

Ex. show that 41 divides $2^{20} - 1$.

Soln.

$$2^5 = 32 \equiv -9 \pmod{41}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^5 \equiv -9 \pmod{41}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^5)^4 \equiv (-9)^4 \pmod{41}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{20} \equiv 81 \cdot 81 \pmod{41} \quad \text{--- (I)}$$

Again

$$81 \equiv -1 \pmod{41}, 81 \equiv -1 \pmod{41}$$

$$\therefore 81 \cdot 81 \equiv (-1)(-1) \pmod{41} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{If } a \equiv b \pmod{m} \\ c \equiv d \pmod{m} \\ \text{then } ac \equiv bd \pmod{m} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow 81 \cdot 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{41} \quad \text{--- (II)}$$

From (I) & (II) we get

$$2^{20} \equiv 81 \cdot 81 \pmod{41}, 81 \cdot 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{41}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{20} \equiv 1 \pmod{41} \quad \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \because a \equiv b \pmod{m}, \\ b \equiv c \pmod{m} \\ \Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{m} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow 41 \mid 2^{20} - 1$$

i.e. 41 divides $2^{20} - 1$ $\#$

Ex. Find the remainder obtained upon dividing the sum

$$1! + 2! + 3! + 4! + \dots + 99! + 100!$$

by 12.

Sol: we know $4! = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = 24 \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$

for $k > 4$

$$k! = \cancel{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4} \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot k$$

$$= 4! \cdot 5 \cdot 6 \cdot \dots \cdot k$$

$$\equiv 0 \pmod{12}$$

$$1! + 2! + 3! + 4! + \dots + 99! + 100!$$

$$\equiv 1! + 2! + 3! + 0 + \dots + 0 \pmod{12}$$

$$= 1 + 2 + 6 \pmod{12}$$

$$= 9 \pmod{12}$$

$\therefore$ reqd remainder is 9

Theorem: If $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$, then
 $a \equiv b \pmod{\frac{n}{d}}$, where $d = \gcd(c, n)$

Pf: Let $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$
 $\therefore n \mid (ca - cb) = c(a - b)$

$\therefore c(a - b) = kn$, for some integer k .

Also, $d = \gcd(c, n)$ ①

$\therefore d \mid c$ and $d \mid n$

$\Rightarrow c = dr$ and $n = ds$ where
 $\gcd(r, s) = 1$ and r, s are
some integers.

$\therefore$ ① $\Rightarrow dr(a - b) = k \cdot ds$

$\Rightarrow r(a - b) = ks$

$\Rightarrow$ ~~$s \mid r(a - b)$~~ $s \mid r(a - b)$

Thus, $s \mid r(a - b)$ and $\gcd(r, s) = 1$.

So by Euclid's Lemma $s \mid (a - b)$

$\Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{s}$

$\Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{\frac{n}{d}}$ [$\because n = ds$]
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Then $a^2 = 3^2 = 9$, $b^2 = 2^2 = 4$

$\therefore 9 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$ so $a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{n}$
but $3 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ ~~so~~ $a \not\equiv b \pmod{n}$

Ex. find the remainder when 2^{50} is divided by 7.

Sol. we know, $2^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$
 $\Rightarrow (2^3)^{16} \equiv 1^{16} \pmod{7}$ $\left[\begin{array}{l} a \equiv b \pmod{n} \\ \Rightarrow a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n} \end{array} \right.$

$\Rightarrow 2^{48} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$

Also, $2^2 \equiv 2^2 \pmod{7}$ $\because a \equiv a \pmod{n}$

$\therefore 2^{48} \cdot 2^2 \equiv 1 \cdot 2^2 \pmod{7}$

$\Rightarrow 2^{50} \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$

$\therefore 4$ is the remainder when 2^{50} is divided by 7.

Ex. find the remainder when 41^{65} is divided by 7.

Hint. we know, $41 \equiv -1 \pmod{7}$

Ex. Find the remainder when 7^{30} is divided by 4.

Ex: what is the remainder when 5^{48} is divided by 12?

soln.

$$5^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow (5^2)^{24} \equiv 1^{24} \pmod{12}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{48} \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$$

$\therefore$ 1 is the remainder when 5^{48} is divided by 12 #

Remark: If $n \mid (a-b)$, then we say a is congruent to b modulo n .

$\therefore 1 \mid (a-b)$, for any integers a, b

so any two integers are congruent modulo 1.

$2 \mid (a-b)$ if both a and b are even or odd. ~~Or~~ ~~if~~ ~~are~~

i.e. two integers are Congruent modulo n when they are both even or both odd.

Given an integer a , let q and r be its quotient and remainder upon division by n , so that

$$a = qn + r, \quad 0 \leq r < n$$

Then $a - r = qn, \quad 0 \leq r < n$

$$\Rightarrow n | a - r \Rightarrow a \equiv r \pmod{n}$$

Since there are n choices for r , we see that every integer is Congruent modulo n to exactly one of the values $0, 1, \dots, n-1$. The set of n integers $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ i.e. the set $\{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ is called the Set of least nonnegative residues modulo n .

A collection of n integers $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ is said to form a Complete Set of residues modulo n if every integer is Congruent modulo n to one and only one a_k .

Also,

$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ are Congruent modulo n to $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$, taken in some order.

eg. $n = 7$, $n = \{0, 1, \dots, 6\}$

$$S = \{-12, -4, 11, 13, 22, 82, 91\}$$

$$-12 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}, -4 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

$$11 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}, 13 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$22 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}, 82 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$91 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{Hence } S = \{-12, -4, 11, 13, 22, 82, 91\}$$

forms a complete set of residues mod 7.