

1. Find the nonnegative integer $a < 28$ which is represented by the following pairs

$$(a) (0, 0) \qquad (b) (1, 1)$$

$$(c) (2, 1) \qquad (d) (3, 5)$$

where each pair (κ, ℓ) represents the system of congruences

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} a \equiv \kappa \pmod{4} \\ a \equiv \ell \pmod{7} \end{array} \right\}.$$

2. Using Fermat's little theorem show that if n is a positive integer, $n^7 \equiv n \pmod{42}$.

Note: Fermat's little theorem will be stated and proved next Tuesday in class. It states that $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for any prime p and any integer a so that $p \nmid a$. Equivalently $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ for any integer a .

3. Let $m_1, m_2 > 1$. Show that the system of linear congruences

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} x \equiv a \pmod{m_1} \\ x \equiv b \pmod{m_2} \end{array} \right\}$$

has solutions **for any** integers a and b if, and only if, m_1 and m_2 are relatively prime.

4. Let $\varphi(m) = \#\{1 \leq k < m \mid \gcd(k, m) = 1\}$ be Euler's function. Show that:

(a) For any prime p and any integer $\kappa \geq 1$, $\varphi(p^\kappa) = p^{\kappa-1}(p-1)$.

(b) Use the multiplicative property of φ to prove that if $m = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdot p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{\alpha_k}$ is the prime factorization of m , then

$$\varphi(m) = m \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \cdot \dots \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_k}\right).$$

(c) Use (b) to show that, in particular, for any integer $\kappa \geq 1$, $\varphi(m^\kappa) = m^{\kappa-1}\varphi(m)$.

Note: Recall that φ being multiplicative means that $\varphi(n \cdot m) = \varphi(n) \cdot \varphi(m)$ if $m, n \geq 1$ are relatively prime.

5. Let p and q be two different primes, put $m = pq$ and suppose that $r \equiv 1 \pmod{p-1}$ and $r \equiv 1 \pmod{q-1}$. Show that for any integer a ,

$$a^r \equiv a \pmod{m}.$$