

I. Find all solutions of the linear congruence  $4x \equiv 10 \pmod{6}$ .

$$6 \mid (4x-10) \Rightarrow \exists y \in \mathbb{Z}: 6y = 4x-10$$

$$4x - 6y = 10$$

$(4, 6) = 2$ ;  $2 \mid 10$ ; 2 classes of solutions incongruent mod 6

$$6 = 4 \times 1 + \underline{2}$$

$$4 = 2 \times 2 + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 = 6 - 4 \times 1$$

$$4(-1) - 6(-1) = 2 \mid 10$$

$$4(-5) - 6(-5) = 10 \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x_0 = -5 \\ y_0 = -5 \end{cases}$$

$$\begin{cases} x = -5 + 3k \\ y = -5 + 2k \end{cases}, k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -5 \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$$

$$x = -5 + 3 = -2 \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$$

are the two classes of solutions

II. Solve the system of linear congruences  $\begin{cases} x \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ x \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ x \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \end{cases}$

$(2,3) = (2,5) = (3,5) = 1 \rightarrow$  we may apply the Chinese remainder theorem

•  $M = 2 \times 3 \times 5 = 30$

$$M_1 = \frac{30}{2} = 15$$

$$M_2 = \frac{30}{3} = 10$$

$$M_3 = \frac{30}{5} = 6$$

•  $M_1 y_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

$$\underbrace{15}_{15} y_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \Rightarrow \underline{y_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}}$$

•  $M_2 y_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

$$\underbrace{10}_{10} y_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\underline{y_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}}$$

•  $M_3 y_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$

$$\underbrace{6}_{6} y_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$\underline{y_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 \times 15 \times 1 + 2 \times 10 \times 1 + 2 \times 6 \times 1 \pmod{30}$$

$$x \equiv 47 \equiv 17 \pmod{30}$$

III. Prove that if  $n = q_1 q_2 \cdots q_r$ ,  $r > 2$  where  $q_i$ 's are distinct primes such that  $(q_i - 1) | (n - 1)$  for all  $i$ , then  $n$  is a Carmichael number.

- Let  $b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $(b, n) = 1 \Rightarrow (b, q_j) = 1 \quad \forall j$
- $b^{q_j - 1} \equiv 1 \pmod{q_j} \Rightarrow$
- $(q_j - 1) | (n - 1) \Rightarrow \exists t_j \in \mathbb{Z}: (q_j - 1)t_j = n - 1 \Rightarrow$   
 $\Rightarrow b^{n-1} = b^{(q_j - 1)t_j} = \underbrace{(b^{q_j - 1})^{t_j}}_{\equiv 1} \equiv 1 \pmod{q_j}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{q_1} \\ \vdots \\ b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{q_r} \\ (q_i, q_j) = 1 \quad \forall i \neq j \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{\underbrace{q_1 \cdots q_r}_n}$$

IV. Show that  $1^p + 2^p + 3^p + \dots + (p-1)^p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , when  $p$  is an odd prime.

$p$  prime  
 $p$  odd  $\Rightarrow p \geq 3$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} (1, p) = 1 \Rightarrow 1^p \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \\ (2, p) = 1 \Rightarrow 2^p \equiv 2 \pmod{p} \\ \dots \\ (p-1, p) = 1 \Rightarrow (p-1)^p \equiv p-1 \pmod{p} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow 1^p + 2^p + \dots + (p-1)^p \equiv 1 + 2 + \dots + p-1 = \frac{(p-1)p}{2} \pmod{p}$$

But  $p \geq 3 \Rightarrow p-1$  even  $\Rightarrow p-1 = 2K, K \in \mathbb{Z}$   
( $p$  odd)

$$\Rightarrow 1^p + \dots + (p-1)^p \equiv Kp \pmod{p} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

V. A. Find the last digit of  $7^{5555}$

We need  $7^{5555} \pmod{10}$

$$(7, 10) = 1 \Rightarrow 7^{\phi(10)} \equiv 1 \pmod{10} \quad (\text{Euler}) \Rightarrow 7^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$7^{5555} = 7^{4 \times 1388 + 3} = \underbrace{(7^4)^{1388}}_{\equiv 1} \cdot 7^3 \equiv 7^3 \pmod{10} =$$

$$= \underbrace{49}_{\equiv 9} \times 7 \pmod{10} = 9 \times 7 = 63 \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$$

B. Show that, if  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime positive integers, then  $a^{\phi(b)} + b^{\phi(a)} \equiv 1 \pmod{ab}$

$$\begin{aligned} \bullet \quad (a, b) = 1 &\Rightarrow a^{\phi(b)} \equiv 1 \pmod{b} \quad (\text{Euler}) \\ \text{But } b^{\phi(a)} &\equiv 0 \pmod{b} \end{aligned} \quad \xrightarrow{+}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a^{\phi(b)} + b^{\phi(a)} \equiv 1 \pmod{b}}$$

$$\bullet \quad \text{Similarly } \left. \begin{aligned} a^{\phi(b)} &\equiv 0 \pmod{a} \\ b^{\phi(a)} &\equiv 1 \pmod{a} \end{aligned} \right\} \xrightarrow{+}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{a^{\phi(b)} + b^{\phi(a)} \equiv 1 \pmod{a}}$$

$$\bullet \quad \text{Since } (a, b) = 1, \text{ then } a^{\phi(b)} + b^{\phi(a)} \equiv 1 \pmod{ab}$$