set S defined as,

$$S = \{ ax + by \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

It is clear that $0 \in S$, when $x = y = 0$

Let g be the smallest positive integer in S .

Let us consider $g = ax_0 + by_0$

If possible let us consider $g \nmid a$, then there exists two integers q and r such that

$$a = g \cdot q + r, \quad 0 < r < g$$

$$\text{Then, } r = a - gq$$

$$= a - (ax_0 + by_0)q$$

$$= a(1 - x_0q) + b(-y_0q) \in S$$

$$\therefore r \in S$$

which is a contradiction that g is the smallest positive integer in S

$$\therefore g|a$$

$$\text{Similarly } g|b$$

$$\Rightarrow g|d \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Again } (a, b) = d \Rightarrow d|a \text{ and } d|b$$

$$\text{since } g = ax_0 + by_0$$

$$\Rightarrow d|g \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

From (1) & (2), we have $g = d$

$$\therefore d = ax_0 + by_0$$

Theorem - 1.16

(The fundamental theorem of arithmetic, or the unique factorization theorem.)

The factoring of any integer $n > 1$ into primes is unique apart from the order of the prime factors.

* First proof:-

Suppose that there is an integer n with two different factorings. Dividing out any primes common to the two representations, we would have an equality of the form

$$p_1 p_2 \dots p_r = q_1 q_2 \dots q_s$$

where the factors p_i and q_j are primes, not necessarily all distinct, but where no primes on the left side occurs on the right side. But this is impossible because

$$p_1 \mid q_1 q_2 \dots q_s,$$

So p_1 is a divisor of at least one of the q_j i.e.

p_1 must be identical with at least one of the q_j which is a contradiction.

* Second proof:-

Suppose that the theorem is false and let n be the smallest positive integer having more than one representation as the product of primes, say

$$n = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r = q_1 q_2 \dots q_s \quad (1)$$

It is clear that r and s are greater than 1.

Now the primes p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r have no members in common with q_1, q_2, \dots, q_s , because if for example p_1 were a common prime, then we could divide it out of both sides

of (1) to get two distinct factorings of $\frac{n}{p_1}$. But

this would contradict our assumption that all integers smaller than n are uniquely factorable.

Next, without loss of generality assume that

$p_1 < q_1$ and we define the positive integers N as,

$$N = (q_1 - p_1) q_2 q_3 \dots q_s = p_1 p_2 \dots p_r - p_1 q_2 q_3 \dots q_s$$

$$= p_1 (p_2 p_3 \dots p_r - q_2 q_3 \dots q_s) \quad \dots (2)$$

It is clear that $N < n$, so that N is uniquely factorable into primes.

But $p_1 \nmid (q_1 - p_1)$

So eq(2) gives us two factorings of N one involving p_1 and other not, thus we have a contradiction.

So any integer $n > 1$ is uniquely factorable into primes apart from the order of prime factors.

Theorem:-

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For any integers x , $(a, b) = (b, a) = (a, -b) = (a, b + ax)$

Proof:-

Let $(a, b) = d$ & $(a, b + ax) = g$

Therefore there exists two integers x_0 and y_0 such that

$$d = ax_0 + by_0$$

$$= a(x_0 - xy_0) + (b + ax)y_0$$

Since $g = (a, b + ax)$ and $d = a(x_0 - xy_0) + (b + ax)y_0$

$\Rightarrow g \mid d$ as g is the smallest positive integer in

$$S = \{ au + (b + ax)v \mid u, v \in \mathbb{Z} \}$$

Since $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$

$$\Rightarrow d \mid a \text{ \& \ } d \mid b + ax$$

$\therefore d \mid g$

$$\Rightarrow d = \pm g$$

But both d and g are positive, so $d = g$.

$$\therefore (a, b) = (a, b + ax)$$

Theorem:- (Wilson's theorem)

gf p is a prime, then $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

Proof:- For $p = 2$, $(2-1)! = 1! = 1 \equiv -1 \pmod{2}$

$$p = 3, (3-1)! = 2! = 2 \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$$

For $p \geq 5$, suppose $1 \leq a \leq p-1$, then $(a, p) = 1$.

and the linear congruence $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ has unique solution (1)

It is clear that $x=0$ is not a solution of (1)

for any a , $1 \leq a \leq p-1$

Now, we are interested to find the values of 'a' for which the solution of (1) is 'a' itself

For this, we have

$$a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow p \mid a^2 - 1 = (a+1)(a-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Either } p \mid a-1 \text{ or } p \mid a+1$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 1 \text{ or } p-1$$

Thus for any a , $2 \leq a \leq p-2$, the congruence (1) has solution $a' \neq a$.

Then $2 \leq a' \leq p-2$

So there are $\frac{p-3}{2}$ pairs of elements (a, a') $2 \leq a, a' \leq p-2$

such that $aa' \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

So $\prod_{a=2}^{p-2} a \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

$\Rightarrow \prod_{a=1}^{p-2} a \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

$\Rightarrow \prod_{a=1}^{p-1} a \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

$\Rightarrow (p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

$a_1 x_1 + b_1 x_2 = c_1$

$a_2 x_1 + b_2 x_2 = c_2$

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$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \rightarrow \text{unique sol}^n$

$= 0 \rightarrow \begin{cases} \text{infinite sol}^n \\ \text{No sol}^n \end{cases}$

So x_0 is a solution of the given system of linear congruence.

For uniqueness let us consider that y_0 is also a solution of the given system of linear congruence in modulo M .

So for each $i=1, 2, \dots, r$

$$x_0 \equiv b_i \pmod{m_i} \quad \& \quad y_0 \equiv b_i \pmod{m_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \equiv y_0 \pmod{m_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_i \mid (x_0 - y_0) \quad \forall i=1, 2, \dots, r$$

$$\Rightarrow M \mid (x_0 - y_0)$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \equiv y_0 \pmod{M}$$

\therefore The system of linear congruence has unique solution modulo M .

Q:- Solve

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 3 \pmod{8} \\ x &\equiv 5 \pmod{9} \\ x &\equiv 6 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

A:- $m_1 = 8, m_2 = 9, m_3 = 7$

$$M = m_1 m_2 m_3 = 8 \times 9 \times 7 = 504$$

$$M_1 = 9 \times 7 = 63$$

$$M_2 = 8 \times 7 = 56$$

$$M_3 = 8 \times 9 = 72$$

Now, we have to solve the congruences

$$M_i x \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i} \quad \forall i=1, 2, 3$$

$$M_1 x = 63x \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$M_2 x = 56x \equiv 1 \pmod{9} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$M_3 x = 72x \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{eq (1)} \quad 63x \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1)x \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

$\therefore c_1 = -1$ is the solution of (1)

$$\text{eq (2)} \quad 56x \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

$\therefore c_2 = 5$ is the solution of (2)

$$\text{eq (3)} \quad 72x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$\therefore c_3 = 4$ is the solution of (3)

$$\therefore x_0 = \sum_{i=1}^3 M_i c_i b_i$$

$$= M_1 c_1 b_1 + M_2 c_2 b_2 + M_3 c_3 b_3$$

$$= (63)(-1)3 + (56)(5)(5) + (72)(4)(6)$$

$$= -189 + 1400 + 1728$$

$$= 2939 \equiv 419 \pmod{504}$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{2939}{504} = 419. \text{---}$$

Solve this

$$* 5x \equiv 3 \pmod{8} \Rightarrow x \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$$

$$7x \equiv 5 \pmod{9} \Rightarrow x \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$$

$$2x \equiv 6 \pmod{7} \Rightarrow x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

$$m_1 = 8, m_2 = 9, m_3 = 7$$

$$M = m_1 m_2 m_3 = 8 \times 9 \times 7 = 504$$

$$M_1 = 9 \times 7 = 63$$

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Now, we have to solve the congruences

$$M_i x \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i} \quad \forall i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$M_1 x = 63x \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \quad \text{--- (i)}$$

$$M_2 x = 56x \equiv 1 \pmod{9} \quad \text{--- (ii)}$$

$$M_3 x = 72x \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \quad \text{--- (iii)}$$

$$\text{eq (i)} \Rightarrow 63x \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

$\therefore c_1 = 7$ is the solution of (i)

$$\text{eq (ii)} \Rightarrow 56x \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

$\therefore c_2 = 5$ is the solution of (ii)

$$\text{eq (iii)} \Rightarrow 72x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$\therefore c_3 = 4$ is the solution of (iii)

$$\therefore x_0 = \sum_{i=1}^3 M_i c_i b_i$$

$$= (63)(7)(7) + (56)(2)(5) + (72)(3)(4)$$

$$= 3087 + 560 + 864$$

$$= 4511 \equiv 479 \pmod{504}$$

Q:-

$$6x \equiv 3 \pmod{9} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$2x \equiv 6 \pmod{8} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$21x \equiv 14 \pmod{7} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

eq (1) has 3 solⁿ let

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eq (2) has 2 solⁿ (let

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= 42 systems

eq (3) has 7 solⁿ let

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and have 42 solⁿs.

Find the primitive root of \mathbb{Z}_8

$$\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$$

$$\phi(8) = 4$$

$$2 = 2$$

$$3 = 3$$

$$5 = 5$$

$$7 = 7$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

$$3^2 = 1$$

$$5^2 = 1$$

$$7^2 = 1$$

$$2^3 = 0$$

$\therefore \mathbb{Z}_8$ has no primitive roots

$$2^2 = 3$$

$$1/2 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{2}{2} = 3$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11\}$$

$$5 = 5$$

$$7 = 7$$

$$11 = 11$$

$$5^2 = 1$$

$$7^2 = 1$$

$$11^2 = 1$$

\times_8	1	3	5	7
1	1	3	5	7
3	3	1	7	5
5	5	7	1	3
7	7	5	3	1

$n = 1, 2, 4, p^a, 2p^a$, p is odd prime

then primitive root exist.

and the group is cyclic under multiplication.

Exponent of a number:-

The smallest positive integer f such that $a^f \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ is called the exponent of a modulo n .

↳ It is denoted by $f = \text{exp}_n(a)$

↳ If $\text{exp}_n(a) = \phi(n)$, then a is called a primitive root modulo n .

Note:- Using Fermat's theorem $\boxed{\text{exp}_n(a) \leq \phi(n)}$

Theorem:-

Given, $m \geq 1$, $(a, m) = 1$, let $\text{exp}_m(a) = f$, then prove that

- (1) $a^k \equiv a^h \pmod{m}$ iff $k \equiv h \pmod{f}$
- (2) $a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ iff $k \equiv 0 \pmod{f}$ In particular $f | \phi(m)$
- (3) The numbers $1, a, a^2, \dots, a^{f-1}$ are incongruent modulo m .

1) Proof:-

⇒ Let us consider that $a^k \equiv a^h \pmod{m}$
 ⇒ $a^{k-h} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

Then there exists two integers q and r such that $k-h = fq + r$, $0 \leq r < f$

Then $1 \equiv a^{k-h} = a^{fq+r} = a^{fq} \cdot a^r = (a^f)^q \cdot a^r \equiv a^r \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k \equiv h \pmod{f}$$

\Leftarrow Conversely if $k \equiv h \pmod{f}$,

$$\Rightarrow k - h = fq, \text{ for some integer } q.$$

$$\therefore a^{k-h} = a^{fq} = (a^f)^q \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^k \equiv a^h \pmod{m}$$

3) If possible let us consider that $a^t \equiv a^s \pmod{m}$,

$$\text{where } 0 \leq t, s \leq f-1.$$

$$\Rightarrow t \equiv s \pmod{f}$$

$$\Rightarrow f \mid (t-s)$$

which is a contradiction

$$\therefore a^t \not\equiv a^s \pmod{m}, \text{ for } 0 \leq t, s \leq f-1$$

2) Let us consider that,

$$a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

Then there exists two integers q and r such that

$$k = fq + r, \quad 0 \leq r < f$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then } 1 &\equiv a^k = a^{fq+r} = a^{fq} \cdot a^r = (a^f)^q \cdot a^r \\ &\equiv a^r \pmod{m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k \equiv 0 \pmod{f}$$

\Leftarrow If $k \equiv 0 \pmod{f}$

$\Rightarrow k = fq$, for some integer q .

$\therefore a^k = a^{fq} = (a^f)^q \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

$\Rightarrow a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

Thm:-

Let $(a, m) = 1$, then a is a primitive root modulo m iff the numbers $a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{\phi(m)}$ form a reduced residue system modulo m .

Proof:-

Let a is a primitive root modulo m . i.e. $\exp_m(a) = \phi(m)$ then and $S = \{a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{\phi(m)}\}$

then $|S| = \phi(m)$ and

the elements of S are incongruent modulo m

Also $(a, m) = 1 \Rightarrow (a^t, m) = 1$

Thus S is a RRS modulo m .

Conversely,

let us consider that $S = \{a, a^2, \dots, a^{\phi(m)}\}$ is

a RRS modulo m .

$\therefore \exp_m(a) = \phi(m)$

otherwise if $\exp_m(a) = t$, then

$$a^t \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$\text{Then } a^t \equiv a^{\phi(m)} \pmod{m}$$

Arise a contradiction that S is a R.R.S modulo m .

$\therefore a$ is primitive root modulo m .

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Theorem:-

Let α be an odd integer. If $\alpha \geq 3$ we have

$$\alpha^{\frac{\phi(2^\alpha)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^\alpha} \quad (1) \quad \text{So there is no primitive root modulo } 2^\alpha.$$

Proof:- If $\alpha = 3$, then for any odd integer $\alpha = 2k+1$

$$\alpha^{\frac{\phi(8)}{2}} = (2k+1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 4k(k+1) + 1$$
$$\equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

$\therefore (1)$ is true for $\alpha = 3$.

Assume that (1) is true for α .

then, $\alpha^{2^{\alpha-1}}$

$$\text{then } \alpha^{\frac{\phi(2^\alpha)}{2}} - 1 = t 2^\alpha, \text{ for some integer } t.$$

$$\text{or } \alpha^{\frac{\phi(2^\alpha)}{2}} = 1 + t 2^\alpha$$

Squaring both sides,

$$\alpha^{\phi(2^\alpha)} = (1+t2^\alpha)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \alpha^{\phi(2^\alpha)} &= 1+t2^{\alpha+1} + t^2 2^{2\alpha} \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{2^{\alpha+1}} \quad \text{--- (2)} \end{aligned}$$

as $2\alpha > \alpha+1$, $\alpha \geq 3$

$$\text{Now, } \phi(2^{\alpha+1}) = 2^{\alpha+1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) = 2^\alpha = 2 \cdot 2^{\alpha-1} = 2\phi(2^\alpha)$$

$$\therefore \phi(2^\alpha) = \frac{\phi(2^{\alpha+1})}{2}$$

$$\therefore (2) \Rightarrow \alpha^{\frac{\phi(2^{\alpha+1})}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^{\alpha+1}}$$

$$\text{Thus } \alpha^{\frac{\phi(2^\alpha)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^\alpha} \text{ for } \alpha \geq 3.$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp_{2^\alpha}(\alpha) \leq \frac{\phi(2^\alpha)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \exp_{2^\alpha}(\alpha) \neq \phi(2^\alpha)$$

So α is not a primitive root modulo 2^α

Lemma:-

Given $(a, m) = 1$, let $f = \exp_m(a)$. Then $\exp_m(a^k) = \frac{\exp_m(a)}{(k, f)}$

In particular $\exp_m(a^k) = \exp_m(a)$ iff $(k, f) = 1$

Proof:- The $\exp_m(a^k)$ is the smallest positive integer α such that $(a^k)^\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

$$\text{or, } a^{k\alpha} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

This is also smallest $\alpha > 0$ such that $k\alpha \equiv 0 \pmod{f}$

But this congruence is equivalent to the congruence

$$\alpha \equiv 0 \pmod{\frac{f}{d}}, \text{ where } d = (k, f)$$

$\Rightarrow \alpha$ is the smallest positive integer which is multiple of $\frac{f}{d}$.

$$\therefore \alpha = \frac{f}{d}$$

$$\therefore \exp_m(a^k) = \frac{f}{d} = \frac{\exp_m(a)}{(k, f)}$$

Theorem:-

Let p be an odd prime and d be any positive divisor of $p-1$, then in every R.R.S modulo p , there exists exactly $\phi(d)$ numbers a such that

$$\exp_p(a) = d$$

In particular, when $d = \phi(p) = p-1$, there are exactly $\phi(p-1)$ primitive roots.

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$$* n=10$$

$$d=1, 2, 5, 10$$

$$\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = \phi(1) + \phi(2) + \phi(5) + \phi(10)$$

$$= 1 + 1 + 4 + 4 = 10 = n$$

Proof:-

We know that,

$$\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

The numbers $1, 2, \dots, p-1$ are distributed into disjoint sets $A(d)$ each set corresponding to a divisor d of $p-1$ and defined as,

$$A(d) = \left\{ \alpha : 1 \leq \alpha \leq p-1 \text{ and } \exp_p(\alpha) = d \right\}$$

Let $f(d)$ be the no. of elements in $A(d)$.

then $f(d) \geq 0$, for each d .

We have to prove that $f(d) = \phi(d)$

Since the sets $A(d)$ are disjoint and since each $\alpha = 1, 2, \dots, p-1$ belongs to some $A(d)$,

$$\text{Therefore } \sum_{d|p-1} f(d) = p-1 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{From (1), we have } \sum_{d|p-1} \phi(d) = p-1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{d|p-1} (\phi(d) - f(d)) = 0 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

To show each term in this sum is zero, it is

sufficient to prove that $f(d) \leq \phi(d)$

We show this ~~considering~~ proving either $f(d) = 0$ or $f(d) = \phi(d)$.

Suppose $f(d) \neq 0$, then $A(d)$ is non-empty. So there exists $a \in A(d)$

$\therefore \exp_p(a) = d$, hence $a^d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

But every powers of a satisfies the same congruence, so the d numbers a, a^2, \dots, a^d are solution of the congruence $x^d - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ——— (5)

These solutions are incongruent modulo p as $\exp_p(a) = d$

But (5) has at most ' d ' solutions, since the modulus is prime.

\therefore The d numbers a, a^2, \dots, a^d are all solutions of (5)

Hence each number in $A(d)$ must be in the form a^k for some $k = 1, 2, \dots, d$, there are some elements a^k such that $\exp_p(a^k) = d$ and they are a^k with $(k, d) = 1$.

$\therefore f(d) = |A(d)| = \phi(d)$

\therefore Each term of (4) are ≥ 0

$\Rightarrow f(d) = \phi(d)$ for each d .

If $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{n}$ has a solution

then 'a' is a quadratic residue.

Theorem:-

Let g be a primitive root mod p , where p is an odd prime, then the even powers g^2, g^4, \dots, g^{p-1} are quadratic residues and the odd powers g, g^3, \dots, g^{p-2} are ~~non~~ quadratic ^{non} residues.

Proof:- If n is even, then $n = 2m$ (say)

$$\text{and } g^n = g^{2m} = (g^m)^2$$

$$\therefore g^n \equiv x^2 \pmod{p}, \text{ where } x = g^m$$

$\therefore g^n$ is a quadratic residue.

We know that for $\exp_n(a) = f$, the numbers a, a^2, \dots, a^f are incongruent to each other.

So $g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^{p-1}$ are pairwise incongruent.

So the even powers of g i.e. g^2, g^4, \dots, g^{p-1} are $\frac{p-1}{2}$ incongruent numbers each of which is a quadratic residue.

Since there are exactly $\frac{p-1}{2}$ quadratic residues for odd prime p , so the remaining numbers with odd powers of g i.e. $g, g^3, g^5, \dots, g^{p-2}$ are $\frac{p-1}{2}$

quadratic non-residues.

Theorem:-

Let g be a primitive root modulo p , such that

$$g^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2} \quad \dots (1)$$

, then for every $\alpha \geq 2$ we have

$$g^{\phi(p^\alpha)} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^\alpha} \quad \dots (2)$$

Proof:- We shall prove the result by mathematical induction on α .

For $\alpha = 2$, it is clear that (2) reduces to (1) which is our assumption.

So the result is true for $\alpha = 2$.

Suppose that (2) holds for α .

By Euler's Fermat's theorem, we have

$$g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{\alpha-1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} = 1 + k \cdot p^{\alpha-1}$$

, where $p \nmid k$ because of (2).

$$\therefore \left(g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} \right)^p = \left(1 + k \cdot p^{\alpha-1} \right)^p$$

$$\text{or } g^{\phi(p^\alpha)} = 1 + kp^\alpha + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} k^2 p^{2(\alpha-1)} + \dots + \alpha p^{3(\alpha-1)}$$

where α is an integer

Since $2(\alpha-1) \geq \alpha+1$ and $3(\alpha-1) \geq \alpha+1$,

Therefore,

$$g^{\phi(p^\alpha)} \equiv 1 + kp^\alpha \pmod{p^{\alpha+1}}$$

But $P \nmid k \Rightarrow g^{\phi(P^d)} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{P^{d+1}}$

So the result (2) is true for $d+1$.

which completes the proof of the result.

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Statement:-

Let p be an odd prime, then we have

(a) If g is a primitive root modulo p , then g is also a primitive root modulo p^d $\forall d \geq 1$ iff

$g^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$ ——— (1)

(b) There is at least one primitive root modulo p which satisfies (1), hence there is a primitive root modulo p^d for all $d \geq 2$.

Proof of (b)

Let g be a primitive root mod p .

If g satisfies (1) then nothing to prove.

If not we have, $g^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$

Now consider the primitive root,

$g_1 = g + p \pmod{p}$

We shall show that, $g_1^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$

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We have, $g_1^{p-1} = (g+p)^{p-1} = g^{p-1} + (p-1)g^{p-2}p + \frac{(p-1)(p-2)}{2}g^{p-3}p^2 + \dots$

$$= g^{p-1} + (p-1)g^{p-2}p + \frac{(p-1)(p-2)}{2}g^{p-3}p^2 + \dots$$

$$\equiv 1 + p(p-1)g^{p-2} \pmod{p^2}$$

$$\equiv 1 - pg^{p-2} \pmod{p^2}$$

Since $(g, p) = 1$, $p^2 \nmid pg^{p-2}$, so

$$g_1^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$$

$\Rightarrow g_1$ satisfies (1).

Proof of (a)

\Rightarrow Let g be a primitive root modulo p which is also a primitive root modulo p^α for all $\alpha \geq 1$.

In particular, if $\alpha = 2$, then

$$\exp_{p^2}(g) = \phi(p^2) = p^2 \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right) = p(p-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow g^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$$

\Leftarrow Suppose that g is a primitive root modulo p which satisfies (1).

Then we have to show that g is also a primitive root modulo p^α , $\alpha \geq 2$.

Let us consider that t is the exponent of g modulo p^α .

Now, we are interested to show that, $t = \phi(p^\alpha)$.

Since $g^t \equiv 1 \pmod{p^\alpha}$

$$\Rightarrow g^t \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

As g is a primitive root modulo p , we have

$$\phi(p) \mid t$$

Consider, $t = q \cdot \phi(p)$

$$\text{Also } t \mid \phi(p^\alpha)$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} g^t \equiv 1 \pmod{p^\alpha} \\ g^{\phi(p^\alpha)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^\alpha} \end{array} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow q \cdot \phi(p) \mid \phi(p^\alpha)$$

$$\text{But } \phi(p^\alpha) = p^{\alpha-1}(p-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow q(p-1) \mid p^{\alpha-1}(p-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow q \mid p^{\alpha-1}$$

Consider $q = p^\beta$, where $\beta \leq \alpha-1$

$$\therefore t = p^\beta(p-1)$$

Now, we have to show that, $\beta = \alpha-1$

If possible let us consider that $\beta < \alpha-1$

$$\text{i.e. } \beta \leq \alpha-2$$

$$\Rightarrow t = p^\beta(p-1) \mid p^{\alpha-2}(p-1) = \phi(p^{\alpha-1})$$

$\Rightarrow \phi(p^{\alpha-1})$ is a multiple of t

$$\Rightarrow g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^\alpha} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

We know that for any primitive root g modulo p which satisfies $g^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$, we have $g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^{\alpha}}$ for all $\alpha \geq 2$.

Thus (2) rise a contradiction and hence $\beta = \alpha - 1$ and $t = p^{\alpha-1}(p-1) = \phi(p^{\alpha})$

Theorem:-

If p is an odd prime & $\alpha \geq 1$, there exists an odd primitive root $g \pmod{p^{\alpha}}$. Each such g is also a primitive root modulo $2p^{\alpha}$.

Proof:-

If g is a primitive root modulo p^{α} so is $g+p^{\alpha}$. But one of g or $g+p^{\alpha}$ is odd primitive root modulo p^{α} exist.

Let g be an odd primitive root modulo p^{α} . Then we have to show that g is also a primitive root mod $2p^{\alpha}$.

Let us consider t be the exponent of $g \pmod{2p^{\alpha}}$.

Then we have to show that $t = \phi(2p^{\alpha})$.

It is clear that $t \mid \phi(2p^{\alpha})$ $\left[\begin{array}{l} g^t \equiv 1 \pmod{2p^{\alpha}} \\ g^{\phi(2p^{\alpha})} \equiv 1 \pmod{2p^{\alpha}} \end{array} \right]$

$$\text{Also } \phi(2p^{\alpha}) = \phi(2)\phi(p^{\alpha})$$

$$= \phi(p^{\alpha})$$

$$\Rightarrow t \mid \phi(p^{\alpha})$$

On the otherhand, $g^t \equiv 1 \pmod{2p^{\alpha}}$

$$\Rightarrow g^t \equiv 1 \pmod{p^{\alpha}}$$

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As g is a primitive root mod p^a , $g^{\phi(p^a)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p^a}$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(p^a) \mid t$$

The ~~reference~~ $t = \phi(p^a) = \phi(2p^a)$

$\therefore g$ is a primitive root modulo $2p^a$.

HW
Q:-

Find a primitive root modulo 250.

A:-

$$250 = 2 \times 5^3$$

$$\phi(5) = 4$$

primitive root modulo 5 = 2, 3

Now, 5 is an odd prime

2 is primitive root modulo 5

$$2^{5-1} = 2^4 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{5^2}$$

\Rightarrow 2 is a primitive root modulo 5^3 .

But 2 is not odd. So it is not primitive root

modulo 2×5^3 .

$\therefore 2 + 5^3 = 127$ is an ^{odd} primitive root modulo 250.

Now, $3^{5-1} = 3^4 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{5^2}$

\Rightarrow 3 is a primitive root modulo 5^3 .

Since 3 is odd, so it is primitive root modulo 250.

\therefore 3 is a primitive root modulo 250.

$$250 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{5} = 100$$

$$5^2 \times 2^2, 100 \times \frac{4}{5} \times \frac{1}{2} = 40$$

$$\phi(\phi(250)) = \phi(100) = 40$$

No. of primitive roots modulo $n = \phi(\phi(n))$

$$\text{Let } n = 10$$

$$= 2 \times 5$$

primitive root mod 5 $\rightarrow 2, 3$

3 is a primitive root mod 10

$$\phi(10) = 4$$

$3^1, 3^2, 3^3, 3^4$ co-prime

$$3^3 \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$$

$\therefore 3, 7$ are primitive root mod 10

Q:- Find all primitive root modulo 50

A:- $50 = 2 \times 5^2$

\therefore Primitive root mod 50 exists

Primitive root modulo 5 is 2 and 3

Let 3 is primitive root mod 5
 $3^{5-1} = 3^4 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{5^2}$
 since 3 is odd

$\therefore 3$ is a primitive root mod 5^2

Since 3 is odd primitive root mod 5^2

So 3 is a primitive root mod 50

$$\phi(50) = 50 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{5} = 20$$

$$\phi(20) = \phi(2^2 \times 5) = 20 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{5} = 8$$

$\therefore 3, 3^3, 3^7, 3^9, 3^{11}, 3^{13}, 3^{17}, 3^{19}$ are primitive roots modulo 50.

3, 9, 37, 33,

Theorem:-

Given, $m \geq 1$, where m is not in the form of $1, 2, 4, p^d$ and $2p^d$, where p is an odd prime, then for any $(a, m) = 1$ with $(a, m) = 1$, we have

$$a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

So there are no primitive roots modulo m .

Proof:-

We know that, there are no primitive roots modulo 2^d , $d \geq 3$.

Also we have seen that for any odd integer n

$$x^{\frac{\phi(2^n)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^n}$$

Therefore the result is true for 2^d , $d \geq 3$.

Therefore we can suppose that m has the factorisation
 $n = 2^\alpha p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}$, where p_i 's are odd primes, $s \geq 1$
 and $\alpha \geq 0$.

Since m is not of the form $1, 2, 4, p^\alpha$ and $2p^\alpha$. We have
 $\alpha \geq 2$ if $s=1$ and $s \geq 2$ if $\alpha=0$ or $\alpha=1$

Note that, $\phi(m) = \phi(2^\alpha) \cdot \phi(p_1^{\alpha_1}) \phi(p_2^{\alpha_2}) \dots \phi(p_s^{\alpha_s})$

Now consider integers a with $(a, m) = 1$
 then we have to show that, $a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

Let g be a primitive root modulo $p_1^{\alpha_1}$
 Then there exists an integer k such that $g \equiv a^k \pmod{p_1^{\alpha_1}}$

Therefore $a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv g^{\frac{k \phi(m)}{2}}$

This is congruent to $g^t \pmod{p_1^{\alpha_1}}$ modulo $p_1^{\alpha_1}$

$$\text{i.e. } a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv g^{\frac{k \phi(m)}{2}} \equiv g^t \pmod{p_1^{\alpha_1}} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{where } t = \frac{k \cdot \phi(2^\alpha) \cdot \phi(p_2^{\alpha_2}) \dots \phi(p_s^{\alpha_s})}{2}$$

We claim that t is an integer.

If $\alpha \geq 2$ the factor $\phi(2^\alpha)$ is even implies that
 t is an integer.

If $\alpha=0$ or 1 , $s \geq 2$ and the factor $\phi(p_2^{\alpha_2})$ is even
 implies that t is an integer.

$$\therefore \textcircled{1} \Rightarrow a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv \left(g^{\phi(P_1^{\alpha_1})} \right)^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{P_1^{\alpha_1}} \quad \textcircled{2}$$

In the same way we can find that

$$a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{P_i^{\alpha_i}} \quad \forall i=1, 2, \dots, s. \quad \textcircled{3}$$

Also we have $a^{\frac{\phi(2^\alpha)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^\alpha}$, $\alpha \geq 3$

$$\Rightarrow a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^\alpha} \quad \text{as } \phi(2^\alpha) \mid \phi(m)$$

If $\alpha \leq 2$, then $a^{\frac{\phi(2^\alpha)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^\alpha}$

But $s \geq 1$, so $\phi(m) = \phi(2^\alpha) \phi(P_1^{\alpha_1}) \dots \phi(P_s^{\alpha_s})$
 $= 2^\alpha \phi(2^\alpha)$, where α is an integer.

Therefore $a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv a^{\alpha \phi(2^\alpha)} \equiv \left(a^{\phi(2^\alpha)} \right)^\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{2^\alpha}$ $\textcircled{4}$

Combining $\textcircled{2}$, $\textcircled{3}$ and $\textcircled{4}$ we have

$$a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

\Rightarrow exponent of a modulo m , $\exp_m(a) \leq \frac{\phi(m)}{2}$

So a is not a primitive root modulo m . \square

Theorem:-

If m has a primitive root g , then m has exactly $\phi(\phi(m))$ incongruent primitive roots and they are given by the numbers in the set

$$S = \{ g^n, 1 \leq n \leq \phi(m) \text{ and } (n, \phi(m)) = 1 \}$$

Proof:-

Since g is a primitive root modulo m , $\exp_m(g) = \phi(m)$. We know that $\exp_m(g^k) = \exp_m(g)$ iff $(k, \phi(m)) = 1$.

Therefore each element of S is a primitive root modulo m .

Conversely if a is a primitive root modulo m , then $a \equiv g^k \pmod{m}$ for some $k = 1, 2, \dots, \phi(m)$

Hence, $\exp_m(a) = \exp_m(g^k) = \exp_m(g)$, so $(k, \phi(m)) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow a \in S$$

Therefore S contains $\phi(\phi(m))$ primitive roots modulo m .

Hence m has exactly $\phi(\phi(m))$ primitive roots.

Q:- Find all primitive roots of 50 if exists.

A:- $50 = 2 \times 5^2$

$$\phi(50) = 50 \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{4}{5} = 20$$

Defⁿ:- An arithmetic function f is said to be multiplicative if $f(ab) = f(a)f(b)$, where $(a,b) = 1$.

An arithmetic function is said to be completely multiplicative if $f(ab) = f(a)f(b) \forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$\sigma_0(n)$ = no. of divisors of n (not cm but m)

$\sigma_1(n)$ = sum of the divisors of n (not cm but m)

$\sigma_2(n)$ = sum of the square of divisors of n

$$\sigma_k(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^k$$

$\sigma_k(n)$ is not completely multiplicative but multiplicative.

Q:- Show that $\phi(n)$ is multiplicative but not completely multiplicative.

Lagrange's Theorem

Given, a prime p , let $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + c_2x^2 + \dots + c_nx^n$ be a polynomial of degree n with integer co-efficients, $c_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. Then the polynomial congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has at most n solutions. —①

Proof:-

We shall prove the result using mathematical induction on the degree of polynomial n .

For $n=1$, the congruence is $c_0 + c_1x \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$,
 $c_1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

Then it has unique solution.

So the result is true for $n=1$.

Assume that the result is true for polynomials of degree $n-1$.

Furthermore, assume that ① has $n+1$ solutions, say $\alpha_0, \alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_n$.

Therefore, $f(\alpha_k) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \forall k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

Now consider the following identity $f(x) - f(\alpha_0)$

$$f(x) - f(\alpha_0) = \sum_{r=1}^n (x^r - \alpha_0^r) c_r = (x - \alpha_0)g(x)$$

where $g(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $(n-1)$ with integer co-efficients and leading co-efficient c_n .

It is clear that $f(x_k) - f(x_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \forall k=1, 2, \dots, n$

as $f(x_k) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \forall k=0, 1, 2, \dots, n$

Therefore $f(x_k) - f(x_0) = (x_k - x_0)g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \forall k \neq 0$

But $x_k - x_0 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \forall k \neq 0$ as x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n are

incongruent solutions of (1) mod p

$\Rightarrow g(x_k) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \forall k \neq 0$

\Rightarrow The polynomial congruence $g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has

n solutions x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n

and $g(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $n-1$.

which is a contradiction.

\therefore (1) has at most n solutions. □

Q:- Solve this,

$$f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5^2}$$

Sol:- Consider,

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$2x^2 + 3x + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \tag{1}$$

$\therefore x=2$ is a solution of (1)

$x=4$ is a solution of (1)

$x=2$

$$f'(x) = 4x + 3$$

$$f'(x) = f'(2) = 11$$

$$(f'(r), 5) = 1$$

$$f(2) = 15 = 5 \cdot 3$$

$$k = 3$$

$$qf'(r) + k \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 11q + 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 11q \equiv -3 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow q \equiv -3 \pmod{5}$$

$$\therefore q = 2$$

$$a = r + qp = 2 + 2 \times 5 = 12$$

$$\underline{r=4}$$

$$f'(4) = 19$$

$$(19, 5) = 1$$

\therefore So $r=4$ can be lifted in one way

$$f(4) = 45 = 5 \cdot 9$$

$$k = 9$$

$$qf'(4) + k \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 19q + 9 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 19q \equiv -9 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4q \equiv -9 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4q \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$\therefore q = 4$$

$$\therefore a = r + qp = 4 + 4 \cdot 5 = 24$$

* Show that ϕ function is multiplicative.
 i.e. $\phi(mn) = \phi(m) \cdot \phi(n)$, where $(m, n) = 1$.

Proof:- Let $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$
 $n = q_1^{\beta_1} q_2^{\beta_2} \dots q_r^{\beta_r}$

with $p_i \neq q_j$ for any $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ and $j = 1, 2, \dots, r$

then, $\phi(m) = m \prod_{i=1}^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right)$ and

$$\phi(n) = n \prod_{i=1}^r \left(1 - \frac{1}{q_i}\right)$$

Theorem:-

Assume $d \geq 2$ and let r be a solution of the congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{d-1}}$ ^① lying in the interval $0 \leq r < p^{d-1}$

(a) Assume $f'(r) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, then r can be lifted in a unique way from p^{d-1} to p^d . i.e. there is a unique 'a' in the interval $0 \leq a < p^d$ which is generated by r and satisfies the congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^d}$ — ②

(b) Assume $f'(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, then there are two possibilities.

(b1) If $f(r) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^d}$, then r can be lifted from p^{d-1} to p^d in p distinct ways.

(b2) If $f'(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^d}$, r can not be lifted from p^{d-1} to p^d .

Proof:-

If n is the degree of f , by Taylor's theorem

$$f(x+h) = f(x) + hf'(x) + \frac{h^2}{2!} f''(x) + \frac{h^3}{3!} f^{(3)}(x) + \dots + \frac{h^n}{n!} f^{(n)}(x), \quad \text{--- ③}$$

for every x and h .

We note that each polynomial $\frac{f^k(x)}{k!}$ has integer co-efficients.

Now take $x = r$, where r is a solution of (1) & $0 \leq r < p^{\alpha-1}$

Let $h = q \cdot p^{\alpha-1}$, where q is an integer to be specified presently.

Since $\alpha \geq 2$, the terms in (3) involving h^2 and higher power of h are integers multiple of p^α .

Therefore (3) becomes

$$f(r + qp^{\alpha-1}) \equiv f(r) + qp^{\alpha-1} f'(r) \pmod{p^\alpha} \quad (4)$$

$$h^2 = q^2 p^{2\alpha-2}$$
$$2\alpha-2 \geq \alpha$$
$$\text{for } \alpha \geq 2$$

Since r satisfies (1), we can write $f(r) = kp^{\alpha-1}$, for some integer k .

Therefore (4) becomes

$$\begin{aligned} f(r + qp^{\alpha-1}) &\equiv (kp^{\alpha-1} + qp^{\alpha-1} f'(r)) \pmod{p^\alpha} \\ &= p^{\alpha-1} (k + q f'(r)) \pmod{p^\alpha} \end{aligned}$$

Now, let $a = r + qp^{\alpha-1}$, then 'a' satisfies (2) iff the linear congruence $qf'(r) + k \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ — (5)

gf $f'(r) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \Rightarrow (f'(r), p) = 1$ and we can find unique q which satisfies (5), and hence unique 'a' generated by r .

$$\text{gf } f'(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \text{ and } p|-k \text{ i.e. } p|k = \frac{f(r)}{p^{\alpha-1}}$$

$$\text{i.e. } f(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$$

then (5) has p solution.

Hence there are p solutions of (2) generated by r .

of $f'(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ and $p \nmid k$ i.e. $f(r) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

there is no solution of (5), hence r can not be lifted from $p^{\alpha-1}$ to p^α .

Solve:- $3x^2 + 2x + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7^3}$ (1)

Sol:- $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$

$f'(x) = 6x + 2$

Consider, $3x^2 + 2x + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ (2)

$x = 1$ and $x = 3$ are solutions of (2)

$x = 1$

$f'(x) = f'(1) = 8 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

$\therefore x$ can be lifted in unique way from 7 to 7^2

$(f'(x), 7) = (8, 7) = 1$

$k = \frac{f(x)}{p^{\alpha-1}} \equiv \frac{7}{7} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ [Here $\alpha = 2$]

$8q + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

$\Rightarrow q + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

$\therefore q = 6$

The req. solⁿ is,

$a = x + qp$

$= 1 + 6 \cdot 7 = \underline{\underline{43}}$

$$\underline{r=3}$$

$$f'(r) = f'(3) = 20 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$\therefore r=3$ can be lifted in unique way from 7 to 7^2 .

$$k = \frac{f(r)}{p^{d-1}} = \frac{35}{7} = 5$$

$$f'(r)q + k \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$20q + 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow -q + 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$\therefore q = 5$$

\therefore The req. solution is,

$$a = r + qp^{d-1}$$

$$= 3 + 5 \cdot 7$$

$$= \underline{\underline{38}}$$

\therefore The solutions $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{7^2}$ are $x=43, x=38$



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