

Section 4.4

1. Find the inverse of $a \pmod{m}$ for each of the following pairs of integers through Euclid and Bézout.
 - (a) $a = 4, m = 9$
 - (b) $a = 19, m = 141$
 - (c) $a = 89, m = 232$
 - (d) $a = 189, m = 1231$
 - (e) $a = 189, m = 1232$
2. Solve the following congruences (the previous exercise could be useful).
 - (a) $4x \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$
 - (b) $19x \equiv 12 \pmod{141}$
 - (c) $89x \equiv 22 \pmod{232}$
 - (d) $189x \equiv 32 \pmod{1231}$
 - (e) $189x \equiv 42 \pmod{1232}$
3. Take two numbers a and b .
 - (a) Find $\gcd(a, b)$ using Euclid's algorithm.
 - (b) Find $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $sa + tb = \gcd(a, b)$.
 - (c) Does a admit an inverse \pmod{b} ? If yes, what is it?
 - (d) Does b admit an inverse \pmod{a} ? If yes, what is it?
4. Redo the previous exercise with two different numbers a and b .
5. Solve the following systems of congruences by using the substitution method.
 - (a)

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$$

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$$

(b)

$$5x \equiv 3 \pmod{6}$$

$$4x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$$

(c)

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

(d)

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

(e)

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\x &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \\x &\equiv 1 \pmod{25}\end{aligned}$$

6. Solve the following systems of congruences by using the chinese remainder theroem.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv 3 \pmod{6} \\x &\equiv 4 \pmod{7}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv 1 \pmod{5} \\x &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\x &\equiv 1 \pmod{3}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\x &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \\x &\equiv 1 \pmod{25}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\x &\equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\x &\equiv 3 \pmod{5} \\x &\equiv 4 \pmod{11}\end{aligned}$$

7. Solve the following systems of congruences.

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv 0 \pmod{101} \\x &\equiv 0 \pmod{103} \\x &\equiv 0 \pmod{107}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$2x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$3x \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$4x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

8. Simplify the following expressions as much as possible.

(a) $7^{121} \pmod{13}$

(b) $23^{1002} \pmod{41}$

9. Simplify the following expressions as much as possible.

(a) $28^{1000000} \pmod{7}$

(b) $6^{778} \pmod{7}$

10. Answer these questions with the help of a computer.

(a) Find two pseudo-primes base 2.

(b) Find three pseudo-primes base 3.

(c) Find four pseudo-primes base 4.

11. Find the last digit of the following numbers.

(a) $2020!$

(b) $1^1 + 2^2 + 3^3 + 4^4 + 5^5 + \dots + 2019^{2019} + 2020^{2020}$

(c) $3^{400} + 11^{400}$

12. Let $a, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $m \geq 2$ and $0 < a < m$. Suppose that $\gcd(a, m) = d > 1$. Find a solution to the following linear congruence

$$a \cdot x \equiv a \pmod{m}.$$

Your solution must satisfy $0 \leq x < m$.

13. True or false? Demonstrate. If $\gcd(a, m) \neq 1$, then the inverse of $a \pmod{m}$ does not exist.

14. True or false? Demonstrate. Let $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r \in \mathbb{Z}$ be positive integers. Suppose there exist i and j with $1 \leq i < j \leq r$ such that m_i and m_j are not co-prime. Then the system

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

\vdots

$$x \equiv a_r \pmod{m_r}$$

does not have a solution.

15. True or false? Demonstrate. Let $p \in \mathbb{Z}$ a prime and $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\gcd(a, p) \neq 1$. Then $a^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

16. True or false? Demonstrate. Let $a, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\gcd(a, m) = 1$. If m is not prime, then $a^{m-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.