

FINAL: MATH 109, FALL 2011.

No books, calculators, cell-phones, notes or tables are permitted. Good luck !

(1) (10 points) Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that if  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  and  $a|bc$ , then  $a|c$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(a, b) = 1 &\implies \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}, 1 = ax + by \\ &\implies c = acx + bc \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} a|acx \\ a|bc \end{array} \right\} \implies a|c. \end{aligned}$$

(2) (a) <sup>3</sup> (3 points) Let  $k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove that  $2^k - 1 | 2^l - 1$  if  $k|l$ .

$$\begin{aligned} k|l &\implies \exists k' \in \mathbb{N}, l = kk' \\ k, l \in \mathbb{N} &\left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \\ 2^l &\stackrel{2^k-1}{\equiv} 2^{kk'} \equiv (2^k)^{k'} \equiv 1^{k'} = 1. \\ &\implies 2^k - 1 | 2^l - 1. \end{aligned}$$

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(b) (15 points) Prove that  $\gcd(2^n - 1, 2^m - 1) = 2^{\gcd(n,m)} - 1$  for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

By the part (a),  $2^{\gcd(m,n)} - 1 \mid 2^m - 1$  and  $2^{\gcd(m,n)} - 1 \mid 2^n - 1$ .

Therefore  $2^{\gcd(m,n)} - 1 \leq \gcd(2^m - 1, 2^n - 1) = d$ .

Let  $a_0 = m, a_1 = n$  and

$$a_0 = a_1 \cdot q_0 + a_2, \quad 0 \leq a_2 < a_1$$

$\vdots$

$$a_{i-1} = a_i \cdot q_{i-1} + a_{i+1}, \quad 0 \leq a_{i+1} < a_i$$

$\vdots$

$$a_{k-1} = a_k \cdot q_{k-1}$$

By Euclid's algorithm  
 $d = \gcd(m, n) = a_k$ .

By induction on  $i$ , we prove that  $d \mid 2^{a_i} - 1$ .

Base cases.  $d \mid 2^{a_0} - 1$  and  $d \mid 2^{a_1} - 1$  by the definition

of  $\gcd$ .

Induction Step  $2^{a_{i-1}} = 2^{a_i \cdot q_{i-1} + a_{i+1}} \equiv (2^{a_i})^{q_{i-1}} \cdot 2^{a_{i+1}}$

By the strong induction hypothesis, we have

$$2^{a_{i-1}} \equiv 2^{a_i} \equiv 1 \pmod{d}.$$

Hence  $2^{a_{i+1}} \not\equiv 1$ , which proves our claim. Thus

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} d \mid 2^{a_k} - 1 = 2^{\gcd(m,n)} - 1 \\ 2^{\gcd(m,n)} - 1 \leq d \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow d = 2^{\gcd(m,n)} - 1.$$

(3) (15 points) For any set  $X$ , prove that  $|X| < |P(X)|$  where  $P(X)$  is the power set of  $X$ .

First we notice that  $g: X \rightarrow P(X)$ ,  $g(x) = \{x\}$  is an injection. Hence  $|X| \leq |P(X)|$ .

Now we prove any function  $f: X \rightarrow P(X)$  is NOT onto. Thus there is no bijection from  $X$  to  $P(X)$ . Hence  $|X| < |P(X)|$ .

Let  $A = \{x \in X \mid x \notin f(x)\}$ .

Claim  $A \notin \text{Im}(f)$ .

Pf If not,  $A = f(a)$ . Now if  $a \in A$ , then by the definition of  $A$   $a \notin f(a) = A$ , which is a contradiction. If  $a \notin A = f(a)$ , then by the def. of  $A$   $a \in A$  which is a contradiction. This completes the proof of our claim and we are done.

(4) (10 points) Find all the solutions of  $106x = 6$  in  $\mathbb{Z}/58\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$106x = 6 \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}/58\mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow 106x \equiv 6 \pmod{58}$$

$$\Rightarrow 53x \equiv 3 \pmod{29}$$

Euclid's algorithm

$$53 = 29 \times 1 + 24 \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} 24 = -29 \times 1 + 53 \\ 5 = -24 \times 1 + 29 \\ 4 = -5 \times 4 + 24 \\ 1 = -4 \times 1 + 5 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$29 = 24 \times 1 + 5$$

$$24 = 5 \times 4 + 4$$

$$5 = 4 \times 1 + 1$$

$$4 = 1 \times 4$$

$$1 = -4 \times 1 + 5$$

$$= -(-5 \times 4 + 24) + 5 = 5 \times 5 - 24$$

$$= (-24 \times 1 + 29) \times 5 - 24 = -24 \times 6 + 29 \times 5$$

$$= -(-29 \times 1 + 53) \times 6 + 29 \times 5 = 29 \times 11 - 53 \times 6$$

$$\Rightarrow -53 \times 6 \stackrel{29}{\equiv} 1 \Rightarrow x \stackrel{29}{\equiv} -6 \times 3 = -18 \equiv 11.$$

$$\Rightarrow x \stackrel{58}{\equiv} 11 \text{ or } 40 \Rightarrow x = [11] \text{ or } [40].$$

(5) (10 points) Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . How many relations  $R$  are there on  $X$  which satisfy all these conditions:  $R$  is reflexive,  $R$  is symmetric, and  $1R3$ ? Explain your solution.

Relations are subsets of  $X \times X$ . So any  $4 \times 4$  box of 0 and 1 gives us a relation and vice versa [The  $(i,j)$  entry is 1 iff  $iRj$ .]

Since  $R$  is reflexive, on the diagonal we get 1. The  $(1,3)$  &  $(3,1)$

are also 1. Because of symmetry

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & \square & 1 & 0 \\ \square & 1 & \triangle & \circlearrowleft \\ 1 & \triangle & 1 & \blacksquare \\ 0 & \circlearrowleft & \blacksquare & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

if we know the upper part, the lower part is uniquely determined. Hence we get  $2^5$  relations.

- (6) (10 points) Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ . Compute  $|\{A \subseteq X \mid |A| \text{ is even}\}|$ . Explain your solution.

$\{1, 2, \dots, 2011\}$

Solution 1. Let  $\mathcal{P}_E(X) = \{A \subseteq X \mid |A| \text{ is even}\}$  and  $\mathcal{P}_O(X) = \{A \subseteq X \mid |A| \text{ is odd}\}$ . It is clear that  $f: \mathcal{P}_E(X) \rightarrow \mathcal{P}_O(X)$ ,  $f(A) = X \setminus A$  is a bijection.

Hence  $|\mathcal{P}_E(X)| = |\mathcal{P}_O(X)|$ . On the other hand,

$$2^{2011} = |\mathcal{P}(X)| = |\mathcal{P}_E(X)| + |\mathcal{P}_O(X)| = 2 |\mathcal{P}_E(X)|.$$

$$\text{Thus } |\mathcal{P}_E(X)| = 2^{2010}.$$

Solution 2.  $|\mathcal{P}_E(X)| = \sum_{i=0}^{1005} \binom{2011}{2i}$ .

On the other hand,  $(x+1)^{2011} = \sum_{j=0}^{2011} \binom{2011}{j} x^j$

Thus  $0 = (-1+1)^{2011} = \sum_{j=0}^{2011} \binom{2011}{j} (-1)^j - \sum_{j=0}^{2011} \binom{2011}{j} (-1)^{2+j}$

and  $2^{2011} = (1+1)^{2011} = \sum_{j=0}^{2011} \binom{2011}{j} + \sum_{\substack{0 \leq j \leq 2011 \\ 2 \nmid j}} \binom{2011}{j}$

$$\Rightarrow \sum_{\substack{j=0 \\ 2 \nmid j}}^{2011} \binom{2011}{j} = 2^{2011} / 2 = 2^{2010}.$$

- (7) (15 points) Let  $f: \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f([x]_m) = [12x]_n$ . Prove that  $f$  is well-defined if and only if  $n/\gcd(12, n)$  divides  $m$ . What is the necessary and sufficient condition under which  $f$  is a bijection?

$$f \text{ is well-defined} \iff \forall x_1, x_2 \quad x_1 \equiv x_2 \pmod{m} \implies 12x_1 \equiv 12x_2 \pmod{n}$$

$$\iff \forall x, \quad m \mid x \implies n \mid 12x$$

On the other hand  $n \mid 12x \iff \frac{n}{\gcd(12, n)} \mid \frac{12}{\gcd(12, n)}x$

$$\iff \frac{n}{\gcd(12, n)} \mid x.$$

$$\iff \frac{n}{\gcd(12, n)} \mid m.$$

$$(\implies \text{ let } x=m)$$

$f$  is a bijection  $\iff m=n$  and  $f([x]) = [12x]$  is bijective.

$$\iff m=n \text{ and } \gcd(m, 12) = 1.$$

(  $f$  is bijection iff  $12$  is a unit  
iff  $\gcd(12, m) = 1.$  )

(8) (10 points) Find the remainder of the division of  $3^{2011}$  by 2012.

By Euler's theorem  $3^{\varphi(2012)} \equiv 1 \pmod{2012}$

as  $\gcd(3, 2012) = 1$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{On the other hand, } \varphi(2012) &= \varphi(4 \times 503) \\ &= \varphi(4) \varphi(503) \\ &= 2 \times 502 = 1004. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus } 3^{1004} &\equiv 1 \implies 3^{2011} \equiv 3^{1004 \times 2 + 3} \\ &\equiv 3^3 = 27 \pmod{2012}. \end{aligned}$$

So the remainder is 27.