

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).

(**Hint:** When p is prime, if $y \equiv y' \pmod{p-1}$, then $x^y \equiv x^{y'} \pmod{p}$.)

Solution: Let's prove the hint first. If $x \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ then both sides are zero. If $x \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, then $x^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ by Fermat's little theorem. Raising both sides to the k -th power we get that $x^{k(p-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for every k . If $y \equiv y' \pmod{p-1}$ then $y - y'$ is $k(p-1)$ for some k , so $x^{y-y'} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. Multiplying both sides by $x^{y'}$ we get $x^y \equiv x^{y'} \pmod{p}$.

In particular, $2^{2^{81}} \pmod{11}$ is the same as $2^{2^{81} \pmod{10}} \pmod{11}$. We now 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 $2^{2^{81}} \equiv 2^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$.

(d) (**Optional**) $2^{2^{2^{2^{2^2}}}} \pmod{11}$ any way you want.

Solution: By Fermat's little theorem, reducing the exponent modulo 10 does not change the answer. As the exponent is an even number and $10 = 2 \cdot 5$,

$$2^{2^{2^{2^{2^2}}}} \pmod{10} = 2 \cdot (2^{2^{2^{2^{2^2}}}} / 2 \pmod{5}) = 2 \cdot (2^{2^{2^{2^{2^2}} - 1}} \pmod{5}).$$

Using Fermat's little theorem again we find

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

Therefore

$$2^{2^{2^{2^{2^2}}}} \equiv 2^{2^{2^{2^{2^2}} \pmod{10}}} \equiv 2^{2 \cdot 3} = 64 \equiv 9 \pmod{11}.$$

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

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

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

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

which evaluates to 1 modulo 3.

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

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

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

(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 $1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot 42$, 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

$$\begin{aligned} c^d &= 33^{31} \equiv (-4)^{31} \equiv (-4) \cdot 16^{15} \equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot 16^{14} \\ &\equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot 256^7 \equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot (-3)^7 \equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot (-3) \cdot (-3)^6 \\ &\equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot (-3) \cdot 9^3 \equiv (-4) \cdot 16 \cdot (-3) \cdot 9 \cdot 81 \\ &\equiv 4 \cdot 16 \cdot 3 \cdot 9 \cdot 7 \equiv 34 \pmod{37}. \end{aligned}$$