

1 The Division Algorithm

Theorem 1.1. For integers a, b , and c , if $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid b + c$.

Theorem 1.2. For integers a, b , and c , if $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid b - c$.

Theorem 1.3. For integers a, b , and c , if $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid bc$.

Theorem 1.4. For integers a, b , and c , if $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$, then $a \mid c$.

Theorem 1.5. For a natural number n , congruence modulo n is reflexive, symmetric, and transitive

Theorem 1.6. For integer a, b, c, d and a natural number n , if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$, then $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{n}$.

Theorem 1.7. For integer a, b, c, d and a natural number n , if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$, then $a - c \equiv b - d \pmod{n}$.

Theorem 1.8. For integer a, b and natural numbers n, m if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and then $ma \equiv mb \pmod{mn}$.

Theorem 1.9. For integer a, b, c, d and a natural number n , if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$, then $ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$.

Theorem 1.10. For integer a, b and a natural number n , $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if and only if a and b have the same remainder when divided by n .

Theorem 1.11. For integers a, b, n, r and k , if $a \equiv nb + r$, $k \mid a$ and $k \mid b$, then $k \mid r$.

Theorem 1.12. For integers a, b, n and r , if $a = nb + r$ then $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$.

Theorem 1.13. For integers a, b and d , the diophantine equation $ax + by = d$ has a solution (with x and y integers) if and only if $\gcd(a, b) \mid d$.

Corollary For integers a and b , the diophantine equation $ax + by = 1$ has a solution (with x and y integers) if and only if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$.

Theorem 1.14. For integers a and b , if x' and y' are integral solutions to the diophantine equation $ax + by = d$, then all solutions are given by

$$x = x' + \frac{b}{\gcd(a, b)}t \quad y = y' - \frac{a}{\gcd(a, b)}t$$

where t is an integer.

Theorem 1.15. For integers a, b, c and a natural number n , if $ac \equiv bc \pmod{n}$ and $\gcd(c, n) = 1$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$.

2 Theorems About Primes

Theorem 2.1. A natural number n is prime if and only if for all $p < \sqrt{n}$, p does not divide n .

Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic Every natural number greater than 1 is either a prime number or it can be expressed uniquely as a product of primes.

Theorem 2.2. For natural numbers a and b , if $a^2 \mid b^2$ then $a \mid b$.

Theorem 2.3. For natural numbers a, b and n , if $a \mid n$, $b \mid n$ and $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ then $ab \mid n$.

Theorem 2.4. For p primes and integers a and b , if $p \mid ab$ then $p \mid a$ or $p \mid b$.

Lemma For any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $\gcd(n, n + 1) = 1$.

Theorem 2.5. There are infinitely many primes.

3 Theorems About Modularity

Theorem 3.1. For a polynomial $f(x) = a_k x^k + a_{k-1} x^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$, if $a \equiv b \pmod n$ then $f(a) \equiv f(b) \pmod n$.

Theorem 3.2. For an integer a and natural number n , there is a unique integer t in $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ such that $a \equiv t \pmod n$.

Theorem 3.3. For integers a, b, n with $n > 0$, $ax \equiv b \pmod n$ has a solution if and only if there exist integers x and y such that $ax + ny = b$.

Theorem 3.4. For integers a, b, n with $n > 0$, $ax \equiv b \pmod n$ has a solution if and only if $\gcd(a, n) \mid b$.

Theorem 3.5. For integers a, b, n with $n > 0$, if x' is a solution to $ax \equiv b \pmod n$, then all solutions are given by

$$x' + \frac{n}{\gcd(a, n)} m \pmod n$$

where $m = 0, 1, \dots, \gcd(a, n) - 1$.

Chinese Remainder Theorem Let n_1, n_2, \dots, n_r be positive integers such that $(n_i, n_j) = 1$ for $i \neq j$. Then the system of congruences

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1} \\ x &\equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2} \\ &\vdots \\ x &\equiv a_r \pmod{n_r} \end{aligned}$$

has a simultaneous solution, which is unique modulo the integer $N = n_1 \cdot n_2 \cdot \dots \cdot n_r$.

4 Higher Degree Congruences

Theorem 4.1. For natural numbers a and n there exists natural numbers i and j with $i \neq j$ such that $a^i \equiv a^j \pmod n$.

Theorem 4.2. For natural numbers a and n if $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ then there exists a natural number k such that $a^k \equiv 1 \pmod n$.

Theorem 4.3. For natural numbers a and n , with $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ and $\text{ord}_n(a) = k$, then $a^m \equiv 1 \pmod n$ if and only if $k \mid m$.

Theorem 4.4. For a prime p and natural number m , $\Phi(p^m) = p^m - p^{m-1}$.

Fermat's Little Theorem For p prime, and $\gcd(a, p) = 1$, $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod p$.

Euler's Theorem For integers a and n , with $n > 0$ and $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, $a^{\Phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod n$.

Wilson's Theorem For a natural number n , $(n-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod n$ if and only if n is prime.

5 Cryptography

Theorem 5.1. *If p and q are primes and W is a natural number less than p, q then $W^{(p-1)(q-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{pq}$.*

Theorem 5.2. *If p and q are primes and W is a natural number less than p, q then $W^{1+(p-1)(q-1)} \equiv W \pmod{pq}$.*

Theorem 5.3. *If p and q are primes and E is a natural number relatively prime to $(p-1)(q-1)$, then there exist natural numbers D and y such that $ED = 1 + y(p-1)(q-1)$.*

Theorem 5.4. *If p and q are primes and W is a natural number less than p, q and $ED = 1 + y(p-1)(q-1)$ then $W^{ED} \equiv W \pmod{pq}$.*

6 Primitive roots and high order congruences

Theorem 6.1. *Suppose p is prime, $\text{ord}_p(a) = d$ and $\text{gcd}(i, d) = 1$, then $\text{ord}_p(a^i) = d$.*

Lagrange's Theorem *If p is prime and $f(x)$ is a degree n polynomial then $f(x) \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ has at most n incongruent solutions modulo p .*

Theorem 6.2. *For a prime p and a natural number n , there are at most $\Phi(d)$ many incongruent integers modulo p that have order d modulo p .*

Theorem 6.3. *For a prime p and a primitive root g , the set $\{0, g, \dots, g^{p-1}\}$ is a complete residue system modulo p .*

Theorem 6.4. *For any natural number n , $\sum \Phi(d) = n$ where the sum is take over the divisors d of n .*

Theorem 6.5. *Every prime p has a primitive root.*

Theorem 6.6. *For natural numbers k, b and an integer n , with $\text{gcd}(k, \Phi(n)) = 1$ and $\text{gcd}(b, n) = 1$, then the congruence*

$$x^k \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

has a unique solution modulo n given by

$$x \equiv b^u \pmod{n}$$

where u is a solution to the diophantine equation $ku + \Phi(n)v = 1$.