

Theory of Numbers (47011/57011)

Final Homework

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Due in the day of final exam. Each problem is 7 points.

Problem 1. Prove that if $a \in \mathbb{N}$ then $360 \mid a^2(a^2 - 1)(a^2 - 4)$.

Problem 2. Consider $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$. Prove that if $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a, c) = 1$ then $\gcd(a, bc) = 1$.

Problem 3. Consider $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\gcd(a, b) = \text{lcm}(a, b)$ prove that then $a = b$.

Problem 4. Divide 100 into two summands such that one is divisible by 7 and another by 11.

Problem 5. Show that any composite three-digit number must have a prime factor which is less than 31.

Problem 6. Assume that p_n is the n th prime number. Prove that $p_n > 2n - 1$ for $n \geq 5$.

Problem 7. Prove that if $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ then the integers

$$c, c + a, c + 2a, \dots, c + (n - 1)a$$

form a complete set of residues modulo n for any c . Would this statement be still true without assumption of $\gcd(a, n) = 1$?

Problem 8. Determine the last three digits of number 7^{999} .

Problem 9. Solve the linear congruence $17x \equiv 3 \pmod{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7}$.

Problem 10. Find the solution of the following system of equations

$$11x + 5y \equiv 7 \pmod{20} \text{ and } 6x + 3y \equiv 8 \pmod{20}.$$

Problem 11. Assume p is odd prime, use Fermat's theorem to show that

$$1^p + 2^p + 3^p + \dots + (p - 1)^p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

Problem 12. Use Wilson's theorem to show that for any odd prime p :

$$1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \dots (p - 2)^2 \equiv (-1)^{(p+1)/2} \pmod{p}$$

It may help to note that $k \equiv -(p - k) \pmod{p}$.

Problem 13. Let f and g be multiplicative functions such that $f(p^k) = g(p^k)$ for each prime p and $k \geq 1$. Prove that $f(n) = g(n)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Problem 14. Prove that $\phi(n^2) = n\phi(n)$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Problem 15. Prove that odd prime divisors of the integer $n^4 + 1$ are of the form $8k + 1$.

Problem 16. Find primitive roots of 41 and 82.