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## **Abstract**

We study the fundamental theorem of arithmetic and unique factorization, and we defined the prime power factorization, we give also some the theorem and example t the multiplicate functions. Also we defined the perfect numbers and mersenne and Fermat number. Also we study the mobius inversion formula and the sum of the divisor.

Finally we solving linear congruence, and study the Chinese reminder theorem and the theorems of Fermat and Euler.

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# CHAPTER ONE

## THE FUNDAMENTAL THEOREM OF ARITHMETIC AND PRIME POWER FACTORIZATION

### **Prime Factorization:**

#### **Definition (1.1):**

Prime composite a positive integer is said to be prime if it has exactly two positive divisors.

A positive integer having more than two positive divisors is said to be composite the number 1 is neither prime nor composite .

#### **Example(1.2):**

The primes less than 20 are 2,3,5,7,11,13,17 and 19 .

#### **Theorem (1.3):**

Suppose  $n > 1$  then  $n$  can be written as the product of primes

Proof:

If  $n$  is prime we are done (we consider a prime to be a product of one prime). Otherwise  $n$  must have a positive divisor, say  $d$  other than itself and 1, then  $1 < d < n$ .

Let  $n = dd'$  clearly,  $1 < d' < n$  also we now apply the same argument to  $d$  and  $d'$  as we did to  $n$ . This procedure must end since the factors grow smaller at each step. But it can stop only when each factor has no positive divisors other than 1 and itself that is, when each factor is prime.

Illustration of the proof. Suppose  $n = 120$  we know that  $120 = 12 \cdot 10$  now  $12 = 3 \cdot 4$  and  $4 = 2 \cdot 2$  thus  $12 = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$  and all these factors are prime. Likewise  $10 = 5 \cdot 2$  and 2 and 5 are prime finally.

$$120 = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$$

And 3, 2, and 5 are prime.

Comment on the proof: The proof given is convincing because we can see how each step will proceed, even though the number of steps and branches involved

will depend on the particular value of  $n$ . In this respect, it's like our first proof of theorem (showing that  $a \equiv b$  implies  $a^n \equiv b^n$ ) we suspect that a more formal argument using mathematical induction could be given this is the case but a slightly different form of the induction principle must be used.

Let  $S(n)$  be a statement involving the positive integer  $n$ , suppose .

1.  $S(1)$  is true .
2. If for some positive integer  $k$  all of  $S(1), S(2), \dots, S(k)$  are true, Then

$S(k + 1)$  is true.

Then  $S(n)$  is true for all positive integer  $n$ .

Comment an induction II. Of course the difference between induction II and the form of induction of section is entirely in condition with induction II we are allowed to assume not only that  $S(k)$  is true but also  $S(1), S(2) \dots, S(k - 1)$ . Since we are allowed to assume more, an induction II proof is actually easier at least from a logical standpoint induction I (which what we will call the principle of section when we want to distinguish between the two forms) is, however, formally simpler and suffices for most proofs.

The reader should study the induction proof we now give for Theorem (1.3) and decide why induction II is needed in it.

**Theorem (1.4):**

suppose  $n > 1$  is an integer then  $n$  can be written as a product of a primes.

**Proof:**

the proof will be by induction II

1. If  $n = 1$  there is nothing to prove since the theorem concerns only values of  $n > 1$ .

2. Suppose we know the theorem is true for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, k$  consider the integer  $k + 1$ , if  $k + 1$  is prime then we are done, otherwise  $k + 1 = dd'$ .



Where  $1 < d < k + 1$  and  $1 < d' < k + 1$  since  $d$  and  $d'$  are each at most  $k$  by the induction assumption each can be written as a product of primes thus  $n$  can be written as such a product.

Thus by induction  $\Pi$  any  $n > 1$  can be written as product of primes.

We will give two more examples of induction  $\Pi$  proofs recall the  $f_n$  is the Fibonacci number.

**Theorem (1.5):**

Let  $A = \frac{(\sqrt{5}+1)}{2}$  then  $f_{n+2} > A^n$  for all positive integers  $n$ .

**Proof:**

The proof will be by indu

ction  $\Pi$  note that  $A$  is a solution to the equation  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$  and so  $A + 1 = A^2$

If  $n = 1$  we have  $f_{n+2} = f_3 = 2 = \frac{3+1}{2} > \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} = A^n$

And so the inequality holds.

We will also check the case  $n = 2$  so that we may assume that  $k > 1$  in the second part of this proof they

$$x^2 - x - 1 = 0 \text{ and so } A + 1 = A^2$$

$$f_{n+2} = f_4 = 3 = \frac{3+3}{3} > \frac{\sqrt{5}+3}{2} = A + 1 = A^2 = A^n$$

Suppose we know for some integer  $k > 1$  the inequality holds for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, k$ . then

$$\begin{aligned} f(k+1) + 2 &= f_{k+2} + 2 + f_{k+1} > A^k + A^{k-1} = A^{k-1}(A + 1) = A^{k-1}A^2 \\ &= A^{k+1} \end{aligned}$$

Thus by induction  $\Pi$  the theorem holds for all positive integer  $n$ .

The next result was mentioned in section it justified the “sub situation” of congruent numbers in integral polynomials .

**Theorem (1.6):**

Let  $P(x)$  be polynomial with integer coefficients, and let  $u, v$  and  $m > 0$  be integer such that  $u \equiv v \pmod{m}$ . Then  $p(u) \equiv P(v) \pmod{m}$  .

**Proof:**

If  $P(x)$  is constant there is nothing to prove, so we will assume.

$P(x)$  has degree  $n \geq 1$  suppose  $p(x) = a_0 + \dots + a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1}$

Where  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n$  are integers with  $a_n \neq 0$

The proof will be by induction  $\Pi$  on  $n$ .

If  $n = 1$ , then  $P(x) = a_1 x + a_0$  then :

$$a_0 \equiv a_0 \pmod{m}$$

$$a_1 \equiv a_1 \pmod{m}$$

$$a_1 u \equiv a_1 v \pmod{m}$$

$$P(u) = a_1 u + a_0 \equiv a_1 v + a_0 = p(v) \pmod{m}.$$

Now assume the statement of the theorem is true for all polynomials with  $\leq k$  suppose  $n = k + 1$ , so

$$p(x) = a_{k+1} x^{k+1} + a_k x^k + \dots + a_0$$

Let  $Q(x) = a_k x^k + \dots + a_0$  now  $Q(x)$  is either cues that or has or has degree  $\leq k$ , so

$$Q(u) = Q(v) \pmod{m}.$$

Also  $u^{k+1} \equiv v^{k+1} + Q(u) \equiv a_{k+1} \pmod{m}$  as above thus.

$$p(u) = a_{k+1} u^{k+1} + Q(u) \equiv a_{k+1} v^{k+1} + Q(v) = P(v) \pmod{m}$$

This proves our result for  $n = k + 1$ .

Thus by induction  $\Pi$  our theorem holds for integers polynomials of all positive degrees, and so for integral polynomials.

Theorem is very important, but gives only half of the story of factorization into primes to motivate the other half we consider counting the positive divisor of an integer it will turn out its factorization into primes will tell us how to do this.

**Definition (1.7):  $\tau(n)$** 

We define  $\tau(n)$  to be number of positive divisors of  $n$

**Example (1.8):**

$n$	Positive divisor of $n$	$\tau(n)$
1	1	1
2	1, 2	2
3	1, 3	2
4	1, 2, 4	3
5	1, 5	2
6	1, 2, 3, 6	4
7	1, 7	2
8	1, 2, 4, 8	4
9	1, 3, 9	3
10	1, 2, 5, 10	4

We will examine the function  $\tau(n)$  in more details in the next section.

The fundamental theorem of arithmetic what id  $\tau(pq)$ ?

Recall that  $\tau(n)$  de notes the number of positive divisors of  $n$ , it is easy enough for us to computer that  $\tau(2,3) = 4$ , since the positive divisors of 6 are 1,2,3, and 6. In general, if  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct primes they  $pq$  has the divisor  $i, p, q$  and ?and so  $\tau(pq)$  is at least 4. The reader may feel it is obvious that  $\tau(pq)$  is exactly 4. After all what other divisor could  $pq$  have?

This is asituation where our familiarity with the integers may be a dis advantage, since it may lead us to assume as true thing that really should be proved it happens to be true that  $pq$  has no factors other then those listed but we cannot let intuition and experience substitute for a rigorous proof of this fact as useful as intuitions is in mathematics, there are many instances where it has let to serious errors.

In order to demonstrate should not but too much trust in one’s intuition about the integers, we will now present two examples of systems in which certain laws with which familiar do not hold.

Let  $E$  be the set of all even positive integers : 2,4,6,8, ...If and be are in  $E$ , we say that a divides  $b$  in  $E$  in case  $b = ak$  for some element  $K$  in  $E$  of course, This parallels the usual definition of divisibility integers for example 1 dose not divide 6 because although  $6 = 2 \cdot 3$ ,3 is not in  $E$ . since 1 is not in  $E$  we will have to revise our definition of primality ; but the definition we will give will be equivalent to the previous one in the case of the ordinary integers. We will say

that  $P$  in  $E$  is prime if  $\{$ cannot be written as the product of two other elements of  $E$  greater than 1; for example 1 and 6 are prime in  $E$ , but  $4 = 2 \cdot 2$  is not the reader may easily check that 10 and 30 are also prime in  $E$  thus  $60 = 6 \cdot 10$  is of the form  $pq$ , where  $P$  and  $q$  are distinct primes.

The integer  $60 = 2 \cdot 30$  and 2 is a prime, we have factored 60 into prime factors in two essentially different ways something (it will out) we could never do with the ordinary integers.

Not that the system  $E$  is not at all exotic and in fact shares most of the usual algebraic properties of the integers, for example it is closed under both addition and multiplication. One basic property it lacks is that of having a multiplicative unit 1 our next example will contain 1.

Let  $T$  be all positive integers congruent to 1 modulo 3; the numbers 1, 4, 7, 10, ... since  $a \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  and  $6 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

Imply  $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  we see that  $T$  is closed under multiplication.

If  $a$  and  $b$  are in  $T$  we say  $a$  divides  $b$  in  $T$  in case  $b = ak$  for  $k$  be written as product of two factors in  $T$  greater than 1.

We find the smallest composite element of  $T$  to be  $16 = 4 \cdot 4$  and it is easy to check that 4, 10, 22 and 55 are all prime elements of  $T$ .

**Another shocker:**

These numbers provide an example of no unique prime factorization in  $T$ , since  $220 = 4 \cdot 55 = 10 \cdot 22$  In fact 220 has the divisors 1, 4, 10, 22, 55 and 220 in  $T$ , in spite of the fact that 220 is of the form  $pq$  for distinct prime  $p$  and  $q$ .

**The unique factorization property:**

Chastened by the above examples we return to the ordinary integers to prove a theorem showing that such an aberration does not occur among them.

**Theorem (1.9) :**

Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are integers,  $P$  is prime, then  $P \mid ab$  then  $P \mid a$  or  $P \mid b$

**Proof :**

Suppose  $P \nmid a$  thus, since the only positive divisor of  $p$  are  $p$  and 1,  $(a, p)$  must be 1 thus  $p/b$

This result is the key to showing that the ordinary integers enjoy unique factorization. Suppose the integer  $n > 1$  has two factorization in to primes, say  $n = P_1 P_2 \dots P_s = q_1 q_2 \dots q_t$

Since  $P_1$  divides the right side of the last equation theorem(1,8) implies that  $p_1$  divides either  $q_1$  or  $q_2, \dots, q_t$ . In the latter case,  $P_1$  divides either  $q_2$  or the product of the remaining  $q_s$  by the same argument eventually we find that  $p_1$  divides one of the  $q_s$ , say  $q_i$  But since  $q_i$  is prime its only divisors are it self and 1, so we must have  $p_1 = q_i$ .

Now we divide both sides of the equation by  $p_1 = q_i$  and apply the same argument to  $p_2$ . Finding that it must equal one of the remaining  $q_s$ . We cancel this prime in the same way.

This process is continued as long as possible both sides must be exhausted at the sometime, otherwise we would have a product of primes equaling 1 we have matched each  $P$  with a  $q$ . Thus the  $q_s$  must simply be arrangements of the  $p_s$ .

Note that the key to proving unique factorization is theorem (1.8) this result may be found in Book VII of Euclid's elements, stated as follows "if two numbers by multiplying one another make some number, and any prime number measure the product it will also measure one of the original numbers" . The theorem just proved is often combined with the theorem giving the exercise and of a prime factorization as follows:

**Theorem (1.10) :(The fundamental theorem of arithmetic)**

Any integer  $n$  greater than 1 has a factorization in to primes. This factorization is unique to the order of the factors.

**The Importance of unique factorization:**

The assumption that the factorization of a number in to primes must be unique has a famous precedent in mathematical history. Consider the equation:

$$x^n + y^n = z^n, x > 0, y > 0, z > 0$$

This is an example of a Diophantine equation, that is an equation for which integral (or, sometimes, rational) solutions are desired. The name comes from the Greek mathematician Diophantus, who studied many such equations. If  $n = 2$ , it is easy to find solutions; for example,  $x = 3, y = 4, z = 5$ , or  $x = 12, y = 5, z = 13$  for  $n > 2$ , however, it is a different story. An account of the recent proof by Andrew Wiles that no solution exists if  $n > 2$  may be found in chapter 0 of this book. The proof settles a problem that goes back more than 200 years.

Around 1637 the French mathematician Pierre de Fermat writing in the margin of his copy of the works of Diophantus, claimed that he had found “a truly wonderful” proof that had no solution for  $n > 2$ , but that there was not room for him to write it down there.

This statement is known as Fermat’s last theorem. If Fermat wrote down his alleged proof anywhere, no one ever found it more than 200 years after Fermat’s claim, interest developed in the connection between Fermat’s last theorem and algebraic integers these are real or complex numbers that behave like the ordinary integers in many respects in particular, the concepts of divisibility and primality can be defined in various sets of algebraic integers. The French mathematicians Lamé and Cauchy thought they were close to proofs of Fermat’s last theorem based on the assumption that prime factorization of algebraic integers was unique.

An often-repeated story is that the German mathematician Kummer submitted a manuscript purporting to contain a proof which was invalid because of this assumption. (In many classes of algebraic integers factorization is not unique; the set  $S$  that we will define shortly is one example ;) Kummer’s supposed manuscript has never been found, however, and doubt has been thrown on this part of the story. The interested reader should consult the book by Edwards in the reference.

In any case, Kummer went on to prove many important results related to Fermat's last theorem, including the impossibility of it for a large number of values of  $n$ . His work led the way to the modern theory of algebraic numbers.

**The systems:**

We define  $S$  to be the set of all complex numbers of the form  $a + b\sqrt{-6}$

Where  $a$  and  $b$  are ordinary integers. It is easy to see that  $S$  is closed under addition and, since

$$(a + b\sqrt{-6})(c + d\sqrt{-6}) = ac - 6bd + (ad + bc)\sqrt{-6}$$

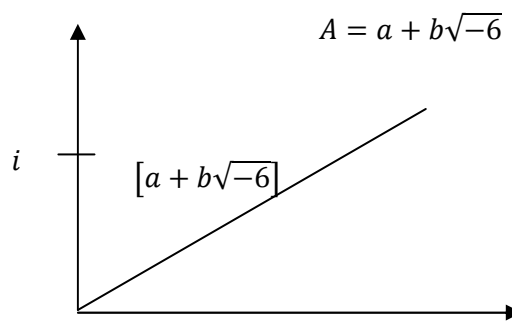


Figure An element of  $S$

Also closed under multiplication.

As usual, if  $A$  and  $B$  are in  $S$  we say  $A$  divides  $B$  in  $S$  in case  $B = AC$  for some element  $C$  of  $S$ . Since the concepts of being positive or negative do not apply to complex numbers, we must modify our definition of primality. We say  $p$  in  $S$  is prime in case we cannot write  $P$  as a product  $AB$  where  $A$  and  $B$  are in  $S$  and neither  $A$  nor  $B$  is 1 or -1.

It is perhaps not clear that elements of  $S$  can be factored into primes, since the argument given in section 1 depended on the factors of a number being smaller than the number; while here the factors are complex numbers, to get around this, we consider the square of the modulus (distance from the origin) of an element  $A = a + b\sqrt{-6}$  or  $s$ ,

given by

$$A = |a + b\sqrt{-6}|^2 = |a + b\sqrt{6}i|^2 = a^2 + 6b^2$$

See figure it is not hard to check that

- (1)  $|A|^2 = 0$  if and only  $A = 0$
- (2)  $|A|^2 = 1$  if and only  $A = 1$  or  $A = -1$
- (3)  $|AB|^2 = |A|^2|B|^2$

(These and some other details concerning  $S$  will be left for the exercise at the end of this section).

Then  $|A|^2$  is a nonnegative integer for  $A$  in  $S$ , and if  $c \neq 0, \pm 1$  is not prime in  $S$ , then  $C = AB$ , where

$$1 < |A|^2 < |C|^2 \text{ and } 1 < |B|^2 < |C|^2$$

FROM THIS ONE can show using induction  $\Pi$  on  $|C|^2$  that any element  $|C|$  of  $S$  other than  $0, 1$  and  $-1$  has a prime factorization.

We will show that  $2$  is prime in  $S$ , suppose  $2 = AB$ , where neither  $A$  or  $B$  is  $1$  or  $-1$  then .

$$1 = |A|^2|B|^2 = |AB|^2 = |2|^2 = 4$$

By property (3) since  $|A|^2$  and  $|B|^2$  are both ordinary integer  $> 1$ , we must have  $|A|^2 = 2$  let  $A = a + b\sqrt{-6}$  then  $a^2 + 6b^2 = 2$  this is impossible whether  $b = 0$  or  $b$  is not  $0$  a similar proof (depending on the fact that  $a^2 + 6b^2 = 5$  is impossible) shows that  $5$  is prime in  $S$ , Another prime in  $S$  is  $2 + \sqrt{-6}$  for suppose  $2 + \sqrt{-6} = AB$  with  $1 < |A|^2$  and  $1 < |B|^2$  then

$$|A|^2|B|^2 = |AB|^2 = |2 + \sqrt{-6}|^2 = 2^2 + 6 \cdot 1^2 = 10$$

By the assumption on  $|A|^2$  and  $|B|^2$  we must have  $|A|^2 = 2$  or  $|A|^2 = 5$  But both of these are impossible by previous Calculations, A similar proof shows that  $2 - \sqrt{-6}$  is prime in  $S$ , now observe that

$$(2 + \sqrt{-6})(2 - \sqrt{-6}) = 2^2 - (\sqrt{-6})^2 = 4 - (-6) = 10$$

Thus we have the two distant factorization

$$2 \cdot 5 = (2 + \sqrt{-6})(2 - \sqrt{-6})$$

Of  $10$  in to primes in  $S$ .



### Dividing Exactly:

Now we return to the ordinary integers. Since the factorization of an integer in to primes is unique except for order, the number of times a particular prime appears is determine, justifying the following definition.

### Definition (1.11) (divides exactly):

Suppose  $P$  is a prime and  $k > 0$  we say  $p^k$  divides  $a$  exactly, and write  $p^k || a$ , in case  $p^k | a$  but  $p^{k+1} \nmid a$ .

### Example (1.12):

$3 || 6, 2^5 || 96, 9 || 27$  is false,  $4 || 24$  is false,  $4 || 62$  is false.

### Prime Power Factorization:

The existence and uniqueness of the prime decomposition of an integer are very important for understanding the integers and proving things about them. Thinking about an integer in terms of its prime factorization provides an entry to many number theoretic problems when a proof using prime factorizations works, it is usually straight forward, if not necessarily elegant the next theorem shows how the concepts of divisibility and of the gcd and lcm depend on prime factorizations.

### Theorem (1.13):

Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, let the distinct primes dividing  $a$  or  $b$  (or both) be  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n$ , suppose.

$$a = p_1^{j_1} p_2^{j_2} \dots p_n^{j_n} \text{ and } b = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_n^{k_n}$$

where some of the exponents may be 0, let  $m_i$  be the smaller and  $M_i$  the larger of  $j_i$  and  $k_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  then

(1)  $a | b$  if and only if  $j_i \leq k_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .

(2)  $(a, b) = p_1^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} \dots p_n^{m_n}$ .

(3)  $[a, b] = p_1^{M_1} p_2^{M_2} \dots p_n^{M_n}$ .

### Proof: (partial)

(1) Suppose  $a | b$  then  $b = ac$  for some integer  $c$ . consider the prime factorizations of  $a, b$  and  $c$ . According to the equation  $b = ac$  every prime appearing in the

factorization of  $a$  must also appear in that of  $b$ , and at least as many times, (here we have used the fact that the factorization is unique up to order). Thus  $j_i \leq k_i$  for all  $i$ . Since part (1) contains an "if and only if" statement, this is only half of it its proof we leave the half for the exercises at the end of this section.

(2) Since  $m_i \leq$  both  $j_i$  and  $k_i$  for all  $i$  part (1) shows the expression on the right side of (2) to be a common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ .

Now suppose  $d$  is any common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ , then by part (1) again

$$d = p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \dots p_n^{r_n}, \text{ where } r_i \leq j_i \text{ and } r_i \leq k_i$$

For all  $i$ . Then  $r_i \leq m_i$  for all  $i$  and so  $d$  is less than or equal to the right side of (2). Thus the right side of (2) is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  exceeding any other common divisor. By definition it is  $(a, b)$ .

(3) This proof is left for the problems.

**Example (1.14):**

(of the use of theorem (1,12) suppose  $a = 75 = 3^1 5^1, b = 900 = 2^2 3^2 5^2$  and  $c = 400 = 2^3 5^1 11^1$  then :

(1)  $a|b$  since  $a = 2^0 3^1 5^2$ . And  $0 \leq 2, 1 \leq 2$  and  $2 \leq 2$  ;

(2)  $(b, c) = 2^2 3^0 5^1 11^0 = 20$ ;

(3)  $[b, c] = 2^3 3^2 5^2 11^1 = 19,800$

**Factoring large numbers:**

Using part (2) of the last theorem appears to be easier than using the Education algorithm. This method depends on knowing the prime factorization of the numbers involved, however. If  $n$  has mostly small prime factorization of many be found by dividing through by each factor as it is found. If  $n$  has only large prime divisors, however. Finding they may be difficult. In such a case the Education algorithm and the equation  $[a, b] = |ab|/(a, b)$  will still provide the easiest way to find the gcd and ICM of two numbers very often the digits of a number tell us something about its divisor for example, we know the number 7,586,634 is even without bothering to divide it by 2- because its last digit is

even this idea is so familiar that we have probably never thought about why it is true writing out a formal proof may be instructive.

**Proposition (1.15):**

A positive integers written to base 10 is even if and only if its last digit is even.

**Proof:**

Suppose  $n$  has the digits  $a_k a_{k-1}, \dots, a_0$  starting from the left

$$\text{So } n = a_k 10^k + \dots + a_1 10^1 + a_0$$

We want to show that  $n$  and  $a_0$  are either both even or both odd another way to say this is that .

$$n \equiv a_0 \pmod{2}$$

But this is implied by the fact that  $10 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  and what we know about manipulating congruence's.

**Prosperities of digits:**

The key to the proof just given is the fact that  $10 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ , and we write numbers in terms of powers of 10 (no doubt because humans have 10 fingers).

If a different base were used the theorem might not be true, similar theorems can be proved for other divisors  $d$ , provided, that 10 is sufficiently simple modulo. for example. The same proof shows that a number is divisible by 5 if and only if its last digit is actually, the proof says even more, namely, that a positive integers is congruent modulo 5 to its last digit. Thus we can say not only that 38,707 is not divisible by 5, but also that its east residue module 5 is 2 since this is true for 7.

A similar proof shows that a positive integer is congruent to the sum of its digits modulo both 3 and 9 in particular  $n$  is divisible 3(or a) if and only if the sum of its digits is. We will do the proof only for 3.

**Proposition (1.16):**

Any positive integer is congruent to the sum of its digits module 3.

**Proof:**

Let  $n = a_0 + \dots + a_k 10^k$  note that  $10 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ . Then

$$n \equiv a_k(1)^k + \dots + a_1(1) + a_0 \pmod{3}.$$

A similar theorem holds for the modulus 11 we omit the proof.

**Proposition (1.17):**

In  $n = a_k 10^k + \dots + a_0$  then.

$$n \equiv a_0 - a_1 + a_2 \dots \pmod{11}$$

the following summarizes our results on digits .

**Theorem (1.18): (The digit theorem):**

Let  $n > 0$  have the decimal representation  $a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_0$  then:

- (1)  $n \equiv a_0 \pmod{2}.$
- (2)  $n \equiv a_0 \pmod{5}.$
- (3)  $n \equiv a_k + \dots + a_0 \pmod{3}.$
- (4)  $n \equiv a_k + \dots + a_0 \pmod{9}.$
- (5)  $n \equiv a_0 - a_1 + \dots + \dots a_0 \pmod{11}.$

**Example (1.19):**

We will factor  $n = 37,719$  since  $3 + 7 + 7 + 1 + 9 = 27$ , we see  $9|n$  in. Division produces  $n = 9,4191$ . Now we concentrate on 4191. Since  $4 + 1 + 9 + 1 = 15$ , 4191 is divisible by 3 but not 9 a we have  $4191 = 3 \cdot 1397$ .

Ordinary division shows  $7 \nmid 1397$ . The next prime is 11 since 11 doesn't divide  $7 - 9 + 3 - 1$ , we go on to 13.

Now  $13^2 = 169$ , so  $127/13 < 13$ . Thus if 127 had a proper factor  $\geq 13$ , then it would also have a factor  $< 13$ . Since the latter possibility has been eliminated, we conclude that 127 is a prime .thus  $37,719 = 3^2 \cdot 11 \cdot 127$ .

**Theorem (1.20):**

If the integer  $n > 1$  has no prime divisor  $\leq \sqrt{n}$ , then n is prime .

**Proof:**

This proof is illustrated by the argument about 13 at the end of the last example , Suppose  $n$  is composite . then  $n = d_1 d_2$  where both  $d_1$  and  $d_2$  exceed if both

$d_1$  and  $d_2$  exceed  $\sqrt{n}$  then  $n = d_1 d_2 > (\sqrt{2})^2 = n$ , Which is impossible suppose  $d_1 \leq \sqrt{n}$ , then  $d_1$  is either prime or else has a prime divisor  $\leq \sqrt{n}$ .

**The set of Primes in Infinite:**

Suppose we want to determine all the primes less than 100. We might proceed as follows. First we write out the integers from 2 to 100. We know 2 is prime; let us circle it and cross out the remaining even numbers on our list. Now the lowest number that hasn't been crossed out is 3; we circle it and cross out every third number thereafter, since 3 is a proper divisor of each of these our list now starts as follows:

② ③ 5 7 11 13 17.....

At each stage in this procedure the smallest number that has not been circled or crossed out must be prime. since otherwise it would have a smaller prime divisor, and so have been eliminated already .

This process is called the sieve of Eratosthenes, after the Greek scientist who invented it, note that according to Theorem (1.19) in order to find all the primes up to  $n$  we need only sieve out multiples of primes  $\leq \sqrt{n}$  to find the primes up to 100, for example, we need only cross out multiples, of 2,3,5 and 7 the operation of the sieve of Eratosthenes, suggests that primes should be rarer among the larger integers. For example , it's application to the numbers between 100 and 150 consists in crossing out the multiples of the 5 primes 2,3,5,7 and not exceeding  $\sqrt{150} \approx 12.2$  Applying the sieve between 1000 and 1050 however, we eliminate not only the multiples of all these primes, but also the multiples of the additional 6 primes 13,17,19,23,29 and 31 between 12.2 and  $\sqrt{1050} \approx 32.4$  it turns out that there are 10 primes between 100 and 150 but only 8 between 1000 and 1050 between 10,000 and 10,050 , there are just 4 primes .

These considerations suggest the possibility that at some stage in the application of the sieve all longer numbers will have been crossed out so there would be no more primes. This would mean that there would exist only finitely many primes,

say  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  so that each integer greater than 1 could be written as a product of powers of these primes. The integers

$$p = p_1 p_2 \dots \dots \dots p_k$$

would then have the interesting property that  $(p, n) > 1$  when even  $n > 1$ , since all the distinct prime factors of  $n$  would appear in  $p$ . let us make a table of  $(p, n)$  for small values of  $n$ .

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$(p, n)$	1	2	3	2	5	6	7	2	3	10

Back in section we made a similar table for  $(6, n)$  it turned out to be periodic, with period 6. In fact we proved in theorem that if  $b \equiv b' \pmod{a}$ , then  $(a, b) = (a, b')$ . But this doesn't square with what we know about  $(p, n)$  says that if  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Then  $(p, n) = (p, 1)$ ; for example  $(p, p+1) = 1$  our definition of  $p$ , however, led us to the conclusion that  $(p, n) > 1$  for  $n > 1$ , The trouble must be in our assumption that the number of primes is finite, which has produced a contradiction thus we have proved the following theorem.

**Theorem (1.21):**

The number of prime is infinite.

Euclid's proof that the number of primes is infinite:

Theorem first appears in the works of Euclid, so we will give his proof, which has the advantage of depending on little beyond the definition of the primes. As before we assume there are only the primes  $p_1 p_2 \dots \dots \dots p_k$  and more consider the number  $Q = p_1 p_2 \dots \dots \dots p_k + 1$

Now  $Q$  is either prime or else has a prime factor, If  $Q$  is prime we have a contradiction, since  $p_1 p_2 \dots \dots \dots p_k$  are supposed to be all the primes, But any prime factor of  $Q$  must be different from all of  $p_1 p_2 \dots \dots \dots p_k$ , since It is easy to see that none of the  $p$ s can divide  $Q$ . This again contradicts the assumption that  $p_1 p_2 \dots \dots \dots p_k$  comprise all the primes.

Now we give a more sophisticated proof of Theorem by the Swiss mathematician Leonhard Euler some exposure to infinite series is desirable (but not absolutely necessary) for it's understanding Again we assume

$p_1 p_2 \dots \dots \dots, p_k$  are all the primes, Then if  $n$  is any positive integer we may choose  $r$  big enough so that all the terms  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \dots \dots \dots \frac{1}{n}$  appear when we multiply out the product .

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_1^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_1^r}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{p_2} + \frac{1}{p_2^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_2^r}\right) \dots \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{p_k} + \frac{1}{p_k^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p_k^r}\right)$$

In fact increasing  $r$  merely adds in more terms for example we get  $\frac{1}{12}$  by choosing  $\frac{1}{2}$  from the first factor.  $\frac{1}{3}$  from the second, and 1 from all the others (assuming that  $p_1 = 2$  and  $p_2 = 3$ ) .

Now by the formula for the sum of a geometric progression

$$1 + \frac{1}{p_1} + \frac{1}{p_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{p^r} = \frac{1 - (p^{-1})^{r+1}}{1 - p^{-1}} < \frac{1}{1 - p^{-1}} = \frac{p}{p - 1}$$

We see that for any  $n$  the sum

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$$

Cannot exceed

$$\frac{p_1}{p_1 - 1} \cdot \frac{p_2}{p_2 - 1} \dots \frac{p_k}{p_k - 1}$$

But this contradicts the divergence of the harmonic  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} \dots \dots \dots$

(to get the contradiction without knowing about the harmonic series, see problem 20 at the end of this section)

The distribution of prime has been studied extensively and is a central topic in what is known as analytic number theory unfortunately what can be proved mostly involves techniques too advanced to be presented here. The prime number theorem which was proved independently in 1896 by Hadamard and de la Vallée - Pousin, states that .

$$\frac{\pi(x)}{x / \log_e x} \rightarrow 1 \text{ as } x \rightarrow \infty$$

Where  $\pi(x)$  is the number of primes  $\leq x$ .

There is a scarcity of result implying the existence of infinitely many primes of special forms for examples primes  $p$  and  $q$  are called twin primes if they differ by

2 Example are 3 and 5, 5 and 7, 11 and 13 and 41 and 43 and 1,000,000,009,649 and 1,000,000,009,651. When a list of large primes is compiled, twin primes appear to continue to pop up no matter how far out one goes, but the twin prime conjecture, which states that there are infinitely many of them, has never been proved.

The one positive result of this type is Dirichlet's theorem, which says that if  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime, then the infinite arithmetic progression  $a, a + b, a + 2b, \dots$  contains infinitely many primes.

Before the development of electronic computers mechanical devices were constructed to perform tedious number – theoretic computations. figure 2.2 shows a photograph of machine made by Dr.H. Limber of the university of California such devices played an important part in primality testing and factorization before the birth of modern computers.

We now return to the evaluation of  $\tau(n)$ , which was sidetracked when we get into much more interesting problem of prime factorization. What we know now makes the problem easy suppose.

$$n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots \dots \dots p_t^{k_t},$$

Where the  $p$ s are distinct primes. If  $d$  is a positive divisor of  $n$ , then by the first part of Theorem (1.4)

$$d = p_1^{j_1} p_2^{j_2} \dots \dots \dots p_t^{j_t}$$

Where  $0 \leq j_i \leq k_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, t$ .

(we allow the  $j_s$  to equal 0 to take care of primes not dividing  $d$  at all).

**Example (1.22):**

If  $n = 63 = 3^2 7$ , then the positive divisors of  $n$  are

$$\begin{aligned} &3^0 7^0 3^1 7^0 3^2 7^0 \\ &3^0 7^1 3^1 7^1 3^2 7^1 \end{aligned}$$

Returning to the general case, we note that the unique factorization theorem also tells us that each different choice for  $j_1$  through  $j_t$  gives us a different  $d$ , since



there are  $k_1 + 1$  possibilities for  $j_1$  namely  $(0, 1, \dots, k_1)$ ,  $k_2 + 1$  possibilities for  $j_2$ , etc. we have the following theorem.

**Theorem (1.23):**

If  $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_t^{k_t}$ , where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_t$  are distinct primes .

Then:

$$\tau(n) = (k_1 + 1) (k_2 + 1) \dots (k_t + 1)$$

**Example (1.24):**

Since

$$63 = 3^2 7, \text{ we have } \tau(63) = (2 + 1)(1 + 1) = 6$$

Likewise

$$\tau(120) = \tau(2^3 3^1 5^1) = (3 + 1) (1 + 1) (1 + 1) = 16$$

Writing divisor in a multiplication table:

When before the theorem, we wrote out the positive divisors of 63, we found it convenient to organize them into a rectangular array. This array may have reminded the reader of a multiplication table, indeed, that is exactly what it was.

Let us look at it again.

	1	3	9
1	1	3	9
7	7	21	63

We have written the positive divisor of 9 along the top and those of 7 along the left side. Each entry in the table is the product of a divisor of a and one of 7 thus in this case

$$\tau(63) = \tau(9)\tau(3) = 3 \cdot 2 = 6$$

This suggests that we might prove in general that  $\tau(ab) = \tau(a)\tau(b)$  by showing that the divisors of  $ab$  are just all products of a divisor of  $a$  with one of  $b$ .

Let us suppose  $a$  and  $b$  have the positive divisors  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_s$  and  $e_1, \dots, e_t$ , respectively. Thus  $\tau(a) = s$  and  $\tau(b) = t$

We consider the array

$$\begin{array}{l}
d_1e_1 \ d_2e_1, \dots, d_se_1 \\
d_1e_2 \ d_2e_2, \dots, d_se_2 \\
d_1e_t \ d_2e_t, \dots, d_se_t
\end{array}$$

This array has  $st$  entries, so in order to show  $\tau(ab) = st$  we must demonstrate three things:

- (i) Every entry is divisor of  $ab$ .
- (ii) Every positive divisor of  $ab$  appears in the array.
- (iii) No two entries are equal.

Since (i) is easy to see we proceed (ii). Suppose  $c$  is a positive divisor of  $ab$ . then there exists an integer  $K$  such that  $c = ck$ . Consider the prime factorizations of both sides of this equation. By the fundamental theorem of arithmetic  $c$  can match up the primes in both sides in one-to one fashion in particular, some of the primes in the factorization of  $c$  match up with primes in the factorization of  $a$ , and the rest with primes in  $b$ . We see that  $c$  is a product of a divisor of  $a$  with one of  $b$ .

We now turn to condition (iii). Suppose that two entries of the array are equal say  $d_i e_j = d_k e_l$ . If we know that the prime factors of  $d_i$  could only occur in  $d_k$ , and vice versa we could conclude that  $d_i = d_k$  and  $e_j = e_l$  would follow unfortunately. This need not be true. For example. The primes dividing both  $a$  and  $b$ . Then  $p$  and  $1.p$  will appear at different places in the array.

Evidently we need an additional hypothesis in order to prove (iii) namely, that no prime divides both  $a$  and  $b$ . If this is the case, we easily see that  $d_i e_j = d_k e_l$  implies that  $d_i = d_k$  and  $e_j = e_l$ , since, for example, the primes dividing  $d_i$  cannot appear in  $e_l$  a divisor of  $b$ , and so must all turn up in  $d_k$  since saying no prime divides both  $a$  and  $b$  is equivalent to saying  $(a, b) = 1$  we have proved the following theorem.

**Theorem (1.25):**

If  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime positive integer, then:  $\tau(ab) = \tau(a) \tau(b)$ .

The analysis above involves a more specific discovery that will be used again.

**Theorem (1.26):**

If  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime possessive integers, then the set of positive divisor of  $ab$  consists exactly of all products  $de$ , where  $d$  is a positive divisor of  $a$  and  $e$  is a positive divisor of  $b$ , furthermore, these products are all distinct.

**Definition (1.27):**

Numerical function  $f(n)$  is said to be multiplicative if

$$f(ab) = f(a)f(b) \text{ whenever } (a, b) = 1$$

## CHAPTER TWO

### NUMERICAL FUNCTIONS

Functions like  $\tau(n)$  the number of positive divisors of  $n$ , defined on the positive integers, are variously called numerical arithmetic, or number-theoretic functions. They are treated in this chapter.

**The sum of the Divisor:**

**Definition  $\sigma(n)$  (2.1):**

Let  $n$  be a positive integer, we define  $\sigma(n)$  to be the sum of the positive divisors of  $n$ .

**Example (2.2):**

Let  $n = 7$  we have  $\sigma(n) = 1 + 7 = 8$ ; for  $n=9$  we have  $\sigma(n) = 1 + 3 + 9 = 13$ , and for  $n = 63$  we have  $\sigma(n) = 1 + 3 + 9 + 7 + 21 + 63 = 104$

The astute reader may have noticed the  $\sigma(63) = 104 = \sigma(7) \sigma(9)$ , and that in fact in adding up the positive divisors of 7 times those of 9 were seeing a repetition of the ideas leading to our proof the  $\tau(n)$  was multiplicative. Indeed, in last section we were to prove  $\sigma(n)$  multiplicative just as it was used to prove  $\tau(n)$  multiplicative. The reader may want to try to provide his or her own proof for the next theorem before reading the one given.

**Theorem (2.3):**

The function  $\sigma(n)$  is multiplicative.

**Proof:**

Suppose  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime positive integers let the positive divisors of  $a$  be  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_s$  and let these of  $b$  be  $e_1, e_2, \dots, e_t$  then :

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(a) \sigma(b) &= (d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_s) (e_1 + e_2 + \dots + e_t) \\ &= (d_1 e_1 + d_2 e_1 + \dots + d_s e_1) \\ &\quad + (d_1 e_2 + d_2 e_2 + \dots + d_s e_2) \\ &\quad + \dots \\ &\quad + (d_1 e_t + d_2 e_t + \dots + d_s e_t) \end{aligned}$$

$$+ (d_1 e_t + d_2 e_t \dots \dots \dots + d_s e_t)$$

But the numbers in this sum are exactly the positive divisor of  $ab$ . Thus  $\sigma(a)\sigma(b) = \sigma(ab)$ .

The summation notation:

There is a notation for sum that avoids the sprawl (and possible ambiguity) of the  $\dots$  used above. The Greek letter  $\Sigma$  (capital sigma) signals the sum of terms each of which depends on integers that varies between two limits, for example the sum.

$$= d_1 + d_2 + \dots + d_s$$

Of the interest in the last theorem would be expressed as

$$\sum_{l=1}^s d_l$$

in general, if  $f$  is some function of an integral variable and  $m \leq n$  by

$$\sum_{l=m}^n f(l)$$

We mean

$$f(m) + f(m + 1) + f(m + 2) + \dots + f(n)$$

The variable  $i$  is called the index of summation and is similar to the variable of integration in a definite integral in that it really does not matter what is used.

For example

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 i \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^5 j$$

both mean the same thing (in fact, 15) and any other letter could be used in place of  $i$  or  $j$  so long as it had no previous meaning.

In number theory, it is common to extend the summation notation to situations in which the index of summation does not run through a set of consecutive integers.

A description of the values the index is allowed to assume is simply written under the. For example,

$$\sum_{\substack{p \text{ prime} \\ p < 7}} p^2 = 4 + 9 + 25 = 38,$$

And

$$\sigma_{(n)} = \sum_{\substack{d|n \\ d > 0}} d.$$

To interpret the last summation. Correctly the reader must realize that  $d$  and not  $n$  the index of summations (in  $\sigma_{(n)}$ ), something an index of summation never does. When summing over the divisor of a number we generally wish to consider those that are positive (so in order to avoid always writing  $d > 0$  under the sigma we establish the following convention when assumption is over the divisor of a number these divisor are restricted to be positive.

There are various rules for manipulating summations that follow from the usual rules of algebra for example.

$$\sum_{l=1}^n k f(i) = k \sum_{l=1}^n f(i)$$

Because

$$kf(1) + kf(2) + \dots + kf(n) = k(f(1) + \dots + f(n))$$

According to the distributive law. Similar rules will be found in the exercise and can be proved by reverting to the notation.

One way to express the number of elements in a set is to sum 1 over that set for example.

$$\tau(n) = \sum_{d|n} 1$$

Knowing that a function is multiplicative is valuable because it reduces the problem of determining a formula to evaluation at a power of a prime. Suppose, for example,

$$n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_m^{k_m}$$

where the  $p_s$  are distinct prime, and suppose we know of is a multiplicative function.

Then:

$$\begin{aligned} f(n) &= f(p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_m^{k_m}) = f(p_1^{k_1}) f(p_2^{k_2} \dots p_m^{k_m}) \\ &= f(p_1^{k_1}) f(p_2^{k_2}) f(p_3^{k_3}) \dots f(p_m^{k_m}) \\ &= f(p_1^{k_1}) f(p_2^{k_2}) \dots f(p_m^{k_m}) \end{aligned}$$

Evaluating of a prime power is generally simpler then at an arbitrary integer for example.

$$\sigma(p^k) = 1 + p + p^2 + \dots + p^k$$

This is a geometric progression, and by the formula we developed in section it is sum is

$$\sigma(p^k) = \frac{p^{k+1} - 1}{p - 1}$$

We are now in a position to give a formula for the function  $\sigma(n)$  but the notation we have would again involve an excessive use of ellipsis (three dots).

We need a compact symbolism for products to the sigma notation for sums.

The symbol  $\prod$  (capital Greek letter  $\pi$ ) is used to denote a product. Thus

$$\prod_{l=1}^n f(l) = f(1)f(2) \dots f(n);$$

and, more generally, if  $s(i)$  is a statement about  $I$ , by

$$\prod_{s(i)} f(i)$$

mean the product of the numbers  $f(i)$  over all valued of  $I$  for which  $s(i)$  is true

**Example (2.4):**

$$\prod_{l=1}^3 l^2 = 1 \cdot 4 \cdot 9 = 36 \quad \text{and} \quad \prod_{\substack{p \text{ prim} \\ p < 5}} \frac{1}{p} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$$

And

$$\prod_{i=1}^n i = n!$$

The following theorem follows from the fact that  $\sigma$  is multiplicative and equation (2.1) above.

**Theorem (2.5):**

If  $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_m^{k_m}$  where the  $p_s$  are distinct primes then:

$$\sigma(n) = \prod_{i=1}^m \frac{p_i^{k_i+1} - 1}{p_i - 1}$$

**Example (2.6):**

In  $n = 63 = 7 \cdot 3^2$  then:

$$\sigma(n) = \frac{7^2 - 1}{7 - 1} \cdot \frac{3^3 - 1}{3 - 1} = \left(\frac{48}{6}\right) \left(\frac{26}{2}\right) = 8 \cdot 13 = 104$$

**Likewise:**

$$\begin{aligned} \sigma(1,000,000) &= \sigma(2^6 5^6) = \frac{2^7 - 1}{2 - 1} = \frac{5^7 - 1}{5 - 1} = \left(\frac{127}{1}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{78,124}{4}\right) \\ &= 2,480,4327 \end{aligned}$$

**Multiplicative functions:**

Manufacturing multiplicative functions;

In the last two sections, we proved first  $\tau(n)$  and then  $\sigma(n)$  to be in multiplicative, using almost the same proof.

In the last problem set, the functions  $s_2(n)$  and  $s_{-1}(n)$  were defined to be respectively the sum of the squares and reciprocals of the positive divisors of  $n$ , and these both turned out to be multiplicative also let us see how far this method of proof can be carried. Let us suppose that  $f$  is some arbitrary numerical function, and define the function  $F$  by

$$F(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$$

as before, let us assume that  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime, with positive divisors



$d_1 d_2 \dots d_s$  and  $e_1 e_2 \dots e_t$  respectively. Then

$$\begin{aligned} f(a)f(b) &= (f(d_1) + \dots + f(d_s))(f(e_1) + \dots + f(e_t)) \\ &= f(d_1)f(e_1) \dots + f(d_s)(f(e_1) \\ &\quad + f(d_1)f(e_2) \dots + f(d_s)(f(e_2) \\ &\quad + f(d_1)f(e_t) \dots + f(d_s)(f(e_t)) \end{aligned}$$

On the other hand by Theorem (1.25)  $f(ab)$  is

$$(f(d_1 e_1)) + \dots + f(d_s e_t)$$

We see that in order for these two expressions to be equal, it is enough that  $f(d)f(e) = f(de)$  whenever  $d/a$  and  $e/b$  since in such circumstances  $d$  and  $e$  will be relatively prime if  $a$  and  $b$  are, it suffices that the function  $f$  be multiplicative in order that  $F$  be.

**Theorem (2.7):**

Suppose  $f$  is a multiplicative function, and define  $F$  by

$$f(n) = \sum_{d/n} f(d)$$

Then  $F$  is multiplicative also:

**Example (2.8):**

Since the function defined by  $f(n) = n$  for all  $n$  is easily seen to be multiplicative, then so is

$$\sigma(n) = \sum_{d/n} f(d) = \sum_{d/n} d$$

In fact, if we define  $f(n)$  to be  $n^k$ , we easily see multiplicative thus so is:

$$s_k n = \sum_{d/n} f(d) = \sum_{d/n} d^k$$

Thus at one swoop we have shown  $\sigma(n)$  (taking  $k = 1$ ),  $\tau(n)$  (taking  $k = 0$ ), and the functions of the problems in the last section (with  $k = 2$  and  $-1$ ) to be multiplicative. We now have a general scheme for inventing and finding formulas for multiplicative functions of the form

$$f(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d).$$

We start some simple function  $F$  that we prove to be multiplicative. Then by the last theorem ( $F$  is also multiplicative function) it suffices to evaluate  $F$  at prime powers, just as in our derivation of the formula for in section 3.1. As example, we consider the function  $g(n)$  defined to be 0 if  $n$  is even and 1 if  $n$  is odd.

This is easily seen to be multiplicative since  $g(ab)$  and  $g(a)g(b)$  are both 1 if and only if  $a$  and  $b$  are both odd.

Now let

$$G(n) = \sum_{d|n} g(d).$$

Then  $G$  is multiplicative by the last theorem we evaluate  $G$  at prime powers. The prime 2 is a special case.

We have

$$G(2^k) = g(1) + g(2) + \dots + g(2^k) = 1 + 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 = 1$$

On the other hand, if  $P$  is odd prime, Then

$$G(p^k) = g(1) + g(p) + \dots + g(p^k) = 1 + 1 + \dots + 1 = k + 1.$$

We see that if  $n = 2^k p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_s^{k_s}$ , where the  $p_s$  are distinct odd primes, Then  $g(n) = (k_1 + 1) = (k_2 + 1) \dots = (k_s + 1)$ .

This is similar to the formula for  $\tau(n)$ . In fact  $G(n)$  is the number of odd divisor of  $n$ .

The uniqueness of  $f$  since Theorem (2.3) is convenient for proving a function to be multiplicative we might wonder, given a function  $F$ , if could find a function  $f$  such that for all positive integers  $n$ .

$$F(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$$

This question will be settled in olives with sawing that if such a function  $f$  exists, Then it is unique and in the processes give another example often induction 11 proof.

**Theorem (2.9):**

Suppose  $f$  is a numerical function. Then there is at most one function  $f$  such that

$$F(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$$

For all positive integer  $n$ . We will show by induction.

If on  $n$  that  $f(n) = g(n), n = 1, 2, \dots$

i- Taking  $n = 1$  in (2.2) and (2.3) we see that  $F(1) = F(1)$ , and  $F(1) = g(1)$ ,

so  $f(n) = g(n)$  for  $n = 1$ .

ii- suppose for some integer  $k$  we have  $f(n) = g(n)$  for  $n = 1$  suppose for some  $n = 1, 2, \dots, n$  then

$$f(k+1) = \sum_{d|k+1} f(d) = \sum_{d|k+1} g(d)$$

by the induction hypothesis the two sums on the right have all their terms equal except possibly  $F(k+1)$  and  $g(k+1)$ , which must therefore also be equal.

Thus by the induction principle we see  $F(n) = g(n)$  for all positive integer  $n$ .

Why study number theory? Perhaps the reader is wondering what good a function like  $\sigma(n)$  is. Who cares that we have found a formula for the sum of all positive divisors of  $n$ ? This is an equation that each person must answer for himself or herself, since number theory, like mountain climbing, is an endeavor practiced mainly just for its own sake. Among the reasons some people might care about it are accomplishment. Solving a mathematical problem may give the same pleasant feeling a problem may give the same pleasant feeling of success finishing a difficult crossword puzzle or writing a set of tennis understanding. Knowing why a number is divisible by  $g$  if and only if the sum of its digits is  $I$  and thus the justification of the old check of "casting on  $g$ s" may bring satisfaction.

Skill. A person might take pride in being able to play the quitter or a terms *ski*, or just as well, cannot the divisors of a million in a few seconds or compute the greatest common divisor of two large numbers.

Beauty many find beauty in number theory, either in the structure of the integers themselves (as an astronomer might find beauty in the hours of the universe), or in an ingenious or elegant proof.

We do not leave the impression that there are no applications at all number theories. The RSA method of public key cryptography, which is treated in section involves many number theoretic concepts, and has gained a great deal of attention in recent years. Its security depends on the difficulty of factoring large numbers, a problem that has been studied for centuries. Long before its connection to anything useful. This is similar to many upsidings in science in which phenomena studied purely for their theoretical interest later turned out to have immense practical consequences (such as atomic energy).

The study of numbers for their own sake is by no means new. The Greeks, were interested in numbers like 6. This is sum of its positive divisors other than itself,  $6 = 1 + 2 + 3$ , if  $n$  any number with this property. Then  $n = \sigma(n) - n$  since by definition  $\sigma(n)$  adds in the divisor  $n$  itself.

**Definition: perfect number (2.10):**

We say  $n$  is a perfect number in case  $\sigma(n) = 2n$ .

A table for  $\sigma(n)$  :

To look for perfect numbers other than 6 we will make a table of the first 30 values of  $\sigma(n)$  as follows:

$n$	$\sigma(n)$	$n$	$\sigma(n)$	$n$	$\sigma(n)$
1	1	11	12	21	32
2	3	12	28	22	36
3	4	13	14	23	24
4	7	14	24	24	60
5	6	15	24	25	31
6	12	16	31	26	42
7	8	17	18	27	40
8	15	18	39	28	56
9	13	19	20	29	30
10	18	20	42	30	72

Construction of the table was simplified by using a few properties of  $\sigma(n)$ . The primes were easily filled in since  $\sigma(p) = p + 1$  prime powers follow the rule that  $\sigma(p^k) = \sigma(p^{k-1}) + p^k$ . Thus  $\sigma(4) = \sigma(2) + 4 = \sigma(4) + 8$ , etc. the

remaining values were then determined by the fact that  $\sigma(n)$  is multiplicative for example,  $\sigma(18) = \sigma(2) \sigma(9) = 39$ , But  $\sigma(3) \sigma(6) = 48$ . What's wrong?) interest in perfect numbers precedes Euclid, and many early writers made note of then saint Augustine said that God created the world in six days rather than all at once because "The perfection of the work is signified by the perfect number 6" others asserted that there are infinitely many perfect numbers; that indeed, there is exactly one between 1 and 10, another 10 and 100, another between 100 and 1000, etc, That all perfect numbers, are even and that the perfect numbers alternately end, in the digits, 6 and 8, none of these assertions has ever been proved, and some are known to be false, we will continue the study of perfect numbers in the next section.

A number is said to be abundant if the sum of the positive divisors of the number other than itself exceeds the number (so  $\sigma(n) > 2n$ , and deficient if this sum is less than the number (so  $\sigma(n) < 2n$ ).

**Example (2.11):**

Since  $\sigma(12) = 28 > 2 \cdot 12$ . The number 12 is abundant since  $\sigma(11) = 12 < 2 \cdot 11$ ,. The number. It is deficient, Clearly each positive integer is either perfect, abundant, or deficient.

We say a pair of numbers  $a$  and  $b$  is amicable if the sum of the positive divisors of  $a$  less than  $a$  equals  $b$ , and the sum of the positive divisors of  $b$  less than  $b$  equals  $a$ . Another's way to say this is that  $\sigma(a) - a = b$  and  $\sigma(b) - b = a$ .

**Example (2.12) :**

The smallest pair of amicable numbers is 220 and 284 here  $220 = 2^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 11$  and  $\sigma(220) - 220 = \sigma(2^2) \sigma(5) \sigma(11) - 220 = 7 \cdot 6 \cdot 12 - 220 = 284$

$$\text{Likewise } 284 = 2^2 \cdot 71$$

and

$$\sigma(284) - 284 = \sigma(2^2) \sigma(71) - 284 = 7 \cdot 72 - 284 = 220$$

Amicable primes have long been considered important in numerology (which has the same relation to number theory as astrology to astronomy). The following is

from the writings of the Arab scholar IbnKaldun (1332 – 1406) : Let us mention that the practice of the art of talisman has also made us recognize thatmarvelous virtues of amicable (or sympathetic) numbers. These numbers are 220 and 248. One calls them amicable because the aliquot parts of one when added give assume equal to the other persons who occupy themselves with talismans assure that these numbers have a particular influence in establishing union and friendship between two individuals. One prepares a horoscope theme for each individual, the first under the sign of venues while it presents in regard to the moon an aspect of love and benevolence. In the second theme the ascendant should be in the seventh sign. On each one of these themes one inscribes one of the numbers just indicated but giving the strongest number to the person whose friendship one wishes to gain the beloved person, I don't know if by the strangest number one wishes greatest number of aliquot parts. There results a bond so between the two people they cannot be separated. The author of the chain and other great masters in this art declare that they have seen this confirmed by experience.

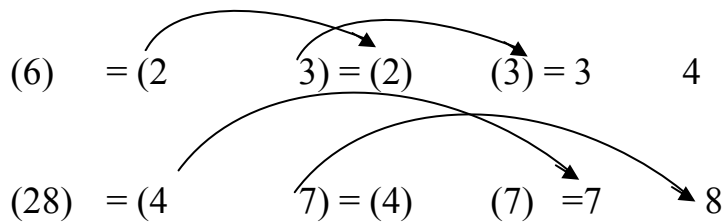
The pair 220,284 was the only one known to the ancients, and it was not until 1636 that another pair was found by Fermat, now about 400 pairs of amicable numbers are known,In 1866 a sixteen-year-old Italian boy, Nicola Paging. Found the pair 1184, 1210, which had been over looked by mathematicians up to that time. Incredibly, only 220, 284 are smaller. At a meeting of the American mathematical society in San Francisco in 1983 Hilton Chen and Dale woods of NorthjeastMissouristate University announced two previously unpolished pairs of amicable numbers, The larger of which was

$$A = 21, 741, 269, 040, 875, 083, 566, 772, 572567, 93.5, 979, 368, 836, 363, 843$$

$$B = 22, 261, 723, 990, 815, 556, 829, 012, 769686, 652, 975, 057, 619, 942, 956, 477$$

### **Perfect Numbers:**

Looking for a pattern; So for we have found only two perfect numbers, 6 and 28 let us computer  $\sigma((n))$  for each of these to try to see why it equals  $2n$ .



Each of the perfect numbers we know consists of a power of 2 times a prime as the arrows indicate, when we apply  $\sigma$  to each, the power of 2 turns on to the prime and the prime turns in to twice the power of 2. What must the relation between the prime and the power of two before this work?

Suppose  $n = 2^r p$ , where  $p$  is prime to get the same pattern we need.

$$\sigma(2^r) = \frac{2^{r+1} - 1}{2 - 1} = p$$

And

$$\sigma(p) = p + 1 = 2 \cdot 2^r = 2^{r+1}$$

Notice that both these equations amount to the same thing, namely,  $p = 2^{r+1} - 1$  it looks as if whenever we can find a prime that is one less than a power of 2 say  $p = 2^k - 1$ , Then  $2^{k-1}p$  will be a perfect number, (here  $k$  is the  $r + 1$  of the displayed equations This is true , but we well write out a formalproof just to make sure .

**Theorem (2.13):**

If  $k$  is any integer such that  $2^k - 1$  is prime then  $2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)$  is perfect

**Proof:**

Since  $2^k - 1$  is an odd prime, it is relatively prime to  $2^{k-1}$  thus by the multiplicatively of  $\sigma$ , we have

$$\sigma\left(2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)\right) = \sigma(2^{k-1})\sigma(2^k - 1).$$

Now by Theorem (2.4)

$$\sigma(2^{k-1}) = \frac{2^k - 1}{2 - 1} = 2^k - 1$$

While since  $2^k - 1$  is prime  $\sigma(2^k - 1) = 2^{k-1} + 1 + 1 = 2^k$

We see that if  $n = 2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)$ , then:

$$\sigma(n) = (2^k - 1) = 2^k = 2n$$

We now have a scheme for finding perfect numbers, being to construct one whenever we find a prime that is one less than a power of 2.

$k$	$2^{k-1}$	Prime	Perfect number
1	1	no	
2	3	yes	$2 \cdot 3 = 6$
3	7	yes	$2^2 \cdot 7 = 28$
4	15	no	
5	31	yes	$2^4 \cdot 31 = 496$
6	63	no	

The reader should check that 496 really is perfect, clearly the determination of when  $2^k - 1$  is a prime is an important question in the study of perfect numbers. We defer this until the next section however, and turn instead to the equation of whether or not we are on the track of all perfect numbers.

That each prime of the form  $2^k - 1$  gives a perfect number appears in this Elements. This left the question “Are there any perfect numbers not of Euclid’s form?” It took about 2000 years until progress was made on this question and even then a complete answer was not given.

**Theorem (2.14): (Euler):**

Every even perfect number is of form  $2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)$ .

When  $2^k - 1$  is a prime?

**Proof:**

Suppose  $n$  is an even perfect number, Then we can write  $n = 2^r q, r > 0$ , where  $q$  is some odd integer. Using the multiplicativity of

$$\sigma(n) = \sigma(2^r)\sigma(q) = (2^{r+1} - 1)\sigma(q).$$

Note that we know nothing about  $q$  other than it is odd so we cannot evaluate  $\sigma(q)$ . From the fact that  $n$  is perfect.

However we have

$$\sigma(n) = 2 \cdot 2^r \cdot q = 2^{r+1}q$$

Combining. This with the previous equation and dividing through by  $2^{r+1}\sigma(q)$  gives.



$$\frac{2^{r+1} - 1}{2^{r+1}} = \frac{q}{\sigma(q)}$$

This equation provides the key to the proof of this theorem notice that the fraction on the left is close to 1, since the numerator is only one less than the denominator, on the other hand, we would expect the fraction on the right to be smaller, since its denominator  $\sigma(q)$  is assumed including  $q, 1$  and whatever other divisors  $q$  has no more divisors.

Of course, just because two fractions are equal does not mean that the same goes for their numerators and denominators the fractions might not be in lowest terms, since the numerator is odd, but it's not clear that the fraction on the right is, let us suppose  $(q, \sigma(q)) = d$

They

$$q = d(2^{r+1} - 1) = d \cdot 2^{r+1} - d$$

And

$$\sigma(q) = d \cdot 2^{r+1} = q + d.$$

Now  $2^{r+1} - 1 > 1$ , so  $d$  is a divisor of  $q$  other than  $q$  it self contradicts the last equation. We conclude that  $d = 1$ .

Setting  $s = 1$  in the last equation gives  $\sigma(q) = q + 1$ . This clearly implies that  $q$  is prime the previous equation then says that  $q = 2^{r+1} - 1$  setting  $k = r + 1$  setting  $k = r + 1$  now yield that statement theorem.

Euler's theorem only covers perfect numbers, are there any odd ones, nobody knows, No one has ever found an odd perfect number, but neither has anyone ever shown that exist, and there might even be infinitely many of them in 1991 R-B Brenti, C.L. Cohen, and H.J.J. to Ride published a paper showing that there is no odd perfect number less than  $10^{300}$ .

### **Mersenne and Fermat numbers:**

In  $k$  is a positive integer we call the number  $2^k - 1$  a Mersenne number and denote it by  $M_k$ .

Which Mersenne numbers are prime?

Of course, we are interested in these questions because we have found that there is a one-to-one correspondence between Mersenne primes and even perfect numbers. Let us carry the table of the last section further.

$k$	$M_k = 2^k - 1$	Prime?
1	1	No
2*	3	Yes
3*	7	Yes
4	15=3.5	No
5*	31	Yes
6	63=9.7	No
7*	127	Yes
8	255=8.5.7	No
9	511=7.73	No
10	1023=3.11.31	No

The values of  $k$  making  $M_k$  prime have been starred in the table.

They are  $k = 2, 3, 5$  and  $7$  – exactly the primes, the natural conjecture would be that  $M_k$  is prime exactly when  $k$  is prime. This is soon punctured, however, since  $M_{11} = 2047 = 23.89$

In spite of this Christian Wolf (1679 – 1754) stated in print that 2,047 was prime. He even claimed that  $M_9 = 511$  was prime!

Half of the conjecture is true. For  $M_k$  to be prime,  $k$  must be prime. In fact, examination of our table seems to indicate that if  $d|k$ , then  $M_d|M_k$ . For example,  $2|4$ , and  $M_2 = 3|15 = M_4$  likewise.  $2|6$  and  $3|6$ , and  $M_2 = 3$  and  $M_3 = 7$  both divide  $63 = M_6$  although there are many ways of proving that this works in general (see the problems at the end of the last section). By far the easiest is by means of congruence's.

**Theorem(2.15):**

Suppose  $d$  and  $k$  are positive integers such that  $d|k$  then  $2^d - 1|2^k - 1$  thus if  $M_k$  is prime  $k$  must be prime.

Figure 2.1 A tune by Mersenne appears in Redpighhi's Ancient Aires and Baances:

**Proof:**

we wish to show  $2^k - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2^d - 1}$ , or

$2^k \equiv 1 \pmod{2^d - 1}$ , let  $k = de$ . Then since  $2^d \equiv 1 \pmod{2^d - 1}$  we have  $2^k - 1 = 2^{de} - 1 = (2^d)^e - 1 \equiv 1^e - 1 = 0 \pmod{2^d - 1}$

Where the congruence's follows from theorem.

1. Mersenne numbers the Mersenne numbers are of the form numbers. The mersenne numbers are of the form  $2^n - 1$  as a result of the computation described below in it can now be stated that the first seventeen primes of this form correspond to the following values of

$$n = 2, 3, 5, 7, 13, 17, 19, 31, 61, 89, 107, 127, 521, 607, 1279, 2208, 2281.$$

The first seventeen even perfect numbers are therefore obtained by substituting these values of  $n$  in the expression  $2^{n-1}(2^n - 1)$ .

The first twelve of the mersenne primes have been known since 1914;

The twelfth,  $2^{127} - 1$ , was indeed found by Lucas as early as 1876. And for the next seventy-five years was the largest known prime.

Figure 2.2 Raphael Robinson tells about five new mersenne primes in the proceedings of the American Mathematical society 1954. He had never programmed a computer before of 2 that they get big quite fast,  $M_{31}$  is already more than two billion, The introduction of electronic computers has made it possible to check much larger numbers than before, As late as 1948 the largest  $k$  for which  $M_k$  was known to be prime was 127, which has been found by the French mathematician Lucas in 1876. It gave the prime.

$$M_{127} = 170, 141, 183, 460, 469, 231, 687, 303, 715, 884, 105, 727.$$

Then computers turned up the temperatures. On January 30, 1952. During their infancy, Raphael M. Robinson applied a theoretical test originally devised by Lucas using. The SWAC (The national Bureau of standards, Western Automatic computer) computer in Los Anglos and found two new mersenne primes during the first day. He found three more that year, on June 2,5, October 7, and October 9. (See figure 2.2) This brought to 17 the numbers of known mersenne primes, The SWAC computer took about eliminate to Jefer mine that the smallest of the new primes,  $2^{521} - 1$  was indeed prime, and about an hour for the largest,  $2^{2281} - 1$ .

The total memory of the computer for both program and data was 256 words of 37 binary digits each and this restricted checking  $2^h - 1$  for primeness' to  $n < 2304$ .

In modern terms, the SWAC had about or memory much less than today's programmable calculators. These finds were surprising as computer got bigger and faster, The postage meter stamp shown in figure 3.3 was used by the university of Illinois to honor the discovery of the prime  $M_{11213}$  there in 1963. In 1978 two 18-year-olds from Hayward California – Laura Nickel and Curt Noll found  $M_{21701}$ . The story in figure 3.4 appeared in the Times of London.

Figure 3.3 university of Illinois used postage meter in 1983.

Hayward California, Nov. 16. 16-year-old American students have discovered with the help of a computer at California state university the biggest known prime number, two to the 21,701 power.

Laura Nickel and Curt Noll received cognitions from Dr. Bryant Tuckerman, an American who discovered the previous record holder among prime numbers : two to the 19,937<sup>th</sup> power- Agence France – pressed – Figure 3.4 two 18-year-olds found  $M_{21701}$ .

Now finding newmersne primes has become a group activity. In 1996 George Wolman, an Orlando, Florida programmer, started his great internetmersne prime search (GTmps) by writing and distributing software that has enabled thousands of people to participate using their personal computers. The longest prime now known is  $2^{6972593} - 1$ , a number of 2,098, 960 digits. It was discovered June 30, 1999, by GTmps participant Nayem Hajratwala, of Plymouth, Michigan. Hajratwala, who works for price waterloos scoopers, used his 350 MHz Pentium II IBM Active computer part-time for 113 days to identify the prime.

In spite of the manymersne primes that have been found no one has ever proved that there are infinitely many of them .

Summary of what is known and not known about perfect numbers.

1. If  $2^k - 1$  is prime, then  $2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)$  is a perfect number .

2. If  $n$  is an even perfect number, then it is of the form given in (z).
3. It is not known whether there are infinitely many even perfect number.
4. It is not known whether there are any odd perfect numbers at all.
5. If  $2^k - 1$  is prime, then  $k$  is prime, but the converse is not true.

**Fermat numbers:**

Since the numbers  $2^k - 1$  proved interesting we turn to the numbers  $2^k + 1$ .

$k$	$2^k + 1$	Prime?
1*	3	yes
2*	5	Yes
3	$9 = 3 \cdot 3$	no
4*	17	Yes
5	$33 = 3 \cdot 11$	no
6	$65 = 5 \cdot 13$	no
7	$129 = 3 \cdot 43$	no
8*	257	Yes
9	$513 = 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 19$	no
10	$1025 = 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 41$	no

The values of  $k$  giving primes have again been starred in the table. So far, they are exactly the powers of 2: 1,2,4 and 8 . looking at the composite numbers in the second column we see the same divisor recurring, namely, 3 and 5, and these are themselves of the form  $2^k + 1$ .

If  $k$  is odd 3 seems to divide  $2^k + 1$ , while if  $k$  is even (but not divisible by 4) 5 is divisor.

Our table suggests the conjecture that if  $k = ab_1$  where  $a$  is odd, then

$$2^b + 1 | 2^k + 1.$$

Although this may be proved direct division, congruence proof is much easier, and provides another demonstration of the usefulness of the congruence notation.

**Theorem (2.16):**

If  $k, a$  and  $b$  are positive integers such that  $k = ab$  where  $a$  is odd, then

$2^b + 1 | 2^k + 1$ . In particular, if  $2^k + 1$  is prime, then  $k$  is 0 or a power of 2 .

*proof* .we wish to show  $2^k + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2^b + 1}$ , or  $2^k \equiv -1$

$\pmod{2^b + 1}$ . Now  $2^b \equiv -1 \pmod{2^b + 1}$ ,

So

$$2^k = 2^{ab} = (2^b)^a \equiv (-1)^a \equiv 1 \pmod{2^b + 1}$$

where the first congruence follows from theorem 1,21 and the second from the fact that a is odd.

To prove the last sentence of the theorem we note that if  $k > 0$  is not a power of 2 then we can take  $a > 1$ . Thus  $1 < 2^b + 1 < 2^k + 1$ , and so  $2^k + 1$  has a positive division other than 1 and itself.

**Definition (2.17):**

Fermat numbers if  $r$  is nonnegative integer we  $2^{2^r} + 1$ .

A Fermat number, and denote it by  $F_r$ .

**Example (2.18):**

$$F_0 = 2^{2^0} + 1 = 3, F_1 = 2^{2^1} + 1 = 5, F_2 = 2^{2^2} + 1 = 17$$

And

$$F_3 = 2^{2^3} + 1 = 257$$

Fermat conjectured that they were. Since? Raised to a power of 2 involved, The Fermat numbers get large much faster than even the ,mersenne numbers and so it is much more difficult to tell whether they are prime or not. The number  $F_4 = 65,537$  is not too big, and can be shown to be a prime but  $F_5 = 2^{32} + 1$  is already greater than 4 billion. It took about 100 years after Fermat's conjecture for Euler to succeed in showing that  $F_5$  was composite. He used a theoretical method rather than merely checking the 10- digit number for factors. We will give a congruence proof that 641 divides  $F_5$  involving very little arithmetic. First notice that  $641 = 640 + 1 = 2^7 \cdot 5 + 1$  and  $641 = 625 + 16 = 5^4 + 2^4$  thus  $2^7 \cdot 5 \equiv -1 \pmod{641}$  and  $2^4 \equiv -5^4 \pmod{641}$  Then (all congruence being module 641 and using theorem and  $F_5 = 2^{32} + 1 = 2^{28} 2^4 + 1 \equiv (2^7)^4 (-5)^4 + 1 \equiv -(-1)^4 + 1 = 0$ .

We see Fermat's conjecture was incorrect. Worse than that, no other primes  $F_r$  have eis yet been found !many other values of rare known for which  $F_r$  is composite, but aside from these numerical results not much is known.

It is possible that  $F_r$  is also possible that other Fermat primes exist, even infinitely many.

Just as Mersenne primes apply to the study of perfect numbers, Fermat.

Primes arise in other parts of mathematics. They are connected with the construction of regular polygons in geometry. For example, the reason that an irregular pentagon can be constructed with straightedge and compass but an irregular heptagon cannot.

7- German mathematician Gauss proved that a regular polygon with  $n > 2$  sides is constructible if and only if  $n$  is a power of 2 times a product (possibly empty) of distinct Fermat primes.

## 2.5 The Euler Phi Function measuring primeness.

There has hardly been anything we have done up to now in which the prime number has not played an important role. Although being prime is an all-or-nothing proposition, we have the feeling that some numbers are more composite than others.

For example  $60 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$  seems further from primeness than  $62 = 2 \cdot 31$  one way we might quantify this feeling is with  $\tau(n)$ , the number of positive divisors of  $n$ . Only if  $n$  is prime can  $\tau(n)$  be 2, for a composite number it is bigger.

In a certain sense (the bigger  $\tau(n)$  is the further  $n$  is from being prime. For example  $\tau(62) = 4$ , while  $\tau(60) = 12$ .

Another way to measure the same thing depends on the fact that if  $p$  is prime, then  $(p, n) > 1$  if and only if  $p|n$ . This property characterizes the prime, for if  $p$  is composite, it has a divisor  $n$  such that  $p|n$ . Then  $(p, n) > 1$  but  $p$  doesn't divide  $n$ .

Other things being equal, we expect  $(a, n) = 1$  to be a more common occurrence when  $a$  is composite.

As an example let us write out the first few  $n$  such that  $(7, n) = 1$ . The easiest way is to start writing out all the integers, crossing out the multiples of 7.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21

Let us now do the something with 6 instead of 7. Since  $(6, n) > 1$  if and only id some prime divides both  $n$  and only if some prime divides both  $n$  and  $6 = 2 \cdot 3$ , it suffices to cross multiples of 2 and 3.

1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18

Then  $n$  such that  $(6, n) = 1$  appear to be much rare. The reader has probably noticed a pattern in the two arrays just presented. Wither all or none of the numbers in each column have been crossed out, This is no surprise if we recall that theorem says that if  $b \equiv b' \pmod{a}$ , then  $(a, b) = (a, b')$ . In particular  $((a, b) = 1$  if and only if  $((a, b') = 1$ .

In the first array we listed the numbers in 7 columns consisted of numbers congruent module 7. In the second array, The columns consisted of numbers congruent Module 6. By the argument in the previous paragraph, either all the numbers in a given column are relation prime to  $a$  ( $= 6$  or  $7$ ), or else none are.

Since we cannot count all the  $n$  such that  $(a, n) = 1$ , There being infinityely many of then let us merely count those in the “first row: after that the pattern repeats anyway.

**Definition (2.19):**

Euler  $\phi$  function suppose  $a$  is a positive integer. we define  $\phi(a)$  to be number of integers  $n, 1 < n < a$  that  $(a, n) = 1$ .

The function  $\phi$  is called the Euler phi function.

**Example (2.20):**

By what we have already seen,  $\phi(6) = 2$  end  $\phi(7) = 6$ .

Clearly  $\phi(p) = p - 1$  for any prime  $p$ .By definition. $\phi(1) = 1$ .

Let us compute  $\phi(12)$ since  $12 = 2^2 \cdot 3$ , it suffices to cross out the multiples of 2 and 3 from among the first 12 integers : 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 we see  $\phi(12) = 4$ .



**A short out to computing  $\phi(n)$**

Computing  $\phi(12)$  by our crossing method amounted to eliminating the same numbers as in computing  $\phi(6)$  the multiplied of 2 and 3. Thus the numbers left are exactly the same as in the first two rows of our table for 6 above , and the pattern from 7 to 12 repeats that of through 6. If we had noticed this at the start we could have cut our work in half. we could have crossed out the multiples of 2 and 3 among the first integers leaving 2 numbers, then doubled this count of 2 to get  $\phi(12) = 4$ . In other words,  $\phi(12) = 2 \phi(6)$  .In the same way,  $\phi(18) = 3\phi(6) = 6, \phi(30) = 8 \neq 5\phi(6)$ .

**Proposition (2.21):**

If  $k$  and  $a$  are positive integers such that all primes dividing  $k$  also divide  $a$  , then  $\phi(ka) = k\phi(a)$ .

Proof consider the array,

$$\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & \dots & a \\ a + 1 & a + 2 & \dots & 2a \\ (k - 1)a + 1 & (k - 1)a + 2 & \dots & ka \end{matrix}$$

Let us cross out the entries that are not relatively prime to key in order to compute  $\phi(ka)$ . This amounts to crossing out everything not relatively prime to  $a$  since  $(a, n) > 1$  if and only if some prime divides both  $a$  and  $n$ , and the same primes divided  $ka$  divide  $a$  by Theorem(1.20) the pattern of crossing out is the same in each row. Since there are  $\phi(a)$  entries left in all. Thus  $\phi(ka) = k \cdot \phi(a)$ .

**Example (2.22):**

Since 3 is prime,  $\phi(3) = 3 - 1 = 2$ . Thus

$$\phi(27) = \phi(9 \cdot 3) = 9 \cdot \phi(3) = 9 \cdot 2 = 18.$$

We can apply proposition G because 3 is the only prime dividing.

Proposition G goes along toward a formula for  $\phi(n)$ . For example, suppose we want to compute  $\phi(1,000,000)$ . We have

$$\phi(10^6) = \phi(2^6 5^6) = \phi(2^5 \cdot 5^5 \cdot 2 \cdot 5) = 2^5 \cdot 5^5 \cdot \phi(10),$$

but still must compute  $\phi(10)$  by actual. The computation of  $\phi(n)$  can always be reduced in the some way to that of a product of distance primes if we could pull the  $p_1$  out of  $\phi(p_1 p_2 \dots p_t)$  just as we learned to pull the  $k$  out of  $\phi(ka)$  under the hypothesis of proposition  $G$  we could write a complete formula. Let us see if we can modify the proof of proposition  $G$  to compute  $\phi(pa)$ , where  $P$  is a prime not dividing  $a$ . As before, let us write out The integers from  $L$  to  $Pa$ .

$$\begin{array}{cccc} 1 & 2 & & a \\ a+1 & a+2 & \dots & 2a \end{array}$$

$$(p-1)a+1 \ (p-1)a+2 \ \dots \ pa$$

Again let us imagine crossing out the  $n$  such that  $(Pa, n) > 1$ . The difference here is that  $(Pa, n) > 1$  is not equivalent to  $(a, n) > 1$  the latter implies the form the farm or but not conversely. Thus of the  $P \cdot \phi(a)$  integers left after crossing out all  $n$  such that  $(a, n) > 1$  more still must be delimited, namely, the multiples of  $P$ . These are just  $IP, 2P \dots ap$ . Of these those  $Kp$  such that  $(k, a) > 1$  have already been eliminated and there are just  $\phi(a)$  more to cross out in order that  $\phi(pa)$  be property counted. Thus  $\phi(Pa) = P \phi(a) - \phi(a) = (p-1) \phi(a)$  we have proved the following theorem.

**Proposition (2.23):**

If  $a$  is a positive integer,  $P$  is prime and  $P$  doesn't divide  $a$  then  $\phi(Pa) = (p-1) \phi(a)$ .

**Example (2.24):**

$$\phi(10^6) = 10^5 \phi(2.5) = 10^5 (2-1) \phi(5) = 40,000$$

$$\phi(60) = \phi(2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5) = 2 \cdot \phi(2.3.5) = 2(2-1) \phi(3.5) = 2(3-1) \phi(5) = 16$$

$$\phi(62) = \phi(2 \cdot 31) = (2-1) \phi(31) = 30.$$

**Theorem (2.25) :**

If  $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_t^{k_t}$  where  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_t$  are doesn't primes and  $k_1, k_2, \dots, k_t$  are positive integer : Then

$$\phi(n) = \prod_{i=1}^t (p_i - 1)p_i^{k_i-1}$$

**Proof;**

let  $Q = p_2^{k_2} p_3^{k_3} \dots \dots \dots p_t^{k_t}$  then using propositions G and H we have  $\phi(n) = \phi(p_1^{k_1} Q) = p_1^{k_1-1} \phi(p_1 Q) = p_1^{k_1-1} (p_1 - 1) \phi(Q)$ .

The same technique may be applied to the prime powers in  $Q$  until we arrive at the formula if the theorem.

**Example (2.26):**

$$\phi(60) = \phi(2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5) = (2-1)2(3-1)(5-1) = 16$$

$$\phi(62) = \phi(2 \cdot 31) = (2-1)(31-1) = 30$$

$$\phi(360) = \phi(2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5) = (2-1)2^3(3-1)3(5-1) = 96$$

It not hard proves that  $\phi$  is multiplicative now we have a formula for it, in fact, we leave this proof for the exercise. note that this reverses our practice of late of first proving a function multiplicative and then using this fact to derive a formula.

**Theorem (2.27):**

The function  $\phi$  is multiplicative. Now consider the function F defined by

$$F(n) = \sum_{d/n} \phi(d).$$

Not that if P is Prime and k is a positive integer, then

$$f(p^k) = \sum_{d/n} \phi(n)$$

Not that if P is prime and K is a positive integer, then

$$\begin{aligned} F(p^k) &= \sum_{d/p^k} \phi(p^k) = \phi(1) + \phi(P) + \dots + \phi(p^k) \\ &= 1 + (p-1) + (p-1)p + \dots + (p-1)p^{k-1} \\ &= 1 + (p-1)(1 + p + p^2 + \dots + p^{k-1}) \\ &= 1 + (p-1)\sigma(p^{k-1}) \\ &= 1 + (p-1) \frac{p^k - 1}{p-1} = p^k \end{aligned}$$

since  $F$  is multiplication by the previous theorem we have proved the following result.

**Theorem (2.28):**

If  $n$  is any positive integer or them

$$\sum_{d/n} \phi(d) = n$$

**The möbius Inversion formula:**

In section we saw that finding a formula for a numerical function was easier if we knew that it was multiplicative for in that case we had only to determine its value a prime powers. Theorem states that if two numerical functions  $f$  and  $F$  are related by

$$F(n) = \sum_{d/n} f(d), n = 1, 2, \dots \dots$$

Then  $F$  is multiplicative whenever  $f$  is. If  $f$  is a simple function, then it may be. Easy to show it multiplicative from which the multiplicative of  $F$  follows.

Example are

$$F(n) = 1, f(n) = \tau(n) \text{ and } f(n) = n, f(n) = \sigma(n).$$

Given numerical function  $f$  can we always find a function  $F$  so that  $f(n) = \sum_{d/n} F(d)$ ? We will answer this question below.

Let us start with assessable an example as we can consider the function

$$f(n) = 1, n = 1, 2, \dots \dots$$

We will try to find of function  $F$  such that holds.

Taking  $n = 1$  in we get  $F(1) = f(1)$ , and so  $f(1) = F(1)$ , taking  $n = 2$  yields  $F(2) = f(2) + f(1)$ . or  $1 = f(2) + 1$ , and so we must have  $f(2) = 0$

Likewise using  $n = 3$  we get  $F(3) = f(1) + f(3)$ , or  $1 = 1 + f(3)$ , and so  $f(3) = 0$  also. In the same way  $F(4) = f(1) + f(2) + f(4)$  or  $1 = 1 + 0 + f(4)$  implying that  $f(4) = 0$ .

It appears that we may have  $f(1) = 1$  and  $f(n) = 0$  for  $n > 1$ . Let us not lose sight of our calculations show that if such a function  $f$  exist. Then of necessity  $f(1) = 1$ , and  $f(2) = f(3) = f(4) = 0$ .

Such computations do not establish the existence of such a function, however. An analogous situation.

## CHAPTER THREE

### THE ALGEBRA OF CONGRUENCE CLASSES

#### Solving linear congruence:

What does it mean to solve congruence?

The reader knows what it means to solve the equation  $x^2 + x - 2 = 0$

For example, we must find all values of  $x$  making the equation true; we will consider the similar problem where the equality sign is replaced by " $\equiv$ ". In general, we will restrict ourselves to congruence of the form

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{b}.$$

Where  $f(x)$  is a polynomial in  $x$  with integer coefficient supposed  $x_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$x_1$  satisfies the congruence

$$x_1^2 + x_1 - 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

and suppose that  $x_2 \equiv x_1 \pmod{7}$ . Then by Theorem (1.5)

$$x_2^2 + x_2 - 2 \equiv x_1^2 + x_1 - 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{7},$$

and so  $x_2$  is also a solution of the congruence, thus if we find one solution  $x_1$  we immediately have infinitely many more solutions, namely, all integers congruent to  $x_1$  modulo 7 since we cannot write all of these down, we will content ourselves with identifying any one of them, and the one we identify will serve since Theorem applies to any polynomial with integer coefficients, we have following general result.

#### **Theorem (3.1):**

Let  $x_1, x_2$  and  $b > 0$  be integers, with  $x_1 \equiv x_2 \pmod{b}$ , and let  $f$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients, then  $x_1$  is a solution to

$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{b}$  if and only if  $x_2$  is. It's convenient at this point to introduce names for various sets of integers of importance for a given modulus.

Complete residue system suppose  $b > 0$  by a congruence class module  $b$ . We mean the set of all integers congruent modulo to some fixed integers such that exactly one integer in the set in each congruence class module  $b$ .

**Example (3.2):**

There are three congruence classes modulo 6 = 3, namely

$$\{ \dots \dots \dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, \dots \dots \dots \}$$

$$\{ \dots \dots \dots, 0, 5, 1, 4, 7, 10, \dots \dots \dots \}$$

and

$$\{ \dots \dots \dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, 11, \dots \dots \dots \}$$

One complete residue system modulo 3 is {0,1,2}.

Another is {1, 2, 3} another is { 10 , -1 , 6} .

If we write out the integers in a table with rows of length  $b$ , as has proved useful several times, then the columns are exactly the congruence classes modulo  $b$ , taking  $b = 4$ , for example . We get

.	.	.	.
.	-6	-5	-4
-3	-2	-1	0
1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8
9	10	11	.
.	.	.	.

and each column is a congruence class modulo 4. If we chose exactly one number from each column, say 5, -2, 11 and 0, we get a complete residue system modulo 4. It is easy to see that there are exactly  $b$  congruence classes modulo  $b$ , and that any complete residue system modulo  $b$  also consists of exactly  $b$  elements.

Recall that if  $F$  is a polynomial with integral coefficients then any integer congruent modulo 6 to a solution to

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

is also automatically a solution, and so doesn't deserve separate attention . This is the reason for the following definition.

**Definition (3.3):**

Complete solution, least complete solution we call  $x_1, x_2, \dots \dots, x_k$  a complete solution to the congruence (3.1) in case it is the set of all solutions in some

complete residue system modulo 6. It is the least complete solution in case it is the set all solution among  $0, 1, \dots, b - 1$ .

**Example (3.4) :**

Consider the congruence

$$4x - 18 \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$$

Among the integers 1,2,3,4,5,6 exactly 3 and 6 satisfy the congruence, thus  $x=3,6$  is a complete solution. Another complete solution is  $x = -3,0$ , since , these are all solution in the complete residue system  $-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$  , Another is  $x = 0,3..$

Note that it is possible to match up the elements of any the complete solutions so that corresponding numbers are congruent modulo 6 for example,

$$9 \equiv 3 \text{ and } 72 \equiv 6 \pmod{6}$$

one the other land,  $x = -3,9$ , is not complete solution to  $x - 18 \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$  since  $-3$  and  $9$  are in the same congruence class.

In this chapter we will consider only congruencies  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{b}$ ; where  $f$  is a liner polynomial. Such a congruence can be put in the form  $ax \equiv c \pmod{b}$  , to solve this congruence we must look for values of  $x$  such that  $b/6 - axi$  that is, such that case by for some integer  $y$ , this is the equation  $ax + by = c$  that we analyzed completely in section (3.1) there we decided that:

- i- The equation  $ax + by = x$  has a solution if and only if  $(a, b)$  divides  $c$ .
- ii- A solution can be found example by using the Euclidean, algorithm to find  $(a, b)$  and then solving the equations background.
- iii- If  $x_0, y_0$  is a particular solution then all solutions are given by

$$x = x_0 + \frac{bt}{d}, y = y_0 - at/d$$

Where turns through.

- iv- The integers and  $d = (a, b)$

We will illustrate the is of (i) and (ii) to find a solution to

$$147x \equiv 77 \pmod{161}.$$



Here  $a = 147$ ,  $b = 161$  and  $c = 77$ . First we use the Euclidean algorithm to find  $(147, 161)$ .

$$161 = 1 \cdot 147 + 14$$

$$147 = 10 \cdot 14 + 7$$

$$14 = 2 \cdot 7 + 0$$

We see that  $(147, 161) = 7$  and since 7 divides 77,

The congruence has a solution now we solve the equations backward as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &= 147 - 10 \cdot 14 \\ &= 147 - 10(161 - 147) \\ &= 11 \cdot 147 - 10 \cdot 161 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplying through by  $77/7 = 11$  gives

$$77 = 121 \cdot 147 - 110 \cdot 161$$

We have found one solution to the congruence, namely,  $x = 121$  now let us see how (iii) tells us how to find a complete set of solutions. We know that if  $x_0$  is one solution to the corresponding equation then all solutions are given by  $x = x_0 + \frac{bt}{d}$ , where  $d = (a, b)$  and  $t$  runs through the integers. This gives infinitely many values of  $x$ , but we only want to find the solution  $s$  in some complete residue system modulo  $b$ ; that is, we want at most one solution in any congruence class modulo  $b$ .

How is it possible for us to have

$$x_0 + \frac{bt}{d} \equiv x_0 + \frac{bt'}{d} \pmod{b}$$

For integers  $t$  and  $t'$ ? This amounts to the fact that  $b$  divides

$$x_0 + \frac{bt'}{d} - \left(x_0 + \frac{bt}{d}\right) = \frac{(t' - t)b}{d}.$$

They

$$(t' - t)b/d = kb.$$

Or  $t' - t = kd$  for some integer  $k$ , that is  $t' \equiv t \pmod{d}$ .

Thus using only values of  $t$  in congruent modulo  $b$ . Furthermore, we will not miss any solution  $x$  in congruent modulo  $b$ . Furthermore, we will not miss any solutions this way, for it can be shown that  $t^1 \equiv t \pmod{d}$  implies that:

$$x_0 + \frac{bt}{d} \equiv x_0 + \frac{bt}{d} \pmod{b};$$

See the exercises at the end of this section, we see that if the values  $s$  of  $t$  are restricted to the in some complete residue system modulo  $d = (a, b)$ , then the values of  $x = x_0 + \frac{bt}{d}$  will be in congruent modulo  $b$  and will comprise a complete solution,

**Theorem (3.5):**

Consider the congruence  $ax \equiv c \pmod{6}$  this has a solution if and only if  $(a, b)$  divides  $c$ , if  $x_0$  is any solution if and only if solution is given by the numbers:

$$x = x_0 + \frac{bt}{a,b} \text{ where } t \text{ runs through any complete residue system modulo } (a, b).$$

**Example (3.6):**

We return to the congruence  $147x = 77 \pmod{161}$ . For which we have already found a particular solution  $x = 121$ . We also found that congruence is given by :

$$x = 121 + \frac{161t}{7} = 121 + 23t$$

Where  $t$  runs through any complete residue system modulo 7 letting  $t = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$ , yields the complete solution

$$x = 121, 144, 167, 190, 213, 236, 259,$$

(note that taking  $t = 7$  gives  $x = 282$ , but  $282 \equiv 121 \pmod{161}$  the least complete solution is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 121, 144, 167 - 161 = 6, 190 - 161 = 29, 213 - 161 = 52, 236 - 161 \\ &= 75, 259 - 161 = 98. \end{aligned}$$

**Example (3.7):**

Solution  $15x \equiv 50 \pmod{100}$  inspection we find the particular solution  $x_0 = 10$  we also note that  $(15,100) = 5$ , then a complete solution is given by:

$$x = 10 + \frac{100t}{5} = 10 + 20t$$

Where  $t = 0,1,2,3,4$  we get  $x = 10,30,50,70,90$  as a complete solution (it is also least complete solution)

**Example (3.8):**

Find a complete solution to the congruence  $148x \equiv 999 \pmod{2222}$ .

Here

$$2222 = 1 \cdot 1485 + 737$$

$$1485 = 2 \cdot 737 + 11$$

$$737 = 67 \cdot 11 \text{ so } (1485, 2222) = 11$$

But 11 doesn't divide 999 and 30 there are no solutions,

**Example (3.9):**

Find a complete solution to  $45x \equiv 3 \pmod{48} = 3$ , a complete solution is

$$x = -1 + \frac{48t}{3} = -1 + 16t;$$

where  $t = 0, 1, 2$  this gives  $x = -1, 15, 31$ .

Now  $-1$  and  $15$  are the elements smallest in absolute value in their congruence classes, but to fulfill the conditions of the problem we must replace  $31$  by  $31 - 48 = -17$ . Thus the answer is  $x = 17, -1, 15$ .

**The Chinese Remainder Theorem:**

Simultaneous congruence's:

Suppose  $a$  and  $t$  are relatively prime positive integers, by Theorem (3.6) we can choose  $x$  so that  $ax$  is in any congruence class we want modulo  $b$ . For that matter we can also choose  $y$  so that  $by$  is in any congruence class we want modulo  $a$ . To emphasize the symmetry between  $a$  and  $b$  we will change the notation and consider relatively prime positive integers  $b$ , and  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  by theorem (3.6) we can find  $x_1$  such that ,

$b_2x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{b_1}$  then :

$$b_2x_1c_1 \equiv c_1 \pmod{b_1};$$

Where  $c_1$  is completely arbitrary. Likewise we can find  $x_2$  such that

$b_1x_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{b_2}$ , where  $c_2$  is arbitrary.

The important implication of the above congruence's is that we can make the sum  $z = b_2x_1c_1 + b_1x_2c_2$  simultaneously congruent to whatever we want modulo both  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  for

$$z = b_2x_1c_1 + b_1x_2c_2 \equiv b_2x_1c_1 + 0 \equiv c_1 \pmod{b_1}$$

And

$$z = b_2x_1c_1 + b_1x_2c_2 \equiv 0 + b_1x_2c_2 \equiv c_2 \pmod{b_2}$$

the ability to find an integer  $z$  such that

$$z \equiv c_1 \pmod{b_1} \text{ and } z \equiv c_2 \pmod{b_2}$$

Where  $c_1$  and  $c_2$  are arbitrary, has many applications.

**Example (3.10):**

Professor snabley feeds his pet python every four days and bathes it once a week. This week he fed it on Tuesday and washed it on Wednesday, when, if ever, will he feed and wash the python on the same day? How often will this happen?

Let us number the days, with Tuesday as day 1, then the snake will be fed on days 1, 5, 9, ..., and, in general, on day  $z$  exactly when  $z \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Since he washes the snake every seven days beginning with Wednesdays (day 2), day  $z$  is a washday exactly when  $z \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$ . Because the module 4 and 7 are relatively prime, the simultaneous congruence's.

$$z \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ and } z \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \quad (3.2)$$

Will have a solution by the preceding analysis, let us take  $b_1 = 4$ ,  $c_1 = 1$ ,  $b_2 = 7$ , and  $c_2 = 2$ , we start by finding an integer  $x_1$  such that  $b_2x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{b_1}$  or  $7x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . One solution is  $x_1 = 3$ , likewise we want  $x_2$  such that  $b_1x_2 \equiv c_2 \pmod{b_2}$  or  $4x_2 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$ . A solution is  $x_2 = 2$ . Now according the computations at the beginning of this section a solution to (3.2) is

Is

$$z = b_2 x_1 c_1 + b_1 x_2 c_1 = 7 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 + 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 37$$

we easily check that indeed .

$$37 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \text{ and } 37 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}.$$

Thus the snake will be washed and fed on day 37.

How often the snake gets washed and fed on the same day is another question. By (3.2) it happens on day 7 exactly when

$$z \equiv 1 \equiv 37 \pmod{4} \text{ and } 7 \equiv 2 \equiv 37 \pmod{7}.$$

This means  $4/37 - z$  and  $7/37 - z$ , which is clearly equivalent to  $4 \cdot 7 = 28/37 - z$ . Thus the snake will be the end eat when  $z \equiv 37 \pmod{28}$ , every 28 days. The next time this will happen will be on day  $9 = 37 - 28$ , which is Wednesdays of next week.

The congruence property of 4 and 7 mentioned at the end last example works for any relatively prime positive integers, the proof of the following theorem is left for the exercises.

**Theorem (3.11):**

Let  $b_1$  and  $b_2$  relatively prime positive integers, and let  $z$  and  $\hat{z}$  be any integers, then  $z \equiv \hat{z} \pmod{b_1}$

If and only if  $z \equiv \hat{z} \pmod{b_1 b_2}$

Now let us try to solve 
$$z \equiv \begin{cases} c_1 \pmod{b_1} \\ c_2 \pmod{b_2} \\ c_3 \pmod{b_3} \end{cases}$$

Where  $(b_1, b_2) = (b_1, b_3) = (b_2, b_3) = 1$ , It seems natural to expect 7 to be sum of their terms two which are congruent to 0 modulo  $b_i$  for any particular  $i$  consider .

$$z = b_2 b_3 x_1 c_1 + b_2 b_3 x_2 c_2 + b_1 b_2 x_3 c_3$$

Note that whatever  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  are

$$z = b_2 b_3 x_1 c_1 + 0 + 0 \equiv b_2 b_3 x_1 c_1 \pmod{b_1}$$

Note since  $b_1$  is relatively prime to  $b_2$  and  $b_3$ , we have  $(b_1 b_2 b_3) = 1$  by corollary(1.12) thus we can chose  $x_1$  so that

$$b_2 b_3 x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{b_1}, \text{ and } 80 b_2 b_3 x_1 c_1 \equiv c_1 \pmod{b_1}$$

A similar argument works for the modulo  $b_2$  and  $b_3$ . Let us make things look simpler by introducing now notation,

Let  $B = b_1 b_2 b_3$ , and set  $B_1 = b_2 b_3 = B/b_1$ ,  $B_2 = B/b_2$  and  $B_3 = B/b_3$ . Then our solution to is  $z = B_1 x_1 c_1 + B_2 x_2 c_2 + B_3 x_3 c_3$ , where  $x_i$  satisfies  $B_i x_i \equiv 1 \pmod{b_i}$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$ .

**Example (3.12):**

**Consider the system**

$$z \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$z \equiv 5 \pmod{4}$$

$$z \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

This is solvable, since  $(3,4) = (3,7) = (4,7) = 1$  we have  $b_1=3, b_2=4, b_3=7$  and  $c_1=2, c_2=5, c_3= -3$ ,

so

$$B = 3.4.7 = 84, B_1 = \frac{84}{3} = 28, B_2 = 21, \text{ and } B_3 = 12,$$

the congruence

$$28x_1 \equiv x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$21x_2 \equiv x_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$12x_3 \equiv 5x_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

Have the solutions  $x_1=1, x_2 = 1$  and  $x_2 = 1$  and  $x_3 = 3$  thus a solution to the original system is

$$\begin{aligned} z &= B_1 x_1 c_1 + B_2 x_2 c_2 + B_3 x_3 c_3 \\ &= 28.1.2 + 21.1.5 + 12.3.(-3) = 53 \end{aligned}$$

**Definition (3.13):**

**Relatively prime in pairs:**

We say the integers  $b_1 b_2, \dots, b_n$  are relatively prime in pairs in case  $(b_i b_j) = 1$  whenever  $i \neq j$  for Example 3.4 and 7 are relatively prime in pairs, but 4, and 6 are not, even though no integer greater than 1 divides all.

The following theorem extends the last result to  $n$  congruences it gets its name from the fact that it was introduced into European mathematics from Chinese writings, It was known to the Chinese at least as early as the first century A.D we leave the proof for the exercise at the end of this section.

**Theorem (3.14):**

**The Chinese remainder theorem)**

Let  $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n$  be integers greater than 0, relatively prime in pairs, and let  $c_1, c_2, \dots, c_n$ , be any integers, consider the system of congruence's .

$$\begin{aligned} z &\equiv c_1 \pmod{b_1} \\ z &\equiv c_2 \pmod{b_2} \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ &\vdots \\ z &\equiv c_n \pmod{b_n} \end{aligned}$$

Let  $B = b_1 b_2 \dots b_n$  and  $b_i = B/b_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , Let  $x_i$  be a solution to  $B_i x_i \equiv 1 \pmod{b_i}$

For  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ , then a solution to the original system of congruences

$$z = \sum_{i=1}^n B_i x_i c_i$$

Furthermore  $\acute{z}$  is another solution and only if  $\acute{z} \equiv z \pmod{B}$  .

Example (3.16) :-

Find all solutions  $z, 0 < z < 500$  , to

$$\begin{aligned} z &\equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ z &\equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ z &\equiv 3 \pmod{5} \\ z &\equiv 4 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

We take  $b_1 = 2, b_2 = 3, b_3 = 5, b_4 = 7, c_1 = 1, c_2 = 2, c_3 = 3, c_4 = 4$

$B = 210, B_1 = 105, B_2 = 70, B_3 = 42, B_4 = 30$  we must solve the congruence

$$\begin{aligned} 105 x_1 &\equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ 70 x_2 &\equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

$$42 x_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$30 x_4 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

We can take  $x_1 = 1, x_2 = 1, x_3 = 3, x_4 = 4$ , thus a solution is  $z = 105, 1 \cdot 1 + 70 \cdot 1 \cdot 2 + 42 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 + 30 \cdot 4 \cdot 4 = 1103$ . Since  $B = 210$  all solutions are of the form  $1103 + 210 t$ . Solving  $0 < 1103 + 210 t < 500$  leads to

$$-5 \frac{53}{210} < t < -2 \frac{183}{210};$$

And  $t = -5, -4, -3$ . The corresponding solutions are  $z = 53, 263$  and  $473$ .

### Reduced Residue system:

Now we return to the consideration of fixed modulus  $b$ . A complete residue system contains exactly one element in each congruence class modulo  $b$ , but sometimes we are only interested in integers relatively prime to  $b$ .

### Definition (3.15):

#### Reduced residue system:

By a reduced residue system modulo  $b$  we mean all integers relatively prime to  $b$  in some complete residue system modulo  $b$ .

### Example (3.16):

Since  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  is a complete residue system modulo  $6$ , a reduced residue system modulo  $6$  consists of  $1$  and  $5$ , other are  $\{7, 5\}, \{-1, 1\}$  and  $\{61, 65\}$ . One reduced residue system modulo  $5$  is  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  another is  $\{(1, 12, 23, 34)\}$ .

Note that any two reduced residue systems modulo  $b$  have the same number of elements, namely, the number of congruence classes of integers in the complete residue system  $1, 2, \dots, b$  relatively prime to  $b$  is by definition  $\phi(b)$ :

Any reduced residue system modulo  $b$  has  $\phi(b)$  elements.

### Theorem (3.17):

If  $a$  and  $b > 0$  are relatively prime integers, then as  $x$  runs through a complete or reduced residue system modulo  $b$ , so does  $ax$ .



**Proof:**

As  $x$  runs through a complete residue system modulo  $b$  the integers  $ax$  are distinct modulo  $b$  by the cancellation theorem.

Since there are  $b$  of them, they also form a complete residue system modulo  $b$ .

Likewise as  $x$  runs through a reduced residue system modulo  $b$ .

The integers  $ax$  are distinct modulo  $b$  by the same argument, they also form a reduced residue system modulo  $b$ .

**Example (3.18):**

A complete residue system modulo  $b = 8$  is  $\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and a reduced residue system is  $\{-1, 1, 3, 5\}$ . we take  $a = 3$

The reader should check that  $\{-6, -3, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, 15\}$  is also a complete residue system (mod 8), and that  $\{-3, 3, 9, 15\}$  is a residue system (mod 8).

**The theorems of Fermat and Euler:**

How powers fall into congruence classes. assume  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime.

Let us examine the powers of  $a(mod b)$ . Taking  $a = 2$  and  $b = 7$ , for example we have,

$n$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
$a^n$	2	4	$8 \equiv 1$	$16 \equiv 2$	$32 \equiv 4$	$64 \equiv 1$	$128 \equiv 2$

Here all the congruences are modulo 7. we have done more work in the above table than we needed to, since, for instance, once we complete the table up to  $2^3 \equiv 1$ , we have  $2^4 \equiv 2^3 \cdot 2 \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \equiv 2, 2^5 \equiv 2^3 \cdot 2^2 \equiv 4$ , etc

Clearly the pattern of least residues 2,4,1,2,4,1, ... will repeat forever. In the general case, since there are only finitely many congruence classes modulo  $b$ , eventually two powers of  $a$  will have to fall into the same class, But if  $a^i \equiv a^j (mod b)$ ; then  $a^{i+1} \equiv a^{j+1} (mod b)$  follows from multiplication by  $a$ ; And the pattern repeated, let us look at this process more closely. Suppose holds with  $i < j$  this can be written  $a^i \cdot 1 \equiv a^i a^{j-i} (mod b)$ . Now  $(a^i, b) = 1$ , and so by the cancellation theorem  $a^{j-i} \equiv 1 (mod b)$ .

We see that some power of  $a$  must be congruent to 1 modulo  $n$ .

**Definition (3.19) The order of  $a$  modulo  $b$ :**

Let  $a$  and  $b > 0$  be relatively prime integers. By the order of  $a$  modulo  $b$  we mean the least positive integer  $k$  such that  $a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$ .

**Example (3.20):-**

From our previous calculation the order of  $2 \pmod{7}$  is 3 the following table shows the successive powers  $a^n$  of  $a = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \pmod{7}$  until we hit 1

	n	1	2	3	4	5	6	order
a								
1		1						1
2		2	4	1				3
3		3	2	6	4	5	1	6
4		4	2	1				3
5		5	4	6	2	3	1	6
6		6	1					2

In the table powers have been replaced by congruence elements of the reduced residue system  $1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$  for example

$$3^2 = 9 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}.$$

Suppose  $a$  has the order  $k \pmod{b}$ . Then if  $m$  is any multiple of  $k$ , say  $m = kt$ , we have

$$a^m = (a^k)^t \equiv 1^t \equiv 1 \pmod{b}.$$

Conversely,  $a^n \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$ , use the division algorithm to write  $n = kq + r, 0 \leq r < k$ . then

$$a^n = a^{kq+r} = (a^k)^q a^r \equiv a^r \pmod{b}.$$

But this contradicts the assumption that  $k$  is the smallest positive integer such that  $a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$  unless  $r = 0$ , thus we see that  $k|n$ . We have already seen that if  $a^i \equiv a^j \pmod{b}$  with  $i < j$ . Then  $a^{j-i} \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$ ,

And  $k \leq j - i$ . In particular, no two powers of  $a$  up to the  $k$ th power can be congruent modulo  $b$ . We sum up what we have proved in the following theorem.

**Theorem (3.21):**

Suppose  $a$  and  $b > 0$  re relatively prime integers, and let  $k$  be the order of  $a$  modulo  $b$ . then the numbers  $a^1, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^k$  are in congruent modulo  $b$

and every positive power of  $a$  is congruent to one of them. Furthermore of  $m$  is a positive integer than

$$a^m \equiv 1 \pmod{b} \text{ if and only if } k/m.$$

We found that the six elements of a reduced residue system modulo 7 had orders as follows:

Element	1	2	3	4	5	6
Order	1	3	6	3	6	2

Notice that the orders 1,2,3 and 6 , are all divisors of  $6 = \phi(7)$

If we take  $b = 15$ , then a reduced residue system has  $\phi(15) = 8$  elements . The reader should confirm that he following table gives the correct orders of these elements

Element	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
Order	1	4	2	4	4	2	4	2

Here the order are 1,2and 4, all divisor of 8. In each case every order is a divisor of  $\phi(b)$  it appears that it may be true that the order of any element  $a$  modulo  $b$  is always advisor of  $\phi(b)$  . In light of the least. Theorem, the is equivalent to saying that  $a^{\phi(b)} \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$  .Whenever  $(a, b) = 1$ .

In order to prove this is it seems natural to try to associate the number  $a$  with a reduce residue system modulo  $b$  in some way.

Since the latter has exactly  $\phi(b)$  elements. Theorem (3.19) suggests multiplication;if  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t$  , form a reduced residue system modulo  $b$  (where  $t = \phi(b)$  )then so do  $ax_1, ax_2, \dots, ax_t$  in particular. The numbers  $ax_1, ax_2, \dots, ax_t$  are congruent in some order to the numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_t$  we do not know exactly how these elements match up, but certainly if we multiply all the congruence together and sort things out, we get or

$$ax_1 ax_2 \dots ax_t \equiv ax_1 ax_2 \dots x_t \pmod{b},$$

$$a^{\phi(b)} (ax_1 ax_2 \dots x_t) \equiv ax_1 ax_2 \dots x_t \pmod{b}$$

The product of the integers  $x_i$  is relatively prime to  $b$  and so the cancellation theorem yields.

**Theorem: (3.22)**

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

If  $a$  and  $b > 0$  are relatively prime integers, then:

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

combining Euler's theorem with the last line of Theorem we get the following result .

**Theorem (3.23):**

If  $a$  and  $b > 0$  are relatively prime integer and if  $k$  is the order of  $a$  modulo  $b$ , then  $k | \phi(b)$ .

Let us use Euler's theorem to find the last digit of  $17^{102}$  what we are after is the least residue of  $17^{102} \pmod{10}$  . Now  $\phi(10) = 4$ , so by Euler's theorem:

$$17^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

Then

$$17^{102} = 17^{4 \cdot 25 + 2} = (17^4)^{25} 17^2 \equiv 1^{25} 7^2 = 49 \equiv 9 \pmod{10}$$

Thus the last digit 9.

Now suppose we want the last two digits of  $17^{102}$  . Thus will be the least residue of  $17^{102} \pmod{100}$ . Since  $\phi(100) = 40$ , Euler's theorem tells us that:

$$17^{102} = 17^{40 \cdot 2 + 22} = (17^{40})^2 17^{22} \equiv 1^{40} 7^{22} \equiv 17^{22} \pmod{100}$$

Although we have reduced the exponent from 102 to 22 this still leaves us with a nasty computation. The integer  $17^{22}$  has 28 digits and an ordinary calculator will give it in scientific notation, obscuring that last two digits. Ofcourse we could compute

$$17, 17^2 = 289 \equiv 89, 17^3 = 4913 \equiv 13, 17 \cdot 17^2 = 17 \cdot 89 = 1513 \equiv 13, \text{ect}$$

Reducing modulo 100 as we go until us it  $17^{22}$ , but this would be tedious .In the next section,we will givean efficient method of doing such a calculation.

**Fermat's theorem:**

The case of Euler's theorem when the modulus is a prime  $p$  is attributed to Fermat. Actually Fermat merely told people he had proved the theorem bearing

his name, Euler first published a proof. Since  $\phi(p) = p - 1$  we have the following theorem.

**Theorem (3.24): (Fermat theorem ):**

If  $p$  is prime and  $a$  is integer such that  $p \nmid a$ . Then:

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

of course, since  $p$  is prime  $(a, p) = 1$  is equivalent to  $p \nmid a$  a slight variation allows this theorem to be stated with a simpler hypothesis.

**Theorem (3.25 ): Fermat’s theorem, second form) :**

If  $p$  is prim, Then  $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$  for all integers  $a$

**Proof:**

If  $p \nmid a$  then multiplying the congruence of the first form of the theorem by  $a$  gives the conclusion. But if  $p|a$ . Then both sides of the new congruence are congruent to 0 modulo  $p$ .

**Wilson’s theorem:**

The argument used to prove Euler’s theorem above is too good to let alone recall that we derived the congruence

$$x_1 x_2 \dots \dots \dots x_t \equiv a x_1 a x_2 \dots \dots \dots a x_t \pmod{b}$$

where  $(a, b) = 1$ , from the fact that if  $x_1, x_2, \dots \dots \dots, x_t$  was a reduced residue system modulo  $b$ , then so was  $a x_1, a x_2 \dots \dots \dots, a x_t$  matching up is the germ of this proof , i.e matching element  $x$  with congruent element  $ax$ , let us try to evaluate  $\pmod{b}$  the product  $x_1 x_2 \dots \dots \dots x_t$  itself by a similar argument. By Theorem (3.6) we know that for each  $x$  in a reduced residue system  $\pmod{b}$  there exists a unique element  $x'$  in the system such that

$$x x' \equiv 1 \pmod{b} .$$

our idea will be to pair up the elements  $x$  in this way each pair multiplying to  $1 \pmod{b}$  .

we seem to have proved that  $x_1 x_2 \dots \dots \dots x_t \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$  , but a little care is needed we must consider the possibility that  $x$  pairs with or self, that is ,  $x x \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$ . This is certainly the case if  $x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{b}$ , and perhaps for other

values of  $x$  for example  $4 \cdot 4 \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$  If we assume the modulus is a prime  $p$  we simplify the situation, since if  $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .

Then  $p/x^2 - 1 = (x - 1)(x + 1)$ . Then Theorem (1.8) says that  $p$  divides one or the other of  $x - 1$  and  $x + 1$  and so  $x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$

A prime, modulus also has the advantage of every explicit reduced residue system, namely,  $1, 2, \dots, p - 1$ . If  $p = 11$ , for example we can pair off everything except 1 and 10 ( $\equiv -1$ ). Indeed.

$$2 \cdot 6 \equiv 3 \cdot 4 \equiv 5 \cdot 9 \equiv 7 \cdot 8 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}.$$

Thus:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot 7 \cdot 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 10 &= 1(2 \cdot 6)(3 \cdot 4)(5 \cdot 9)(7 \cdot 8)10 \\ &\equiv -1 \pmod{11}. \end{aligned}$$

The same argument works for any odd prime  $p$ , producing a theorem that bears John Wilson's name, even though there is evidence that Wilson (1741-1793) did more than guess it from numerical evidence. The first published proof was by Lagrange.

**Theorem (3.26) (Wilson's theorem):**

If  $p$  is prime. Then  $(p - 1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .

The statement (Wilson proof) of this theorem was first published by the English mathematician Edward Waring in 1770 in his, *Meditations Algebraic*, along with two other known as Waring's problem, say that each positive integer is the sum of at most 4 squares, of almost 9 cubes, etc. That is, given a positive integer  $k$  is the sum of at most  $g(k)$  the powers, A proof that  $g(2) = 4$  appears in section (Lagrange first proved this) Waring's problem as not settled in general until 1909, when the German mathematician David Hilbert proved it (Hilbert did not give a formula for  $g(k)$ , but merely showed it always existed) the other conjecture, due to Christian Goldbach, says that each even integer greater than 2 can be written as the sum of two primes.

This still unproved Goldbach conjecture is discussed in chapter 0.

## Primality Testing:

The contra positive of Fermat's Theorem

By Fermat's theorem, if  $n$  is prime and  $n \nmid a$ , then  $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Thus if  $a^{n-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ ,  $n$  cannot be prime. This idea has interesting consequences, pretend we do not know if 33 is prime or not, if it were prime, Then since  $33 \nmid 2$  we would have  $2^{32} \equiv 1 \pmod{33}$ . but in fact,

$$2^{32} = (2^5)^6 2^2 = 32^6 2^2 \equiv (-1)^6 2^2 = 4 \pmod{33}.$$

Thus we have proved 33 is not prime. Without exhibiting a factor between 1 and 33. This looks like a promising way to distinguish primes from composite and still satisfy the conclusion of Fermat's theorem. Since telling which even integer are prime is easy enough, let us look at odd values of  $n$ . we take  $a = 2$  for simplicity, and compute the least residue  $r$  of  $2^{n-1} \pmod{n}$ .

$n$	3	5	7	9	11	13	15	17	19	21	23	25	27	29	31	33
$r$	1	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	1	4	1	16	13	1	1	4

From this limited evidence we might conjecture that the converse of Fermat's theorem is also true, at least for  $a = 2$ , that is, that if  $2^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ , then  $n$  is prime. Even if this is correct, however, it would be of limited use in determining the primality of a large value of  $n$  without a more efficient way to compute  $2^{n-1} \pmod{n}$ . The computation of  $2^{32} \pmod{33}$  above was facilitated by noticing that 33 was exactly 1 more than 32, a power of 2 this trick will not work in general.

Our point of view is that  $n$  is so large that we do not know if it is prime or not, thus we cannot use Euler's theorem to simplify the calculation of  $2^{n-1} \pmod{n}$  since computing  $\phi(n)$  in any efficient way requires knowing the factorization of  $n$  into primes, and that is precisely what we do not know! .

We can always go back to deciding if the odd integer  $n$  is prime by checking it for divisibility by odd integers  $\leq \sqrt{n}$ , (Although we really only need to check possible prime divisors, determining whether a large possible divisor is prime needs fewer steps. Hence this to be worth considering. computing  $2^{n-1} \pmod{n}$  by starting with 2 and multiplying  $n - 2$  times by 2, reducing modulo  $n$  as we go,

takes  $n - 2$  multiplications and the same, number of divisions, and so is not acceptable.

Fortunately there is much more efficient way of computing powers modulo  $n$  suppose we wish to compute  $a^d \pmod n$ . As an example, we will compute the least residue of  $848^{187} \pmod{1189}$ ,

So that  $a = 848, d = 187,$  and  $n = 1189$ . Thus seems to be a formidable task, but we will show how to do it using only aliened calculator we start by concerting the exponent  $d$  to its base 2, or binary representation. An easy way to do this is to successively divide  $d$  by 2, keeping track of the remainders (all of which are 0, or 1) for  $d = 187$  we have.

$$\begin{aligned} 187 &\equiv 93 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ 93 &\equiv 46 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ 46 &\equiv 23 \cdot 2 + 0 \\ 23 &\equiv 11 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ 11 &\equiv 5 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ 5 &\equiv 2 \cdot 2 + 1 \\ 2 &\equiv 1 \cdot 2 + 0 \\ 1 &\equiv 0 \cdot 2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Then the remainders, listed in reverse order, give the binary representation of  $d$ .

In our example:

$$\begin{aligned} d = 187 &= 10111011_2 \\ &= 1 \cdot 2^7 + 0 \cdot 2^6 + 1 \cdot 2^5 + 1 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 0 \cdot 2^1 + 1 \\ &= 128 + 32 + 16 + 8 + 2 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Now in order to compute  $a$  to the power  $\pmod n$  we use the calculator to successively square and reduce  $n$  as follows. (A method for finding leasr residues with a hand calculator is given at the end).

$k$	$a^k \pmod n$
1	848
2	$848^2 \equiv 719,104 \equiv 948 \pmod{1189}$
43	$948^2 \equiv 898,704 \equiv 1009 \pmod{1189}$
8	$1009^2 \equiv 1,018,081 \equiv 297 \pmod{1189}$
16	$297^2 \equiv 88,209 \equiv 223 \pmod{1189}$
32	$223^2 \equiv 49,729 \equiv 980 \pmod{1189}$
64	$980^2 \equiv 960,400 \equiv 877 \pmod{1189}$
128	$877^2 \equiv 769,129 \equiv 1035 \pmod{1189}$



Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned}
 848^{187} &= 848^{128+32+16+8+2+1} \\
 &= 848^{128}848^{32}848^{16}848^8848^2848^1 \\
 &= 1035 \cdot 980 \cdot 223 \cdot 297 \cdot 948 \cdot 848 \pmod{1189}
 \end{aligned}$$

By multiplying out the last expression factor by factor, reducing modulo 1189 as we find

$$848^{187} = 190 \pmod{1189}$$

**Example (3.27):**

Compute the least residue of  $2^{240} \pmod{341}$  using this method the reader should check the details of the example with a calculator or computer. We find

$$\begin{aligned}
 340 &= 101010100_2 \\
 &= 256 + 64 + 16 + 4.
 \end{aligned}$$

Now

$$\begin{aligned}
 2^1 &\equiv 2, 2^4 \equiv 16, \\
 2^8 &\equiv 256, 2^{16} \equiv 64, 2^{32} \equiv 4, 2^{64} \equiv 16, 2^{128} \equiv 256, \text{ and } 2^{256} \equiv 64,
 \end{aligned}$$

All modulo 341. Thus:

$$2^{340} = 2^{256+64+16+4} = 2^{256} \cdot 2^{64} \cdot 2^{16} \cdot 2^4 = 64 \cdot 16 \cdot 64 \cdot 16 \equiv 1 \pmod{341}$$

The explain what we mean in saying the above modular exponentiation algorithm, is “efficient” we must take about computational complexity, a subject that has become important because of computers we would like estimate the number of steps a given algorithm

Takes. Actually what we will count will be the elementary aoperations of addition, subtraction multiplication, division and comparisons. Although the size of the numbers involved may affect how long such an operation takes an a computer, to keep things simple we will assume each such operation takes the same amount of time, say one. Billion of a second.

Of course, the number of elementary operations in an algorithm depends on the modular exponentiation algorithm. This size is measured by  $d$ , the exponent, we

start by converting  $d$  to binary by divisions by 2 each division determines a binary digit suppose. There are  $k$  of these, namely  $a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}$  so that  $d = a_{k-1}2^{k-1} + a_{k-2}2^{k-2} + \dots + a_12 + a_0$  with  $a_{k-1} = 1$ . Note that  $d \geq 2^{k-1}$ . this part of the algorithm requires  $k$  divisions. There are also  $k$  comparisons, Since after each division we must check if the quotient is 0 to decide when to stop.

Now we compute  $d^{2^1}, d^{2^2}, d^{2^3}, \dots, d^{2^{k-1}} \pmod n$  successively squaring and reducing modulo  $n$  (i.e. dividing by  $n$  and taking the remainder).

This accounts for  $k - 1$  multiplications and  $k - 1$  divisions.

Finally, we have at most  $k$  integers whose product we must compute  $\pmod n$  need are at most  $k - 1$  more multiplications and  $k - 1$  divisions. Our analysis has accounted for  $2k + 2(k - 1) + 2(k - 1) = 6k - 4$  elementary operations. We had  $2^{k-1} \leq d$ , so  $k - 1 = \log_2 2^{k-1} \leq \log_2 d$ , which implies

$$6k - 4 \leq 2 + 6 \log_2 d.$$

**Theorem (3.28):**

Let  $a, b > 0$  and  $n > 0$  be integers. Then the least residue of  $a^d$  modulo  $n$  can be computed with no more than  $2 + 6 \log_2 d$  elementary operations.

In the next section, we will consider computing  $a^d \pmod n$  with  $d \approx 10^{300}$  this could be done with no more than  $2 + 6 \log_2 10^{300} = 2 + 6 \cdot 300 \log_2 10 \approx 5981$  elementary operations (note that  $\log_2 10 = 1/\log_{10} 2 \approx 3.322$ ) compare this with computing  $a^2, a^4, \dots, a^d$ , reducing modulo  $n$  after each  $n$  after each multiplication .. There would about  $2 \cdot 10^{300}$  elementary operation, and the sun would burn out before a computer doing one billion per second finish.

Interest in how many steps algorithm takes predates computers the following term was proved in 1844 by Gabriel lame'.

**Lame's theorem:**

If the Euclidean algorithm is applied to two positive integers of then the number of divisions will not exceed 5 times the number of decimal digits of the smaller.

**Proof:**

Assume  $0 < a < b$  and let the Euclidean algorithm be applied as

$$\begin{aligned}
b &= aq_1 + r_1, & 0 < r_1 < a \\
a &= r_1q_2 + r_2, & 0 < r_2 < r_1 \\
r_1 &= r_2q_3 + r_3, & 0 < r_3 < r_2 \\
r_{n-2} &= r_{n-1}q_n + r_n, & 0 < r_n < r_{n-1} \\
r_{n-1} &= r_nq_{n+1},
\end{aligned}$$

Not that  $q_i \geq 1$  for  $1 \leq i \leq n$ , while  $q_{n+1} \geq 2$ , since  $q_{i+1}$  implies that  $r_{n-1} = r_n$  this proof will use the Fibonacci numbers  $f_1 = 1, f_2 = 1, f_3 = 2$ , since  $r_n$  is the last nonzero remainder,

$r_n \geq 1 = f_2$  Because  $q_{n+1} \geq 2$  we have  $r_{n-1} \geq 2 \cdot r_n \geq 2 = f_3$

Likewise, using the Euclidean algorithm equations and  $q_i \geq 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned}
r_n - 2 &\geq r_{n-1} + r_n \geq f_3 + f_2 = f_4, \\
r_n - 3 &\geq r_{n-2} + r_{n-1} \geq f_4 + f_3 = f_5,
\end{aligned}$$

And in general  $r_n - t \geq f_{t+2}$  taking  $t$  to be  $n - 2$  gives  $r_2 \geq f_n$  and  $r_1 \geq f_{n+1}$

$$r_2 \geq f_n \text{ and } r_1 \geq f_{n+1}$$

Thus

$$a \geq r_1 + r_2 \geq f_{n+1} + f_n = f_{n+2}$$

from this and Theorem (1.4) we have  $a > A^n$ , where  $A = (\sqrt{5} + 1)/2$

Note that  $\log A > 1/5$ . Suppose  $a$  has  $k$  decimal digits, so that  $a < 10^k$ .

Then

$$k = \log_{10} 10^k > \log_{10} a > \log_{10} A^n = n \log_{10} A > n/5$$

Thus  $n < 5k$  since  $n$  and  $5k$  are integers  $n + 1 \leq 5k$ . This concludes the proof, since  $n + 1$  is the number of divisions in the Euclidean algorithm.

Now we return to the question of whether

$$2^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Is not only a necessary condition for  $n$  to be prime, by Fermat's theorem, but also sufficient? The ancient Chinese believed. This to be true.

The question has already been answer- did you catch it? In an example earlier in this section illustrating the modular exponentiation algorithm, we compute

$$2^{340} \equiv 1 \pmod{341}.$$

This has the form of (3.5) with  $n = 341$ . But is not prime:  $341 = 11 \cdot 31$ . Thus the form of (3.5) can be used to identify composite numbers but not primes. None the less, numbers like 341 are rare.

**Definition (3.29): (pseudo prime, pseudo prime to base  $a$ )**

We call  $n$  a pseudo prime if  $2^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  is composite more generally, a composite number  $n$  such that  $2^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  is called a pseudo prime to base  $a$ .

The smallest pseudo prime is 341, and was not discovered until 1819 so the Chinese could pseudo prime for their assumption. Of course, bases other than 2 may also be used to identify composite numbers for example,

$3^{340} \equiv 65 \pmod{341}$  proving a factor less proof that 341 is not prime. Although there are infinitely many pseudo primes to base 2 (see the problems at the end of this section). They are much rarer than primes. Thus if a randomly chosen integer  $n$  satisfies (3.5), it is probably prime. Even rarer are pseudo primes to multiple bases. For example, there are only 1770 integers below  $25 \cdot 10^9$  that are simultaneously pseudo primes to the bases 2, 3, 5 and 7. Thus the primality of numbers less than  $25 \cdot 10^9$  could be determined by testing Fermat's congruence with these four bases, then comparing any number passing all four tests with a list of the 1770 exceptions. We might hope that for any composite number  $n$ , there is some base  $a$  for which Fermat's theorem could be used to show that  $n$  is composite we hope in vain: There are composite integers, called Carmichael numbers, which are pseudo primes to every base.

That is,  $n$  is composite, but  $561 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 17$ . It was only proved in 1994, by Alford, Granville, and Pomerance, that there are infinity many Carmichael numbers. Their proof was based on a suggestion of Paul Erdős.

By using Fermat's theorem with multiple bases to weed out most composite numbers, and then more sophisticated tests, the primality of numbers of up to 150 digits can be determined in a few seconds with a computer. For integers of a special form, such as Mersenne and Fermat numbers, even better methods are available, enabling the primality of far larger numbers to be determined. The Lucas-Lehmer test, which has been used to identify many Mersenne primes, is a century-old test, since the 1878 test of the Frenchman Eduard Lucas was simplified by the American  $s_1, s_2, \dots$  by  $s_1 = 4$  and  $s_n = s_{n-1}^2 - 2$  for  $n > 1$ , for example,  $s_2 = 4^2 - 2 = 14$  and  $s_3 = 14^2 - 2 = 194$ . The test says that if  $p$  is an odd prime, then  $m_p = 2^p - 1$  is prime if and only if  $s_{p-1} \equiv 0 \pmod{m_p}$  as an example take  $p = 7$ , so  $m_p = 2^7 - 1 = 127$  then

$$s_1 = 4, s_2 = 14, s_3 = 194 \equiv 67, s_4 \equiv 67^2 - 2 = 4487 \equiv 42$$

$$s_5 \equiv 42^2 - 2 = 1762 \equiv 111, \text{ and } s_6 \equiv 111^2 - 2 = 12319 \equiv 0,$$

with all congruence modulo 127. This proves that 127 is prime.

An analogous test for Fermat numbers is the following.

**Theorem (3.30): (Pepin's test):**

If  $n > 0$ . The Fermat number  $f_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$  is prime if and only if

$$3^{(f_n-1)/2} \equiv -1 \pmod{f_n}$$

**Proof:**

We will only prove the "if" part here but a proof of the "only" part is in the problem for section 3.2. Then if  $p$  is any prime dividing  $f_n$  we have  $3^{(f_n-1)/2} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  by part (6) of theorem (3.24), and squaring gives

$$3^{f_n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

Let  $k$  be the order of 3 modulo  $p$ . Theorem (3.24) says that  $k$  divides  $f_n - 1 = 2^{2^n} - 1$ .

Thus  $k = 2^t$  for some integer  $t \leq 2^n$ , suppose  $t < 2^n$ .

Then we can raise both sides of the congruence  $3^k \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  to the power

$2^{2^{n-t-1}} \geq 1$  to get

$$1 \equiv (3^k)^{2^{2^n-t-1}} = 3^{2^k(2^{2^n-t-1})} = 3^{2^{2^n-1}} = 3^{\frac{2^{2^n}}{2}} = 3^{\frac{F_n-1}{2}} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

But this means  $p = 2$ , which is impossible. We must have  $t = 2^n$  and  $k = 2^{2^n} = f_n - 1$ . Now by Fermat's theorem  $k \leq p - 1$ , Thus  $p \geq k + 1 = F_n$ . Since  $p$  is a divisor of  $F_n$ , we must have  $p = F_n$ . Thus  $F_n$  is prime.

**Example (3.31):**

Use Pepin's test to show that  $f_3 = 257$  is prime by the part of Pepin's test proved above; it suffices to show that

$$3^{(257-1)/2} = 3^{128} \equiv -1 \pmod{257}.$$

But

$$\begin{aligned} 3^2 &\equiv 9, 3^4 \equiv 81, 3^8 \equiv 81^2 \equiv 136, \\ 3^{16} &\equiv 136^2 \equiv 249, 3^{32} \equiv 249^2 \equiv 64, 3^{64} \equiv 64^2 \equiv 256, \text{ and } 3^{128} \equiv 256^2 \equiv 256 \\ &\equiv -1 \end{aligned}$$

with all congruences modulo 257. As we have seen, Fermat's theorem may tell us that a number is composite without providing a factor. In fact, factoring appears to be much harder. (In terms of computation time. Then determining primality. Although methods have been developed that are concededly better than trying all divisors up to the square root of the number to be factored. They are not powerful enough to factor, say, an arbitrary 300-digit number in any reasonable amount of time. In 1994 a group at Bellcore in Red Bank, New Jersey, announced the factorization of a 129-digit number into two huge primes. The fact which took 8 months and was aided by the computers of 600 interested volunteers may have been the largest computation ever at the time factoring the number had been set as a seemingly impossible task in a 1977 Scientific American Column by Math Gardner.

## Public-key Cryptography:

The Idea of a key:

Cryptography is a method of sending a message in a form that only its intended recipient can understand. Although this calls to mind spies, diplomats, and the military, cryptography has wider application. In an age even more and more information is transmitted over telephone lines or by radio (and so is subject to interception) keeping one's message (and credit card number) secret is an increasing problem for everybody.

Like everything else, cryptography has its own special language the original message is called the plaintext, and the (supposedly) unreadable version of it is called the cipher text. The processes of going from plaintext to cipher text and back are called enciphering, respectively. Often enciphering methods involve a key that is known to the sender and intended receiver of the message but no one else. The idea is that someone who does not know the key will not be able to decipher the message even if he or she knows the general method of decipherment. We will illustrate the idea of a key with a substitution cipher, one of the oldest and simplest methods substitution amounts to merely replacing each letter of that alphabet with another letter. Although any messages if a few sentences or more enciphered by substitution may be easily figured out (in fact, such problems appear in newspapers and puzzle magazine), our aim with the example is simply to show the concepts involved. We will use as our key the words "number theory". first, we cross out any repeated letters leaving.

Now we write these letters 'nude'. The alphabet followed by the unused letters of the alphabet, in order.

Plaintext: A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z

Cipher text : N U M B E R T H B Y A C D F G I J K L P Q S V W X Z

To encipher we merely replace each letter of our message with the corresponding cipher text letter. Suppose our message is send money. We would replace the S by L, since l is below S in our table, etc, we get.

Plaintext: SEBD MONEY.

Cipher text $L$ : LEFB DGFEX

Of course to decipher LEFB DEGFEX the intend receiver of the message would use the key to make his own table like the one above , He would then use it in reverse, changing  $L$  to  $S$ ,  $E$  to  $E$ ,  $E$  to  $N$  , etc. to receive the original message.



## CHAPTER FOUR

### CONGRUENCIES WITH PRIME MODULE AND QUADRATIC RESIDUES

Just as an algebra goes from the study of linear equations to these involving higher of the unknown so also we proceed from the study of linear congruencies to the se of higher degree. Complications arise however. As we will see.

#### **Polynomial congruencies:**

We will consider polynomial congruencies in a single unknown. For

#### **Example (4.1):**

$$5x^4 + 17x^3 - 3x + 2 \equiv 2x^3 - 7 \pmod{18}$$

In the form

$$F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}.$$

Where  $F(x)$  is a polynomial in  $x$  with integer coefficients?

Our example could be put in this by shifting everything to the left of the congruencies sign, so that

$F(x) = 5x^4 + 15x^3 - 3x + 9$  by Theorem if  $a \equiv a' \pmod{m}$ , then  $ax^k \equiv a'x^k \pmod{m}$  for all integer  $x$ . Thus coefficient of  $F(x)$  may be replaced by congruent coefficients without changing the set of solutions for example,

$$5x^4 + 15x^3 - 3x + 9 \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

is equivalent to

$$5x^4 + 6x^3 - 3x \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

Any term of  $f(x)$  having coefficient divisible by the modulus may be dropped completely, since it is congruent to 0 no matter what  $x$  is. These considerations motivate the following.

#### **Definition (4.2):**

Degree of congruence if  $f(x)$  is polynomial in  $x$  with integer coefficients, then by degree of the congruence  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  is, polynomial in  $x$  with integer coefficients, then by degree of the congruence  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ .

We mean exponent of the highest power of  $x$  in  $f(x)$  whose coefficient is not divisible by  $m$ .

**Example (4.3):**

Let  $f(x) = 6x^3 + x^2 + 8$  then the degree of  $x$  in  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ .

if  $m = 5$  but if  $m = 3$  then the degree is only 2.

The values  $x = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4$  as follows.

$x$	0	1	2	3	4
$f(x)$	8	15	60	179	408

This a complete solution is  $x = 1, 2$ (actually it would to test the values  $x = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ ).

Another complete solution is  $x = 4, 16$  (since  $4 \equiv 4$  and  $16 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ ).

Reducing a congruence to prime power moduli consider the congruence  $f(x) = 6x^3 + x^2 + 8 \equiv 0 \pmod{20}$ .

Solving this by trial – and –error would find evaluating  $F(x) \pmod{20}$  integer a tedious task there is a very to refuse the work.

Recall that the Chinese remainder theorem says that if  $(b_1, b_2) = 1$ , then  $Z \equiv \check{Z} \pmod{b_1 b_2}$  if and only

$$Z \equiv \check{Z} \pmod{b_1} \text{ and } Z \equiv \check{Z} \pmod{b_2}.$$

Applying this theorem with  $Z = f(x), \check{Z} = 0, b_1 = 5$  and  $b_2 = 4$  we see that  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{20}$  is equivalent to

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \text{ and } f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{4}.$$

We solved the congruence with modulo 5 the last example, finding that  $x = 1, 2$  was a complete solution. From a complete solution for the modulus 4. Then  $x$  is a solution to the original congruence if and only if  $x \equiv 1$  or  $2 \pmod{5}$  and  $x \equiv 0$  or  $2 \pmod{4}$ . solving these simultaneous congruence in section.

Each pair of solutions modulo 4 and 5 generates unique solution modulo 20, so we get four (2 times 2) solutions in all.

The reader should review the Chinese remainder theorem and confirm that  $x$  satisfies if and only if  $x \equiv 2, 4, 12, \text{ or } 16 \pmod{20}$ .

Thus this is a complete solution to the original congruence since in order to apply the theorem and the Chinese remainder theorem the smaller module employed must be relatively prime. Thus factoring 20 into 4 times 5 worked, but 2 times 10 would not have, since 2 and 10 are not relatively prime.

This method may be used to simplify the solution of

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}.$$

Whenever  $m$  can be factored into relatively prime smaller factors, that is, whenever more than one prime divides  $m$ . More than two factors may be used. For example,  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{360}$  may be replaced by  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$  and  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{40}$ .

But the left congruence is equivalent to  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$  and smaller pieces the modulus can be broken into are the prime powers in its factorization.

This method is summarized in the following theorem. The details of the proof (a version of theorem 4.4) is more than two modulo is needed for example: are left for the exercises.

**Theorem (4.4):**

Consider the congruence  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ .

Where  $F$  is a polynomial with integer coefficients and  $m$  is positive integer.

Let

$$m = p_1^{n_1} p_2^{n_2} \dots p_r^{n_r}$$

Where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r$  are distinct prime. Suppose a complete solution to  $F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p_i^{n_i}}$ .

Has  $k_i$  elements,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ . Then a complete solution to the original congruence has  $k_1 k_2 \dots k_r$  elements.

In fact, if for each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ ,  $x_i$  is a solution to  $F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p_i^{n_i}}$

Then any  $x$  such that  $x \equiv x_i \pmod{p_i^{n_i}}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$  satisfies the original congruence, and a complete solution to it may be constructed this way by allowing the  $x_i$  to run through complete solutions to the congruence with prime power module.

**Example (4.4):**

Solve

$$3x^2 - 20x + 25 \equiv 0 \pmod{84}.$$

The power factors of 84 are 4, 3 and 7.

By testing in complete residue systems we find that a complete solution to  $3x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$  is  $x = 1, 3$  a complete solution to  $x + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$  is  $x = -1$ ; and a complete solution to  $3x^2 + x + 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$  is  $x = -3, -2$  (note that the congruence have been is amplified by reducing coefficients, depending on the modulus.)

Now we use the Chinese remainder theorem to solve the simultaneous congruence

$$x \equiv 1 \text{ or } 3 \pmod{4}$$

$$x \equiv -1 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 3 \text{ or } -2 \pmod{7}$$

Which involves solving

$$21x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4},$$

$$22x_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3},$$

$$12x_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7},$$

Solutions are  $x_1 = 1$ ,  $x_2 = 1$  and  $x_3 = 3$ . Then the simultaneous solution is

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 21(1)(1 \text{ or } 3) + 22(1)(-1) + 12(3)(-3 \text{ or } -2) \\ &= -115, -79, -37, 73. \end{aligned}$$

This is a complete solution to the original congruencies the lost complete solution is  $x = 5, 11, 47, 53$ .

**Example (4.5):**

solve  $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{35}$ .

By trial we find that of the two congruencies  $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$  and  $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ ,  $x = -2, 2$  is a complete solution to the first, but the second congruence has no solution 5 either.

This illustrates that in theorem some of the numbers  $ki$  may be zero.

Congruencies with modulus  $p^2$ :

The above method doesnot help with the congruence

$$2x^3 - 3x + 6 \equiv 0 \pmod{25},$$

Since only one prime divides the modulus.

It is possible to avoid testing 25 values of  $x$  in it, however.

The method we will illustrate dependon the fact that part of theorem any solution to also satisfies  $2x^3 - 3x + 6 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ .

By testing  $x = 2, -1, 0, 1, 2$  we see it has acomplete solution  $x = 1$ .

Thus instead of trying all of  $0, 1, \dots, 24$  we need only try values of

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}, \text{ namely } x = 1, 6, 11, 16, \text{ and } 21.$$

Even these computations may be avoided. We want to testsolution of the form  $x = 1 + 5y$ , where  $y = 0, 1, 2, 3$  or  $4$ . subsuming this expression gives

$$2(1 + 5y)^3 - 3(1 + 5y) + 6 \equiv 0 \pmod{25}$$

simplifying this algebraically and dropping those terms with coefficients divisible by 25 yields  $15y + 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{25}$ .

By Theorem (1.19) (with  $a = 5$  and  $b = 25$ ) this is equivalent to

$$3y + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}.$$

Since we are interested in  $y$  ranging from 0 to 4 we want a complete solution one is easily seen to be  $y = 3$ .

We see that a complete solution to is  $x = 1 + 5(3) = 16$ .

The method of this example works in general that is:given congruence

$$F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2}$$

Where  $p$  is prime, we first solar  $F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  now it  $\acute{x}$  is any solution to we look for solutions of the form  $x = \acute{x} + py$ , where  $y$  is in some complete residue system medal  $0$  to  $p-1$ .

Substituting this expression leads to linear congruence  $ay + b \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  in  $y$ , to which a complete solution is desired.

The reason that turns out to be linear is that when  $\acute{x} + py$  is raised to a power, most of the terms in evolving because they have a coefficient divisible by  $p^2$ .

Onto that if has more than one solutions the succeeding process must be applied to each of them.

This technique will be greatly extended and investigated in detail in this next section.

### **Congruencies with prime module:**

Congruence the method power modular generating the method of the last section:

In the last section, we saw how solving any polynomial congruence can be reduced, with the help of the Chinese remainder theorem. To solving congruencies with higher powers of prime, and at the end of the section method of solving congruences with modulus  $p^2$ , was illustrated. We will generalize.

The later or the general plan, given congruence  $F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^n}$ ,

Will be to find first a complete solution to

$F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , then use this to solve

$$F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^2},$$

And continue this way until we have complete solution to the original congruence.

What we need is a method for going modulus  $p^k$  to modulus  $p^{k+1}$  consider the congruencies

$$F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k}$$

And

$$F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{k+1}}$$

By the last part of theorem any solution is also a solution so if  $x_k, \hat{x}_k, \check{x}_k, \dots$  is complete solution of, then any solution of (4.9) will be congruent to one of these numbers  $\pmod{p^k}$ .

Thus we can restrict our attention to solution of the form

$$x_k + p^k y, \hat{x}_k + p^k y, \dots,$$

Where  $y$  is an integer.

Furthermore, we can assume that  $y$  is in some complete residue system  $\pmod{p}$ , since if  $y \equiv \hat{y} \pmod{p}$ , then it can be checked that  $x_k + p^k y \equiv x_k + p^k \hat{y} \pmod{p^{k+1}}$ , and also these numbers could not both appear in complete

solution to let us consider a particular solution  $x_k$  of and see what solutions of the form  $x_k + P^k y$  of it might generate.

We wish to find out which  $y$  satisfy

$$F(x_k + P^k y) \equiv 0 \pmod{P^{k+1}}$$

let us assume  $F(x) = a_r x^r + a_{r-1} x^{r-1} + \dots + a_0$ .

The atypical term on the left side of will be  $a_j (x^k + p^k y)^j$ .

If this is multiplied out, an unpleasant expression of  $j + 1$  terms will result, but fortunately it turns out that all but the first two will be divisible by  $p^{k+1}$ , and so may be dropped from the congruence.

Since the complexities of the expression involved may obscure what is going on, let us simplify the mutation. We claim that

$$(u + mv)^j = u^j - ju^{j-1}mv + (\text{a multiple of } m^2).$$

For any integers  $u, m$  and  $v$  any positive integer  $j$ .

Although the binomial theorem could be invoked to prove this all that is really needed is to notice that the expression on the left is  $u(mv)$  multiplied by itself  $j$  times, that is

$$(u + mv)(u + mv) \dots (u + mv)$$

$j$  factors

In particular, if we take  $u = x_k, m = p^k$ , and  $v = y$ , we see that

$$a_j (x_k + p^k y)^j = a_j (x_k^j + j x_k^{j-1} p^k y + \text{a multiple of } (p^{2k})).$$

Since it is easy to see that  $2k \geq k + 1$  for  $k$  any positive integer, this means that in the congruence the term in question may be replaced by

$$a_j x_k^j + a_j j x_k^{j-1} p^k y$$

By collecting the terms involving  $y$  we see that (4.10) may be written in the form  $F(x_k) + F'(x_k)p^k y \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{k+1}}$  where  $F'(x)$  is the polynomial

$$a_r r x^{r-1} + a_{r-1} (r-1) x^{r-2} + \dots + a_1.$$

Calculus students should recognize that this is just the derivative of  $F(x)$ . No calculus is really needed here, however, since it is enough to define  $F'(x)$  in a formal way for any polynomial  $f(x)$ .

**Definition (4.5):**

derivative of a polynomial given a polynomial  $F(x) = a_r x^r + \dots + a_0$ , we define it is (formal) derivative to be the polynomial

$$F'(x) = a_r r x^{r-1} + a_{r-1}(r-1)x^{r-2} + \dots + a_1.$$

For example The derivative of

$$3x^5 - 4x^3 + 2x^2 + 9x + 14 \text{ is } 15x^4 - 12x^2 + 4x + 9.$$

Linear congruence for  $y$ :

We saw above that if  $x_k$  is a solution to, then  $x_k + p^k y$  is solution to exact when

$$F(x_k) + F'(x_k)p^k y \equiv O(\text{mod } p^{k+1})$$

this congruence is equivalent to

$$\frac{F(x_k)}{p^k} + F'(x_k)y \equiv O(\text{mod } p) \text{ or } F'(x_k)y \equiv \frac{-F(x_k)}{p^k} (\text{mod } p)$$

(Note That the term on the right is an integer by the assumption that  $x_k$  satisfies.

Thus finding 4 involves only solving a linear congruence with modulus  $p$ . 13 e for summarizing this method in a theorem we illustrate it.

**Example (4.6):**

Solve  $x^2 + x + 3 \equiv O(\text{mod } 27)$ .

We testing by solving the congruence  $x^2 + x + 3 \equiv O(\text{mod } 3)$ .

By testing values of  $x$  in complete solutions  $x_1 = -1, 0$ .

Solution to the congruence with modulus  $a$  will be of the form  $x_1 + 3y$ , where  $y$  satisfies

$$F'(x_1) \equiv \frac{-F(x_1)}{3} (\text{mod } 3).$$

Note that  $F'(x) = 2x + 1$ . For  $x_1 = -1$ , This congruence is

$$(-1)y \equiv \frac{-3}{3} (\text{mod } 3)$$

This has the complete solution  $y = 1$ , given  $x_2 = -1 + 3(1) = 2$ .



If we take  $x_1 = 0$ , then congruence is

(1)  $y \equiv \frac{-3}{3} \pmod{3}$  which the complete solution

$$y = -1, \quad x_2 = 0 + 3(-1) = -3$$

Now we look for solutions to the original congruence with modulus 21 of the form  $x_3 = x_2 + 9y$ .

Here  $y$  must satisfy  $F'(x_2) \equiv \frac{-F(x_2)}{9} \pmod{3}$ .

For  $x_2 = 2$ , This congruence is

$5y \equiv \frac{-9}{9} \pmod{3}$ , which has the complete solution  $y = 1$ , and so

$$x_3 \equiv 2 + 9(1) = 11.$$

Using  $x_2 = 3$  gives the congruence  $-5y \equiv \frac{-9}{9} \pmod{3}$  which has the complete solution  $y = -1$ .

Thus here  $x_3 = -3 + 9(-1) = -12$ . A complete solution to the original congruence is  $x = 11, -12$ .

The least complete solution is  $x = 11, 15$ .

**Theorem (4.7):**

suppose  $x_k, x'_k, x''_k, \dots$ , is a complete solution to the congruence  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k}$ . Where  $F$  is an integral polynomial and  $P$  is a prime. Then all solutions to  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{P^{k+1}}$  in some complete residue system modulo  $P^{k+1}$  congruent to  $x^k \pmod{P^k}$  are given by  $x^{k+1} = x_k + P^k y$ , where  $y$  runs through any complete solution to

$$F'(x_k) y \equiv \frac{F(x_k)}{p_k} \pmod{P}.$$

Applying this also to  $x'_k, x''_k \dots$  in turn yields a complete solution to

$$F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{P^{k+1}}.$$

Notice that according to Theorem The congruence  $ax \equiv c \pmod{b}$  has a solution exist, then a complete solution has  $(a, b)$  elements.

In the case of the congruence defining  $y$ , we have the modulus  $b$  is  $p$ , and so  $(a, b)$  equals 1 for  $p$ .

Thus each solution  $x_k$  generates 0,1, or  $p$  solutions  $x_{k+1}$  at the next level.

**Example (4.8):**

solve

$$x^3 + x^2 + 23 \equiv 0 \pmod{125}.$$

We start with the congruence  $F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ , where

$$F(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 23.$$

The following table shows that a complete solution  $x_1 = 1, 2$ .

$x_1$	-2	-1	0	1	2
$F(x_1)$	19	23	23	25	35

Notice that  $F'(x) = 3x^2 + 2x$ . We will find solution  $x_2$  to

$F(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{25}$  of the form  $x_1 + 5y$ , where  $y$  satisfies

$$F'(x_1) \equiv \frac{-F(x_1)}{5} \pmod{5}.$$

For  $x_1 = 1$ , this congruence is  $5y \equiv \frac{-25}{5}$  and a complete solution is

$$y = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2.$$

Thus

$$x_2 = 1 + 5y = -9, -4, 1, 6, 11.$$

For  $x_1 = 2$ , the congruence for  $y$  becomes  $16y \equiv \frac{-35}{5} \pmod{5}$ , and a complete solution is  $y = -2$  yielding  $x_2 = 2 + 5y = -8$ .

It is useful to make a table of  $F_1$  for the values of  $x_2$

$x_2$	-9	-4	1	6	11	-8
$F(x_2)$	-625	-25	25	275	1475	-425
$F_1(x_2)$	$\equiv 5$	$\equiv 5$	$\equiv 5$	$\equiv 5$	$\equiv 5$	$\equiv 16$

There the congruencies in last line are modulo 5.

Notice in the congruence  $F'(x_k) y \equiv \frac{-F(x_k)}{p^k} \pmod{p}$  all that matters about  $F'(x_k)$  is what it is modulo  $p$ .

Since all solutions  $x_k$  arising from a given solution  $x_1$  need only be computed once for each of these. For example, all the solutions

$x_2 = -9, -4, 1, 6, 11$  arising from  $x_1 = 1$  will have

$$F'(x_2) \equiv 5 \pmod{5}.$$

We must find new values of  $y$  satisfying  $F'(x_2) y \equiv \frac{-F(x_2)}{25} \pmod{5}$ .

For

$X_2 = -9, -4, 1, 6, 11$ , we get the congruencies

$$5y \equiv 25, \quad 1, \quad -1, -11, -5 \pmod{5}.$$

Only the first of these is solvable, with the complete solution

$y = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ , which yields

$$x_3 \equiv -9 + 25y = -59, -34, -9, 16, 41.$$

Taking  $x_2 \equiv -8$  leads to the congruence  $16y \equiv 17 \pmod{5}$  with the complete solution  $y = 24$ , which we gives  $x_3 = -8 + 25y = 42$  solution to the original congruence is  $X = -59, -34, -9, 16, 41, 42$  the least complete solution is  $x = 16, 41, 42, 66, 91, 116$ .

### **Quadratic Residues Congruencies of Degree two:**

In the previous two sections, we have seen how to reduce the solution of any polynomial congruence to that of congruence with prime module. For each congruency, however, our technique is to test the elements of a complete residue system.

Areas on cable way to start the analysis of such congruence would be to restrict their degree, since linear congruence were complete by covered in section we consider congruencies of degree two say

$$ax^2 + bx + c \equiv 0 \pmod{p},$$

where  $p$  is prime.

The first thing that comes to mind on looking is the quadratic formula. This says that the solutions of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

If we are interested only in real solution there will be 0,1 or 2 of them according as  $b^2 - 4ac$  is negative zero, or positive.

In the congruence we are looking for integral solution  $x$ .

Of course, if  $b^2 - 4ac$  is not a perfect square, then the radical will not be an integer (in fact may not even be real). Perhaps it would be sufficient for  $b^2 - 4ac$  to be congruent to a square, say  $y^2 \pmod{p}$ . Then we might take  $x = \frac{-b+y}{2a}$ .

A problem still remains, namely, the division by  $2ax \equiv b + y \pmod{p}$ ?

By Theorem this will exist whenever  $(2a, p) = 1$  but we can assume that  $p$  does not divide  $a$ , since otherwise it is not really a congruence of degree 2. Also if  $p$  divides 2, then  $p = 2$ . We should be so lucky; solving congruencies with modulus 2 is a solution to the congruence. We might even dream that every solution to could be generated this way.

The strange thing is that it works! We have just seen an example of a type pervades mathematical creation yet almost never gets into print.

Although sometimes completely fruitless, less, such uncritical thinking often carries one close enough to the truth. Co direct the application of were rigorous arguments just as an illegal wiretap, while not admissible in court; may lead the police to construct a legitimate case.

**Theorem (4.9):**

If  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are integers and  $p$  is an odd prime not dividing  $a$ , then the solutions of the congruence  $ax^2 + bx + c \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  are given by the solutions  $y^2 \equiv b^2 - 4ac$

A complete solution has 1 element if  $p$  proof.

To prove the first sentence we must show two things:

1. If  $y^2 \equiv b^2 - 4ac$  and  $2ax \equiv -b + y \pmod{p}$ , then  $x$  is solution to the original congruence.
2. Every solution to the original congruence is generated this way. As with the proof of the quadratic formula proving (1) more by involves substitution into the original congruence, and will be left for the exercises at the end of this section.

To prove (2) we also copy the corresponding part of the proof of the quadratic formula, which involves completing the square.

Let us assume  $x$  satisfies the original congruence.

We multiply by  $u$  to be sure that everything remains integral when we complete the square, getting  $4a^2x^2 + 4acx + 4ac \equiv 0 \pmod{P}$ , or

$$(2ax + b)^2 - b^2 + 4ac \equiv 0 \pmod{P},$$

If we now define  $y$  to be  $2ax + b$  then we have from the last congruence that  $y^2 \equiv b^2 - 4ac \pmod{P}$ , and also that  $2ax \equiv -b + y \pmod{P}$  from the definition of  $y$ .

Notice that by Theorem if  $y$  generated  $x$  and  $y'$  generated  $x'$  by this method, then  $X \equiv x' \pmod{P}$  if and only if  $y \equiv y' \pmod{P}$ .

Thus to count the elements it suffices to count a complete solution to  $y^2 \equiv y'^2 \pmod{p}$ , subdivides  $y^2 - y'^2 = (y - y')(y + y')$ .

By Theorem this implies  $y' \equiv y$  or  $-y \pmod{p}$ ,

There are two solutions unless  $y^2 \equiv b^2 - 4ac \pmod{p}$ ,

which says  $p$  divides  $2y$ . since  $p$  is odd then, latter happens only when  $p$  divides  $y$  (and say), in which case there is only one solution.

But  $y^2 \equiv b^2 - 4ac \pmod{P}$ , which proves the last sentence of the theorem.

**Example (4.10):**

Solve  $x^2 + 6x + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{31}$ .

Here  $a = 1, b = 6$ , and  $c = 1$ . The obvious solutions to

$$y^2 \equiv b^2 - 4ac = 32 \equiv 1 \pmod{31} \text{ are } y \pm 1.$$

Then we must solve

$$2ax \equiv -b + y \text{ or } 2x \equiv -6 \pm 1 \equiv -5 \text{ or } -7 \pmod{31}.$$

Solutions are  $x = 13, 12$ , and this is complete solution to the original congruence.

Clearly it is of interest to know for which numbers  $m$  the congruence  $y^2 \equiv m \pmod{P}$  is solvable.

If  $P$  divides  $a$ , as we have seen,  $y = 0$  is a complete solution but if  $P \nmid a$  whether a solution exists or not may not be obvious.

**Definition (4.11):**

Quadratic residue quadratic non residue let  $P$  be prime and suppose  $P \nmid a$ .

We call a quadratic residues modulo  $P$  in case there exists an integer  $y$  such that  $y^2 \equiv a \pmod{P}$ . if no such  $y$  exists then we call quadratic non residues modulo  $P$ .

**Example (4.12):**

The integers 1, 4, 9, and 12 are quadratic residues

$$\pmod{13} \text{ (not that } 5^2 \equiv 12 \pmod{13})$$

while 2 is a quadratic nonresidue  $\pmod{5}$  since  $y^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$  has no solution.

Since if  $a \equiv a' \pmod{P}$ , then the congruencies  $y^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ , and  $y^2 \equiv a_1 \pmod{p}$  are equivalent. The quadratic residues make whole congruence classes. The argument at the end of the proof of the previous theorem shows that if  $P$  is an odd prime, if  $a$ , and if  $y^2 \equiv a \pmod{P}$  is solvable, then there are exactly two elements in a complete solution, the other being congruent to  $-y$ . Thus if we complete

$$1^2, 2^2, 3^2, \dots, (p-1)^2$$

we hit each congruence class  $\pmod{P}$  containing quadratic residues exactly twice, first with some  $k$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq \frac{p-1}{2}$ , and the second time with  $p-k$ , since  $(p-k)^2 \equiv k^2 \pmod{p}$ . Thus we have the following theorem, which at least cuts down by half the task of looking for solutions to  $y^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ .

**Theorem (4.13):**

Let  $P$  be any odd prime. Then any reduced residue system modulo  $P$  contains  $(p-1)/2$  quadratic residues and  $(p-1)/2$  quadratic non residues modulo  $p$ . One set of  $(p-1)/2$  incongruent quadratic residues is  $1^2, 2^2, \dots, \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)^2$ .

**Example (4.14):**

We compute the least residues (*mod* 11) of  $k^2$ ,  $k = 1, 2, \dots, 10$ , in the following table.

$k$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
$k^2$	1	4	9	5	3	3	5	9	4	1

Note the each quadratic residue appears one between  $k = 1$  and  $5 = (11 - 1) / 2$ .

**Example (4.15):**

Solve  $2x^2 + 3x + 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{23}$ .

Here  $b^2 - 4ac = 9 - 4(2)(5) = -31 \equiv 15 \pmod{23}$ .

We complete the least residues (*mod* 23) of the squares of the squares of the into or  $s$  from  $q$  to  $(23 - 1)/2 = 11$  to get the following table. .

$k$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$k^2$	1	4	9	16	2	13	3	18	17	8	6

Letting  $k$  run from 12 to 22 would produce the same squares in reverse order.

(Tryit!) Thus 15 is a quadratic nonresident (*mod* 23) and the original congruence has no solution.

The reader may want to review the proof of Wilson’s theorem, in which it is shown that  $(p - 1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{P}$  by matching each of the integers  $k$  from  $1, 2, \dots, p - 1$  with integer  $k'$  from thus list such that

$$k^k \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

We vary this proof as following. Suppose  $P$  is an old prime not dividing  $a$ , and match each  $k$  between 1 and  $p - 1$  with a  $k^1$  in that set such that

$$kk' \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

Exactly one such  $k$  exists by Theorem. There is a problem with the count if we could have  $k = k'$  which says  $k^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ .

This problem cannot arise if  $a$  is a quadratic nonresident (*mod*  $p$ ) so let us assume that such is the case for the time being.

Then we have  $a^{(p-1)/2} \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \dots (p-1) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ , where of course, theorem.

We see that if  $a$  is a quadratic no residue  $\pmod{p}$  we take a more direct approach. Let  $y^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ . Since  $p \nmid a$ , also  $p \nmid y$ . Then  $a^{(p-1)/2} \equiv y^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  by Fermat's theorem.

**Theorem (4.16) :**

(Euler's criterion). Let  $P$  be an prime not dividing the integer  $a$ , Then  $a$  is a quadratic residue or quadratic no residue modulo  $p$  according as  $a^{(p-1)/2} \equiv 1$  or  $-1 \pmod{P}$  in light of the modular exponentiation of section , this theorem gives an efficient method of telling whether a given integer is a quadratic residue or no residue modulo  $p$ , although it does not give an actual that  $y^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$  in the case of a quadratic residue the case  $a = -1$  is especially pleasant, since powers of  $-1$  are easily computed.

**Corollary (4.17):**

The number  $-1$  is a quadratic residue or quadratic no residue modulo the odd prime  $p$  according as  $p$  is congruent to 1 or 3 modulo 4.

Proof of course, any odd prime  $p$  must be congruent to 1 or 3 modulo 4. And it is easy to check that then  $(p-1)/2$  is even or odd irrespectively.

**Definition (4.18):**

Legendre symbol suppose  $p$  is an odd prime not dividing the integer  $a$ . We define the symbol  $(a|p)$  to be 1 or  $-1$  according as  $a$  is a quadratic residue or quadratic no residue modulo  $p$ . This is called the Legendre symbol, after the French mathematician Adrian Marie Legendre (1752 - 1833).

**Example (4.19):**

From previous examples, we see that  $(1/13) = (4/13) = (12/13) = 1$ , while  $(\frac{2}{5}) = (15/23) = -1$ .

**Theorem (4.20):-**

The Integers  $a$  or  $b$ .



- 1)  $\left(\frac{a^2}{p}\right) = 1,$
- 2)  $\left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right)\left(\frac{b}{p}\right),$
- 3)  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv a^{(p-1)/2} \pmod{p}.$
- 4) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$ , then  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{p}\right).$
- 5)  $\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = 1$  or  $-1$  according as  $p \equiv 1$  or  $3 \pmod{4}$

**Proof:**

Parts (1) and (4) follow airtight. Part (3) is Euler's criterion, and part (5) is its corollary.

Finally, part (2) follows from part (3) since

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)\left(\frac{b}{p}\right) \equiv a^{(p-1)/2}b^{(p-1)/2} \equiv (ab)^{(p-1)/2} \equiv \left(\frac{ab}{p}\right) \pmod{p}$$

**Quadratic Reciprocity identifying Quadratic residues:**

The problem of telling whether an integer  $a$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $p$  or not occupied some of the greatest number theorists of the eighteenth century, including Euler, Lagrange, Legendre and Gauss who made the greatest contribution to the subject.

To save words we will establish the following convention in this section,  $p$  will represent an odd prime not dividing the positive integer  $a$ . All congruence will be modulo  $p$  unless some other modulus is specified.

Note that we can assume  $a$  to be positive without loss of generality, since by part (2) of  $(-a/p) = (-1/p)(a/p)$  and  $(-1/p)$  can be evaluated by part (3) of the same theorem. About all we have to go on is Euler's criterion. Which says

$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv a^{(p-1)/2}$  and it would be nice to have some independent way to evaluate the expression on the right. In the proof of Euler's theorem (her precession, showing that  $a^{(p-1)} \equiv 1$  Recall the proof. As  $x$  runs through reduced residue system modulo  $p$  so does  $ax$ , so

$$a^{(p-1)} \prod x = \prod(ax) = \prod x, \text{ where the products run over}$$

$$x = 1, 2, \dots, p - 1$$

Dividing through by  $\prod x$  yields formable theorem.

In order to valuate  $a^{(p-1)/2}$  we need to employ product with  $(p - 1)/2$  factors, say over  $x = 1, 2, \dots, (p - 1)/2$ . Let us define the integers from 1 to  $p-1$  then look like  $1, 2, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2} = h, h + 1 = \frac{p-1}{2}, \dots, p - 1$ .

A proof that for Fermat's theorem would here use the product  $a^h \prod x = \prod(ax)$ , where  $x$  runs from 1 to  $h$  in the products.

The problem with this product is that for  $x$  between 1 and  $h$ ,  $ax$  need not be congruent to some number in the same range certainly in congruent to one of the number  $-h, -(h - 1), \dots, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots, h$  since these  $2h + 1 = p$  integers comprise a complete residue system  $(\text{mod } p)$ . In fact, we would leave out 0 as a possibility, since by  $(x)$ 's assumptions  $p \nmid ax$ .

Let us define  $x^*$  to be that unique number between  $-h$  and  $h$  such that  $ax = x^*$  where  $x$  runs from 1 to  $h$ . Taking  $p = 7$  and  $a = 5$ , for example, we compute the following table. Note that  $h = (7 - 1)/2 = 3$ .

$x$	1	2	3
$ax$	5	10	15
$x^*$	-2	3	1

Here is another example, with  $p = 13$  (so  $h = 6$ ) and  $a = 2$ .

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6
$ax$	2	4	6	8	10	12
$x^*$	2	4	6	-5	-3	-1

Notice that the values of  $x^*$  repeat those of  $x$ , except for some minus signs. This turns out always to be the case, which is the basis of the following theorem.

**Theorem (4.21): Gauss's lemmas:**

Let  $p$  be an odd prime not dividing the integer  $a$ .

For  $x = 1, 2, \dots, h = (p - 1) / 2$  let  $x^*$  be that integer congruent to  $ax \pmod{p}$  such that  $-h \leq x^* \leq h$ .

Suppose exactly  $n$  values of  $x^*$  are negative.

Then  $(a/b) = (-1)^n$ .

**Proof:**

first we show that the absolute values of the number  $x^*$  comprise the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, h\}$ , Since these absolute values all fall into this set, and show they are distinct, that is, if  $x \neq y$ , then  $|x^*| \neq |y^*|$ . Suppose  $|x^*| = |y^*|$ , with  $x$  and  $y$  by the cancellation theorem.

Otherwise  $x^* = -y^*$ , which means  $ax = -ay$ .

Thus  $p \mid a(x + y)$ . This is impossible because  $x$  and  $y$  are between 1 and  $h$ , so  $2 \leq x + y \leq 2h = p - 1$ .

Thus  $p$  cannot divide  $x + y$ , and by assumption  $p \nmid a$ . The rest of the proof parallels that of Fermat's theorem, If we let  $x$  run from

$$a^h \prod x = \prod (ax) = \prod x^* \equiv (-1)^n \prod x$$

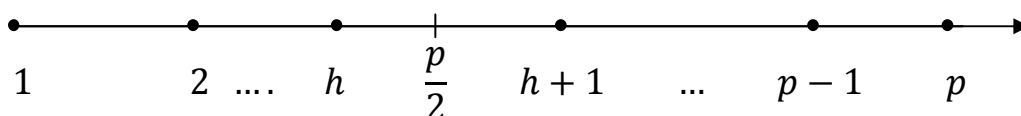
Cancelling  $\prod x$  give  $(-1)^n \equiv a^h$ . But the latter is congruent to  $(a/p)$  by Euler's criterion.

The case  $a = 2$ .

We will use Gauss's lemma to compute  $(2/p)$  for some specific value of  $a$ . It is important to remember that we don't really need to know if  $p$  is odd or even.

(This is called the parity of  $n$ .)

Let us see what happens when  $a = 2$ . We are to find numbers  $x^*$  congruent to the number  $2, 4, 6, \dots, 2h = p - 1$  in the set  $\{-h, -h + 1, \dots, h - 1, h\}$  and count how many of them are negative. (One example of how this works is given for  $p = 13$  earlier in this section.) In general,  $n$  is the number of integers  $x$  such that  $p/2 < 2x < p$ , as the following picture shows.



Thus we must count the number of integer  $x$  such that  $p/4 < x < P/2$ . Of course,  $p/4$  is not even an integer (nor is  $p/2$ ), and so the smallest such  $x$  depends on what  $p$  is congruent to modulo 4. Let us suppose

$$p = 4q + r, \quad 0 \leq r \leq 4$$

Since  $p$  is odd we must have  $r = 1$  or  $3$ . Then we must count the integers  $x$  such that  $\frac{p}{4} = q + \frac{r}{4} < x < 2q + \frac{r}{2} = \frac{p}{2}$ .

The first counted is clearly  $q + 1$ . And the last one counted is  $2q$  or  $2q + 1$ , depending according as  $r = 1$  or  $3$ . The question is whether  $n$  is even or odd, which we see.

Depends on both the parity of  $a$  and whether  $r$  is 1 or 3. Let us check cases.

Case	$P = 4q + r$	$n$
$r = 1, q = 2s$	$8s + 1$	$q, \text{ even}$
$r = 1, q = 2s + 1$	$8s + 5$	$q, \text{ odd}$
$r = 3, q = 2s$	$8s + 3$	$q + 1, \text{ odd}$
$r = 3, q = 2s + 1$	$8s + 7$	$q + 1, \text{ even}$

**Theorem (4.22):**

Let  $P$  be an odd prime. Then  $(2/P)$  is 1 if  $P \equiv 1$  or  $7 \pmod{8}$ , and

$$\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) \text{ is } -1 \text{ if } p \equiv 3 \text{ or } 5 \pmod{8}.$$

**Example (4.23):**

Compute  $(65/47)$ :

Compute assign various parts of theorem and the result just proved we have .

$$\left(\frac{65}{47}\right) = \left(\frac{18}{47}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{47}\right) = \left(\frac{9}{47}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{47}\right) = 1,$$

Where the last equality holds since  $47 \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$  the case  $a = 3$

A similar argument to the one previously can be made For  $a \equiv 2$ . Since we are assuming  $p \nmid a$ , then  $p > 3$ . The multiples of  $1, 2, \dots, h$  are  $3, 6, 9, \dots, 3h = \frac{3(p-1)}{2}$  all of which be between 0 and  $3p/2$ . The following table shows what happens for  $p = 17$  ( $s o h = 8$ ).

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
$3x$	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
$x^*$	3	6	-8	-5	-2	1	4	7

The negative values of  $x^*$  correspond to  $p/2 < x < p$  which is equivalent to  $p/6 < x < p/3$ .

The first integer after  $p/6$  depends on the experience with  $a = 2$  we will use the modulus 12 instead. Let  $p = 12s + r, 0 \leq r \leq 12$ .

Since neither 2 nor 3 divide  $p$ , we must have  $r = 1, 5, 7$  or 11 substituting  $p = 12s + r$  into our inequality give

$$2s + \frac{r}{6} < x < 4s + \frac{r}{3}.$$

Since shifting either endpoint of an interval by an even integer does not change whether the number of integers in the interval is even or odd, it suffices to count the number of integers  $y$  satisfying  $\frac{r}{6} < y < \frac{r}{3}$ . The number of such  $y$  will be even or odd the same as  $n$ . we resort to cases.

Case	Interval	Possible $y$	Parity of $n$
$r = 1$	$\frac{1}{6} < y < \frac{1}{4}$	None	<i>Even</i>
$r = 5$	$\frac{5}{6} > y > 1 \frac{2}{3}$	1	<i>Odd</i>
$r = 7$	$1 \frac{1}{6} < y < 2 \frac{1}{3}$	2	<i>Odd</i>
$r = 11$	$1 \frac{5}{6} > y > 3 \frac{2}{3}$	2, 3	<i>Even</i>

**Theorem (4.24):**

Let  $p < 3$  be prime. Then  $(3/p) = 1$  if  $p = 1$  or 11 (mod 12) and

$$(3/p) = -1 \text{ if } p = 5 \text{ or } 7 \text{ (mod 12)}.$$

**Quadratic Reciprocity:**

The value of  $(2/p)$  depends on what  $p$  is modulo 8. The value of  $(3/p)$  depends on what  $p$  is Modulo 12.

Furthermore, some symmetry seems present. For example,  $(2/p)$  has the same value has the same value whether  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  or  $p \equiv -1 \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$  and the same value whether

$$p \equiv 3 \pmod{8} \text{ or } p \equiv -3 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}.$$

The situation is similar for  $a = 3$ . Thus we might conjecture the following theorem.

**Flipping a coin over the telephone:**

**Lemma (4.25):**

Let  $a > 0$ , and let  $p$  and  $q$  be odd prime not dividing  $a$ . then  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{q}\right)$  if  $p \equiv q \pmod{4a}$  or if  $p \equiv -q \pmod{4a}$ . The proof of this lemma which proceeds along lines similar to the cases  $a = 2$  and  $a = 3$  above, will be presented. For the time being, we will assume it is true and investigate its consequences. Suppose  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct odd primes, so that each is congruent to either  $p$  nor  $q$  divider  $a$ . Then  $p \equiv a \pmod{4a}$  and so  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{q}\right)$  by lemma since  $q - p = 4a$ , the integer  $a$  has the interesting property that

$$q \equiv 4a \pmod{p} \text{ and } p \equiv -4a \pmod{q}$$

Thus

$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{-4a}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{q}\right) \left(\frac{4}{q}\right) \left(\frac{a}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{q}\right) \left(\frac{4}{p}\right) \left(\frac{a}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{q}\right) \left(\frac{4a}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{q}\right) \left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$$

We have proved the following celebrated theorem.

**Theorem (4.26):**

Gauss's law of quadratic reciprocity: suppose  $p$  and  $q$  are distinct odd primes, then  $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{q}{p}\right)$  unless  $p$  and  $q$  are both congruent to 3 module 4 in which case  $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = -\left(\frac{q}{p}\right)$ .

**Example (4.27) :**

Evaluate  $\left(\frac{13}{43}\right)$   $\left(\frac{19}{59}\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{37}{67}\right)$  since  $13 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  we have

$$\left(\frac{13}{43}\right) = \left(\frac{43}{13}\right) = \left(\frac{3 \cdot 13 + 4}{13}\right) = \left(\frac{4}{13}\right) = 1$$

where we used besides reciprocity, parts (4) and (1) of theorem likewise since both 19 and 59 are congruent to 3 (mod 4) we have

$$\left(\frac{19}{59}\right) = -\left(\frac{59}{19}\right) = -\left(\frac{2}{19}\right) = 1$$

Since  $(2/19) = -1$  by theorem. Finally since  $37 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \left(\frac{37}{67}\right) &= \left(\frac{67}{37}\right) = \left(\frac{30}{37}\right) = \left(\frac{2}{37}\right)\left(\frac{3}{37}\right)\left(\frac{5}{37}\right) \\ &= (-1)\left(\frac{37}{3}\right)\left(\frac{37}{3}\right) = -\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)\left(\frac{2}{5}\right) = -(1)(-1) = 1, \end{aligned}$$

where theorem was used twice. Alternatively, we could note that

$$67 \equiv -7 \pmod{37}$$

So

$$\left(\frac{67}{37}\right) = \left(\frac{-7}{37}\right) = \left(\frac{-1}{37}\right)\left(\frac{37}{7}\right) = (1)\left(\frac{2}{7}\right) = 1.$$

Flipping  $a$  can over the telephone the proof. Of lemma: our first order of business is to prove the lemma. Of the least section from which we derived the law of quadratic reciprocity.

**Lemma (4.28):**

Let  $a > 0$  and let  $p$  and  $q$  be odd primes not dividing  $a$ . then  $(a/p) = (a/q)$  if  $p \equiv q \pmod{4a}$ .

Prove  $p$ . As with our evaluations of  $(2/p)$  and  $(3/p)$ , we will employ Gauss's lemma. Let  $h = (p-1)/2$ , and consider the integers  $a, 2a, 3a, \dots, ha$ .

These fall into the open intervals  $(0, \frac{p}{2}), (\frac{p}{2}, \frac{2p}{2}), (\frac{2p}{2}, \frac{3p}{2}), (\frac{3p}{2}, \frac{4p}{2})$ .

Where  $a$  is customary, we denote the set of real numbers?

x. Such that  $A < x < B$  by  $(A, B)$ . since  $ha = \frac{(p-1)a}{2} < \frac{pa}{2} < \frac{(p+1)a}{2} = (h+1)a$ , The last interval we need consider is  $(a-1)p/2, ap/2)$ .

A total of  $a$  intervals are involved. So that the number of intervals does not depend on  $p$ .

Notice that the end points of the intervals listed are either not integers or else multiples of  $p$ . Thus none of the integers  $a, 2a, \dots, ha$  falls on one of these endpoints since  $px < a$  and  $h > p$ .

$$\left(\frac{p}{2}, \frac{2p}{2}\right), \left(\frac{3p}{2}, \frac{4p}{2}\right), \left(\frac{5p}{2}, \frac{6p}{2}\right), \dots$$

Thus in a typical interval we want to count the number of integers  $x$  such that

$$\frac{(2k-1)p}{2} < ax < \frac{2kp}{2} . \text{ Or } \frac{(2k-1)p}{2a} < x < \frac{2kp}{2a} .$$

Now assume  $q$  is an odd frame such that  $q \equiv p \pmod{4a}$ .

Then  $q = p + 4at$  for some integer  $t$ . if we try to evaluate  $(a/q)$  by Gauss's lemma in the same way, atypical interval in which we would be coming integers would be defined by the inequalities.

$\frac{(2k-1)a}{2a} < y < \frac{2ka}{2a}$  plugging  $q = p + 4at$  into this leads to

$$\frac{(2k-1)p}{2a} + (2k-1)2t < y < \frac{2kp}{2a} + 4kt$$

(We leave it to the reader to check the algebra.

If we compare the endpoints of the intervals defined by the inequalities

we see that the left and points differ by even integers in the corresponding intervals differs try a multiple of 2, it is even in both cases or odd in both cases.

Or odd in both cases.

By using the same argument for each value of  $k$  and applying Gauss's lemma we conclude that  $(a/p) = (q/p)$ .

Now we consider the case when  $q \equiv -p \pmod{4a}$ . Then

$q = -p + 4at$  for some integer  $t$ . plugging this into (4.14) produces  $\frac{-(2k-1)p}{2a} +$

$$(2k-1)2t < y < \frac{-2kp}{2a} + 4kt$$

Multiplying through by  $-1$  profuse a symmetric interval on the other side of 0 that contains the same number of integers,

$\frac{(2k-1)p}{2a} + 2t > y'' > \frac{2kp}{2a}$ , In fact, the same number of integer are in the

intervalshifred  $4kf$  units to the right  $-\frac{(2k-1)p}{2a} + (2k-1)2 > y^{11} > \frac{2kp}{2a}$

Which can be written

$$\frac{2kp}{2a} < y'' < \frac{(2k-1)p}{2a} + 2t$$



We would like to show that the number of integers satisfying these inequalities is even or odd the same as the number of  $x$  satisfying define adjacent intervals, and the number of integers in their union is the number of 7 satisfying

$$\frac{(2k-1)p}{2a} < z < \frac{(2k-1)p}{2a} + 2t$$

(Recall that the endpoints of our interval are never hit so we need not worry about  $x$  equaling the common endpoint of the two intervals.)

The last inequalities define an interval of length  $2t$  with no integral and points, It must contain an even number of integers, thus the number or of integers satisfying must be even in both cases or again using this argument for all values of  $k$  and applying Gauss's lemma we see that

$$\left(\frac{a}{q}\right) = \left(\frac{a}{p}\right).$$

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