

Homework 8

7.1 If n is not prime, Then there are at least 2 prime factors of n s.t. $n \geq p_1 p_2$
 Suppose that all prime factors of n are greater than \sqrt{n}

Then $n \geq p_1 p_2 > (\sqrt{n} \cdot \sqrt{n}) = n$, $n > n$ is a contradiction.

Thus, n has a prime factor $p \leq \sqrt{n}$.

7.3 $n \in \mathbb{N}$, n and $n+2$ are relatively prime if n is odd.

7.2 15, 462, 227 are ~~not~~ relatively prime.

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7.6 $\gcd(15570555, 10872579)$

$$= \gcd(10872579, 4697976) = \gcd(4697976, 1476627)$$

$$= \gcd(1476627, 268095) = \gcd(268095, 136152)$$

$$= \gcd(136152, 4209) = \gcd(4209, 1464) = \gcd(1464, 1281)$$

$$= \gcd(1281, 183) = 183$$

7.7 a and b are integers and $m = \gcd(a, b)$. $\frac{a}{m}$ and $\frac{b}{m}$ are relatively prime integers.

If $\frac{a}{m}$ and $\frac{b}{m}$ are not relatively prime, $\exists p > 1$ s.t. $p \mid \frac{a}{m}$ and $p \mid \frac{b}{m}$.
 $(p \in \mathbb{Z})$

As a result, $mp \mid a$ and $mp \mid b$, but $mp > m = \gcd(a, b)$, a contradiction.

Thus, $\frac{a}{m}$ and $\frac{b}{m}$ are relatively prime.

8 $a = \prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{r_n}$, $b = \prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{s_n}$, where $p_n, r_n, s_n \in \mathbb{N}$ and p_n is prime

$$t_n = \min(r_n, s_n), \text{ then } \gcd(a, b) = \prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{t_n}$$

First, $\prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{t_n} \mid a$ and $\prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{t_n} \mid b$, we have $\prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{t_n} \leq \gcd(a, b)$.

Then, since $\gcd(a, b) \mid a$ and $\gcd(a, b) \mid b$, we have $\gcd(a, b) = \prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{h_n}$, where

$h_n \leq \min(r_n, s_n)$. otherwise, $\prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{h_n} \nmid a$ or $\prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{h_n} \nmid b$.

Then, $\gcd(a, b) \mid \prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{t_n} \Rightarrow \gcd(a, b) \leq \prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{t_n}$. As a result, $\gcd(a, b) = \prod_{n=1}^N p_n^{t_n}$

$$7.14 \mathbb{Z}_p = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$$

roots of $x^{p-1} - [1]$ in \mathbb{Z}_p are the x s.t. $x^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

Thus they are $1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1$ by Fermat's Theorem.

2. p is an odd prime, thus $\frac{p-1}{2}$ is an integer.

$$\mathbb{Z}_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$$

Since $p \nmid a$, we have $a^{p-1} \pmod{p} = 1$.

$$\text{Since } a^{p-1} = a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \cdot a^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$$

$$\text{we have } (a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p})(a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}) \equiv a^{p-1} \pmod{p} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{as a result, } (a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} + 1)(a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} - 1) \pmod{p} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{and } [a]^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = [1] \text{ or } [a]^{\frac{p-1}{2}} = [-1] = [p-1]. \quad (**)$$

$\frac{p-1}{2}$ of them satisfy (*) and $\frac{p-1}{2}$ satisfy (**)

Suppose a satisfy (*) and b of them satisfy (**), $a+b = p-1$.

Then, let k be an element of b elements $\{k_1, k_2, \dots, k_b\}$

Let the a elements be $\{h_1, h_2, \dots, h_a\}$

Then $\{kh_1, kh_2, \dots, kh_a\}$ are a different elements s.t. $kh_i^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

So $a \leq b$. Similarly, $\{kk_1, kk_2, \dots, kk_b\}$ are b elements s.t. $kk_i^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

$$\text{So } b \leq a. \Rightarrow a = b = \frac{p-1}{2}$$

28.3 Without loss of generality we can assume that $a \in \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$

According to Fermat's little theorem, we have

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \text{ This means } (a \cdot a^{p-2}) / a \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Thus, $a^{p-2} \pmod{p}$ is a reciprocal modulo p for a .

28.4. (a) Integer Reciprocal (b) they are 1 and $p-1$ (c) according to (a) and (b),

- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6

- 4
- 5
- 2
- 3
- 1

$$(p-1)! \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot \dots \cdot (p-1) \equiv p-1 \pmod{p} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$