

1. Calculate the following numbers.

(a)  $98 + 96 + 94 + 92 + 90 \pmod{100}$

**Solution:** We can calculate it directly as  $470 \pmod{100} = 70$ , or using the rules of modular arithmetic,

$$98 + 96 + 94 + 92 + 90 \equiv -2 - 4 - 6 - 8 - 10 \equiv -(2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 10) \equiv -30 \equiv 70 \pmod{100}.$$

(b)  $17 \cdot 23 - 2 \cdot 3 \pmod{17}$

**Solution:**  $17 \cdot 23 - 2 \cdot 3 \pmod{17} \equiv 0 \cdot 6 - 2 \cdot 3 \pmod{17} \equiv (-6) \pmod{17} \equiv 11 \pmod{17}$ .

(c)  $9^{-1} \pmod{23}$

**Solution:** We first calculate  $9^{-1} \pmod{23}$  using the extended GCD algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} E(23, 9) &= E(9, 5) & 23 &= 2 \cdot 9 + 5 \\ &= E(5, 4) & 9 &= 5 + 4 \\ &= E(4, 1) & 5 &= 4 + 1 \\ &= E(1, 0). \end{aligned}$$

so we can write 1 as the following combination of 23 and 9:

$$1 = 5 - 4 = 5 - (9 - 5) = -9 + 2 \cdot 5 = -9 + 2 \cdot (23 - 2 \cdot 9) = 2 \cdot 23 - 5 \cdot 9$$

It follows that  $9^{-1} \equiv -5 \pmod{23} \equiv 18 \pmod{23}$ .

(d)  $95 \cdot 41^{-1} \pmod{97}$ . (97 is a prime number.)

**Solution:** We first calculate  $41^{-1} \pmod{97}$  using the extended GCD algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} E(97, 41) &= E(41, 15) & 97 &= 2 \cdot 41 + 15 \\ &= E(15, 11) & 41 &= 2 \cdot 15 + 11 \\ &= E(11, 4) & 15 &= 11 + 4 \\ &= E(4, 3) & 11 &= 2 \cdot 4 + 3 \\ &= E(3, 1) & 4 &= 3 + 1 \\ &= E(1, 0) & 3 &= 3 \cdot 1 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Now we use the equations in reverse to express 1 as a combination of 97 and 41:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 4 - 3 \\ &= 4 - (11 - 2 \cdot 4) \\ &= -11 + 3 \cdot 4 \\ &= -11 + 3 \cdot (15 - 11) \\ &= 3 \cdot 15 - 4 \cdot 11 \\ &= 3 \cdot 15 - 4 \cdot (41 - 2 \cdot 15) \\ &= -4 \cdot 41 + 11 \cdot 15 \\ &= -4 \cdot 41 + 11 \cdot (97 - 2 \cdot 41) \\ &= 11 \cdot 97 - 26 \cdot 41 \end{aligned}$$

It follows that  $41^{-1} \equiv -26 \pmod{97}$ . Therefore

$$95 \cdot 41^{-1} \equiv 95 \cdot (-26) \equiv (-2) \cdot (-26) \equiv 52 \pmod{97}.$$

2. Calculate the following numbers using the suggested method:

(a)  $2^9 \pmod{11}$  using iterated multiplication.

**Solution:**  $2^9 \equiv 4 \cdot 2^7 \equiv 8 \cdot 2^6 \equiv 16 \cdot 2^5 \equiv 5 \cdot 2^5 \equiv 10 \cdot 2^4 \equiv 20 \cdot 2^3 \equiv 9 \cdot 2^3 \equiv 18 \cdot 2^2 \equiv 7 \cdot 2^2 \equiv 14 \cdot 2 \equiv 3 \cdot 2 \equiv 6 \pmod{11}$ .

(b)  $2^{81} \pmod{11}$  using fast exponentiation (the *Power* algorithm from Lecture 5).

**Solution:**  $2^{81} \equiv 2 \cdot 2^{80} \equiv 2 \cdot 4^{40} \equiv 2 \cdot 16^{20} \equiv 2 \cdot 5^{20} \equiv 2 \cdot 25^{10} \equiv 2 \cdot 3^{10} \equiv 2 \cdot 9^5 \equiv 2 \cdot 9 \cdot 9^4 \equiv 2 \cdot 9 \cdot 81^2 \equiv 2 \cdot 9 \cdot 4^2 \equiv 2 \cdot 9 \cdot 16 \equiv 2 \cdot 9 \cdot 5 \equiv 90 \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$ .

(c)  $2^{2^{81}} \pmod{11}$  using Fermat's Little Theorem (Theorem 5 from Lecture 5).

**Solution:** Fermat's little theorem says that  $2^{11} \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$ , so  $2^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ . Therefore  $2^{2^{81}} \equiv 2^{2^{81} \bmod 10} \pmod{11}$ : If  $2^{81}$  is represented as  $10q + r$  then  $2^{2^{81}} \equiv (2^{10})^q \cdot 2^r \equiv 2^r \pmod{11}$ .

We can calculate  $2^{81} \pmod{10}$  using fast exponentiation:  $2^{81} \equiv 2 \cdot 2^{80} \equiv 2 \cdot 4^{40} \equiv 2 \cdot 16^{20} \equiv 2 \cdot 6^{20} \equiv 2 \cdot 36^{10} \equiv 2 \cdot 6^{10} \equiv 2 \cdot 36^5 \equiv 2 \cdot 6^5 \equiv 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 6^4 \equiv 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 36^2 \equiv 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 6^2 \equiv 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 36 \equiv 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 6 \equiv 72 \equiv 2 \pmod{10}$ . Therefore  $2^{2^{81}} \equiv 2^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$ .

3. Calculate the following numbers.

(a)  $x$  and  $y$  that solve  $5x + 7y \equiv 17 \pmod{19}$  and  $4x + 11y \equiv 13 \pmod{19}$ .

**Solution:** To get rid of  $x$  we multiply the first equation by 4, multiply the second equations by 5 and subtract to obtain  $(7 \cdot 4 - 11 \cdot 5)y \equiv 17 \cdot 4 - 13 \cdot 5 \pmod{19}$ . We simplify

$$\begin{aligned} 7 \cdot 4 - 11 \cdot 5 &= 28 - 55 = -27 \equiv 11 && \pmod{19}, \\ 17 \cdot 4 - 13 \cdot 5 &\equiv -2 \cdot 4 + 6 \cdot 5 = 22 \equiv 3 && \pmod{19}. \end{aligned}$$

To solve  $11y \equiv 3 \pmod{19}$  we need the multiplicative inverse of 11:

$$\begin{aligned} E(19, 11) &= E(11, 8) && 19 = 11 + 8 \\ &= E(8, 3) && 11 = 8 + 3 \\ &= E(3, 2) && 8 = 2 \cdot 3 + 2 \\ &= E(2, 1) && 3 = 2 + 1 \\ &= E(1, 0), \end{aligned}$$

from where

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 3 - 2 \\ &= 3 - (8 - 2 \cdot 3) = -8 + 3 \cdot 3 \\ &= -8 + 3 \cdot (11 - 8) = 3 \cdot 11 - 4 \cdot 8 \\ &= 3 \cdot 11 - 4 \cdot (19 - 11) = -4 \cdot 19 + 7 \cdot 11 \end{aligned}$$

so  $11^{-1} \pmod{19} = 7$ . Therefore  $y \equiv 7 \cdot 3 = 21 \equiv 2 \pmod{19}$ . Plugging into the first equation we get that  $5x \equiv 17 - 7 \cdot 2 = 3 \pmod{19}$ , from where  $x = 3 \cdot 5^{-1} \pmod{19}$ . Now

$$\begin{aligned} E(19, 5) &= E(5, 4) && 19 = 3 \cdot 5 + 4 \\ &= E(4, 1) && 5 = 4 + 1 \\ &= E(1, 0) \end{aligned}$$

so  $1 = 5 - 4 = 5 - (19 - 3 \cdot 5) = -19 + 4 \cdot 5$ , and  $5^{-1} \equiv 4 \pmod{19}$ . The solution is  $x = 12, y = 2$ .

(b)  $1^1 + 2^2 + \dots + 99^{99} \pmod{3}$ .

**Solution:** We can reduce

$$1^1 + 2^2 + 3^3 + 4^4 + 5^5 + \dots + 99^{99} \equiv 1^1 + (-1)^2 + 0^3 + 1^4 + (-1)^5 + 0^6 + \dots + 0^{99} \pmod{3}$$

This expression has 33 values of the form  $0^n$  all of which equal zero and 33 values of the form  $1^n$  all of which equal one so their sum modulo 3 is congruent to zero. What remains is

$$(-1)^2 + (-1)^5 + \cdots + (-1)^{98} \pmod{3}$$

Since the powers of  $-1$  alternate between even and odd, this expression is congruent to

$$1 + (-1) + 1 + (-1) + \cdots + 1 \pmod{3}$$

which evaluates to 1 modulo 3.

(c)  $1^{-1} + 2^{-1} + \cdots + 96^{-1} \pmod{97}$ .

**Solution:** As each number between 1 and 96 has a unique multiplicative inverse modulo 97, each of the numbers  $1^{-1}, 2^{-1}, \dots, 96^{-1}$  occurs exactly once in the list  $1, 2, \dots, 96$ , so

$$1^{-1} + 2^{-1} + \cdots + 96^{-1} \equiv 1 + 2 + \cdots + 96 = \frac{96 \cdot 97}{2} = 48 \cdot 97 \equiv 49 \cdot 0 = 0 \pmod{97}.$$

(d) **(Optional)**  $42! \pmod{43}$  (*Hint:* Pair up each number with its inverse. You can try  $6! \pmod{7}$  first.)

**Solution:** Let's try  $6! \pmod{7}$  first. We can calculate

$$1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot (-3) \cdot (-2) \cdot (-1) \equiv -(2 \cdot 3)^2 \equiv -1^2 = -1 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}.$$

How can we explain this answer? Let's list the multiplicative inverses of all nonzero remainders mod 7:

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$x^{-1}$	1	4	5	2	3	6

Only 1 and 6 are their own inverse. The inverse of every other number is different from itself. In the product  $6! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6$  we can now group every number apart from 1 and 6 with its inverse to conclude that

$$6! \equiv 1 \cdot (2 \cdot 4) \cdot (3 \cdot 5) \cdot 6 \equiv 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 6 = 6 \pmod{7}.$$

We can apply the same strategy to calculate  $42! \pmod{43}$ . In the product  $1 \cdot 2 \cdots 42$ , after pairing up every number with its inverse modulo 43, what remains is the product of the numbers that are their own inverses. Which are these numbers? If  $x \equiv x^{-1} \pmod{43}$  and we multiply both sides by  $x$  we obtain that  $x^2 \equiv 1$ , so  $x^2 - 1 \equiv 0$ , so  $(x - 1)(x + 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{43}$ . Therefore 43 must divide  $(x - 1)(x + 1)$ . As 43 is a prime number it must divide  $x - 1$  or  $x + 1$ . It follows that  $x \equiv 1$  or  $x \equiv -1$  modulo 43, so 1 and  $-1 \equiv 42$  are the only two numbers that are their own inverses. We conclude that  $42! \equiv 1 \cdot 42 = 42 \pmod{43}$ .

4. You will investigate the “baby RSA” encryption from Lecture 5. Recall that the public encryption key  $e$  and “secret” decryption key  $d$  are chosen so that  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{n - 1}$  for prime modulus  $n$ .

(a) Assume  $n = 29$  and  $d = 11$ . Show how to choose  $e$  to enable decryption.

**Solution:**  $e$  should satisfy the decryption equation  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{n - 1}$ , which in this case says  $11e \equiv 1 \pmod{28}$ . So  $e$  must be a multiplicative inverse of 11 modulo 28, if one exists. We can try to find one using extended Euclid's algorithm:

$$\begin{aligned} E(28, 11) &= E(11, 6) & 28 &= 2 \cdot 11 + 6 \\ &= E(6, 5) & 11 &= 6 + 5 \\ &= E(5, 1) & 6 &= 5 + 1 \\ &= E(1, 0), \end{aligned}$$

from where  $1 = 6 - 5 = 6 - (11 - 6) = -11 + 2 \cdot 6 = -11 + 2 \cdot (28 - 2 \cdot 11) = 2 \cdot 28 - 5 \cdot 11$ . We can choose  $e \equiv -5 \equiv 23 \pmod{28}$ .

- (b) Calculate the encryption  $c = m^e \pmod n$  of the message  $m = 10$  and the encryption key  $e$  from part (a). Then calculate the decryption  $c^d \pmod n$ .

**Solution:** Using fast exponentiation (and replacements of big numbers by their additive inverses to keep the calculation manageable) we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} c = m^e &= 10^{23} = 10 \cdot 10^{22} \equiv 10 \cdot 100^{11} \\ &\equiv 10 \cdot 13^{11} = 10 \cdot 13 \cdot 13^{10} = 10 \cdot 13 \cdot 169^5 \equiv 10 \cdot 13 \cdot 24^5 \\ &\equiv 10 \cdot 13 \cdot (-5)^5 = 10 \cdot 13 \cdot (-5) \cdot (-5)^4 = 10 \cdot 13 \cdot (-5) \cdot 25^2 \\ &\equiv 10 \cdot 13 \cdot (-5) \cdot (-4)^2 \equiv 10 \cdot 13 \cdot (-5) \cdot 16 \equiv 11 \pmod{29}. \end{aligned}$$

To decrypt Bob calculates

$$c^d = 11^{11} = 11 \cdot 11^{10} \equiv 11 \cdot 121^5 \equiv 11 \cdot 5^5 = 11 \cdot 5 \cdot 5^4 = 11 \cdot 5 \cdot 25^2 \equiv 11 \cdot 5 \cdot (-4)^2 = 11 \cdot 5 \cdot 16 \equiv 10 \pmod{29}.$$

As expected,  $c^d$  recovers the message  $m$ .

- (c) Now suppose Eve observes the ciphertext  $c = 33$  that Alice sent to Bob using modulus  $n = 37$  and encryption key  $e = 7$ . How can Eve recover the message  $m$  without knowing  $d$ ?

**Solution:** Eve can determine Bob's secret key by solving the equation  $ed \equiv 1 \pmod{n-1}$ , namely  $7d \equiv 1 \pmod{36}$ . She runs extended GCD to find

$$\begin{aligned} E(36, 7) &= E(7, 1) & 36 &= 5 \cdot 7 + 1 \\ &= E(1, 0), \end{aligned}$$

so  $1 = 36 - 5 \cdot 7$  and  $d \equiv -5 \equiv 31 \pmod{36}$ . Eve can now decrypt  $c$  by calculating

$$\begin{aligned} c^d &= 33^{31} \equiv (-4)^{31} \equiv (-4) \cdot 16^{15} \equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot 16^{14} \\ &\equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot 256^7 \equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot (-3)^7 \equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3)^6 \\ &\equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot (-3) \cdot 9^3 \equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot (-3) \cdot 9 \cdot 81 \\ &\equiv 4 \cdot 16 \cdot 3 \cdot 9 \cdot 7 \equiv 8 \pmod{37}. \end{aligned}$$