

The third exam will be on Monday, November 25, 2019. The syllabus will be Sections 2.6, 5.7, 6.3, 7.1, and 8.1 – 8.4 in Long.

Following are some of the concepts and results you should know. The material covered was cumulative and some basic results from previous sections is also summarized, since it is commonly needed for the current material.

- Know the definition of *Pythagorean triple* and *primitive Pythagorean triple*: Three positive  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  form a Pythagorean triple if  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ . Thus, a triple  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  is a Pythagorean triple if and only if there is a right triangle with sides  $x$ ,  $y$ , and hypotenuse  $z$ . The Pythagorean triple is primitive provided  $(x, y, z) = 1$ .
- Know the description of primitive Pythagorean triples given in Theorem 2.26: The positive integers  $x$ ,  $y$ ,  $z$  with  $x$  even form a primitive Pythagorean triple if and only if there are positive integers  $s < t$ , with  $(s, t) = 1$ , with one of  $s$  and  $t$  even and the other odd, such that  $x = 2st$ ,  $y = t^2 - s^2$ , and  $t^2 + s^2$ .
- Know the definition of the *Euler  $\phi$ -function* and *reduced residue system modulo  $m$* .
- Know the key facts about  $\phi(m)$ :
  1.  $\phi(1) = 1$
  2.  $\phi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}$  if  $p$  is prime and  $k \geq 1$ .
  3.  $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)$  provided  $(m, n) = 1$ .
  4. If  $n = \prod_{i=1}^r p_i^{k_i}$  with  $k_i \geq 1$  and  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r$  distinct primes, then

$$\phi(n) = n \cdot \prod_{i=1}^r \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_i}\right).$$

- If  $S = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{\phi(m)}\}$  is a reduced residue system modulo  $m$  and  $(k, m) = 1$ , then  $kS = \{ka_1, ka_2, \dots, ka_{\phi(m)}\}$  is also a reduced residue system modulo  $m$ .
- Know *Fermat's Theorem*: If  $p$  is a prime and  $p \nmid a$  then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .
- Know the extension of Fermat's theorem to arbitrary  $m$  (*the Euler-Fermat theorem*): If  $(a, m) = 1$ , then  $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .
- Know the criteria for solvability of linear congruences: The linear congruence  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  is solvable if and only if  $d \mid b$ , where  $d = (a, m)$ . If there are any solutions, then there are exactly  $d$  incongruent solutions modulo  $m$ .
- Know Lagrange's theorem: If  $p$  is a prime and  $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n a_i x^i$  is an integer polynomial of degree  $n$  with  $a_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  then the polynomial congruence  $f(s) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  has at most  $n$  incongruent solutions modulo  $p$ .
- Know the definition of *order of  $a$  modulo  $n$* , denoted  $k = \text{ord}_n a$ . If  $n > 1$  and  $(a, n) = 1$ , then the order of  $a$  modulo  $n$  is the smallest positive integer  $k$  with  $a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .
- Know the basic properties of order:
  1. If  $\text{ord}_n a = k$ , then  $a^h \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  if and only if  $k \mid h$ . In particular, from Euler's theorem, it follows that  $k \mid \phi(n)$ .

2. If  $\text{ord}_n a = k$ , then  $a^r \equiv a^s \pmod{n}$  if and only if  $r \equiv s \pmod{k}$ . Thus, if  $\text{ord}_n a = k$ , then  $a, a^2, \dots, a^k$  are incongruent modulo  $n$ .
3. Know the relationship between  $\text{ord}_n a^h$  and  $\text{ord}_n a$ : If  $\text{ord}_n a = k$  and  $h > 0$ , then

$$\text{ord}_n a^h = \frac{k}{(h, k)}.$$

In particular,  $\text{ord}_n a^h = k = \text{ord}_n a$  if and only if  $(h, k) = 1$ .

- Know what it means for  $a$  to be a *primitive root modulo  $n$* : If  $(a, n) = 1$  and  $\text{ord}_n(a) = \phi(n)$ , then  $a$  is a primitive root modulo  $n$ .
- Theorem: If  $(a, n) = 1$  and  $a$  is a primitive root modulo  $n$ , then the powers  $a, a^2, \dots, a^{\phi(n)}$  are a reduced residue system modulo  $n$ .

Corollary: If there is a primitive root modulo  $n$ , then there are exactly  $\phi(\phi(n))$  primitive roots modulo  $n$ .

- Know Gauss's lemma: If  $n \geq 1$  then  $n = \sum_{d|n} \phi(d)$  where the sum is over all positive divisors of  $n$ .
- Know Theorem 5.24: If  $p$  is a prime number then there is at least one integer  $a$  such that  $a$  is a primitive root modulo  $p$ .

Corollary: There are exactly  $\phi(p-1)$  primitive roots modulo  $p$  for each prime  $p$ .

- Know the definition of index modulo  $p$ : If  $p$  is an odd prime and  $q$  is a primitive root modulo  $p$ , then  $r$  is the index of  $n$  to the base  $q$  modulo  $p$ , denoted  $r = \text{ind}_q n \pmod{p}$  if and only if  $n \equiv q^r \pmod{p}$  and  $0 \leq r < p-1$ . In other words,  $\text{ind}_q n \pmod{p}$  is the exponent  $r$  such that  $q^r \equiv n \pmod{p}$ .
- Know the arithmetic rules for index summarized in Theorem 5.25 and know how to use them, in conjunction with index tables, to solve power congruence equations.
- Know Theorem 5.26: If  $p$  is an odd prime,  $(n, p) = 1$  and  $q$  is a primitive root modulo  $p$ . Then for  $m > 1$ , the congruence  $x^m \equiv n \pmod{p}$  is solvable if and only if  $d \mid \text{ind}_q n$ , where  $d = (m, p-1)$ . If the congruence is solvable, then there are precisely  $d$  incongruent solutions modulo  $p$ .
- Know the RSA public key encryption system. The public part is the modulus  $n = pq$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are primes, and the enciphering exponent  $e$ , chosen so that  $(e, \phi(n)) = 1$ . The secret deciphering exponent  $d$  is obtained by solving for  $de \equiv 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$ . Enciphering is done by the rule  $M^e \equiv r \pmod{n}$  while deciphering of the received message  $r$  is done by  $r^d \equiv M \pmod{n}$ . You will not be expected to do large power calculations on an exam.
- Know the formula for writing the product of sums of two squares as a sum of two squares: If  $m = a^2 + b^2$  and  $n = c^2 + d^2$  then

$$mn = (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = (ac + bd)^2 + (ad - bc)^2.$$

- Know the characterization of which primes can be written as a sum of two squares: An odd prime  $p$  is a sum of two squares if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

- There is actually a stronger statement about uniqueness: A prime  $p$  of the form  $4k + 1$  can be represented uniquely (except for order and  $\pm$ ) as a sum of two squares.
- Know the general criterion for representing a positive integer  $n$  as a sum of two squares: A positive integer  $n$  can be represented as the sum of two squares if and only if each prime factor of  $n$  of the form  $4k + 3$  occurs to an even power in the prime factorization of  $n$ .
- Know what it means for a number theoretic function to be *multiplicative*:  $f$  is multiplicative if  $f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$  whenever  $(m, n) = 1$ .
- Main theorem on multiplicative functions: Assume that  $f$  is a multiplicative function and define  $F$  by

$$F(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d).$$

Then  $F$  is also multiplicative.

- Know how to calculate the values of multiplicative functions from the prime factorization of  $n$ .
- Know how to calculate the values of concrete multiplicative functions, such as  $\tau(n)$ ,  $\sigma_s(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^s$ , and  $\phi(n)$ .
- Know the basic properties of the Möbius function  $\mu(n)$ :  $\mu(n)$  is defined by the rule

$$\mu(n) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } p^2 \mid n \text{ for some prime } p \\ (-1)^r & \text{if } n = p_1 p_2 \cdots p_r \text{ where } p_i \text{ are distinct primes.} \end{cases}$$

- The function  $\mu$  is a multiplicative function.
- Know the Möbius inversion formula: Let  $F$  and  $f$  be two number-theoretic functions related by the formula

$$F(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d).$$

Then

$$f(n) \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) F\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = \sum_{d|n} \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) F(d).$$

- Theorem:  $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1. \end{cases}$

## Review Exercises

Be sure that you know how to do all assigned homework exercises. The following are a few supplemental exercises similar to those already assigned as homework. These exercises are listed randomly. That is, there is no attempt to give the exercises in the order of presentation of material in the text.

- Find all right-angled triangles with relatively prime integer sides and:
  - base 44
  - base 33
  - hypotenuse 65
- Verify that the right-angled triangles with sides the Pythagorean triples  $x, y, z$  generated by the pairs  $(s, t) = (133, 88)$  and  $(s, t) = (152, 35)$  have the same area. What is the common area?
- Suppose that  $(a, m) = 1$ . Define  $\text{ord}_m a$ , the order of  $a$  modulo  $m$ .
  - If  $\text{ord}_m a = 10$ , then what is  $\text{ord}_m a^6$ ?
  - Suppose that  $(a, 17) = 1$ . What does Fermat's Little Theorem tell you about  $\text{ord}_{17} a$ ?
  - Find  $\text{ord}_{17} 8$ .
- Evaluate  $\text{ord}_{19} 2$ . Is 2 a primitive root modulo 19?
  - If  $\text{ord}_m b = 42$ , then  $\text{ord}_m b^{30}$  is what?
- Give a reduced residue system modulo 20.
  - Show that every  $a$  in a reduced residue system modulo 20 satisfies  $a^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$ .
  - Is there a primitive root modulo 20? If so, find one. If not, explain why?

Here is a table of the indices to base 2 modulo 13. (Note that 2 is a primitive root modulo 13.) It can be used to solve the next three problems.

$a$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$\text{ind}_2 a$	12	1	4	2	9	5	11	3	8	10	7	6

- If possible, solve each of the congruences:
  - $x^{20} \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$
  - $x^{15} \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$
- Solve the congruence  $8x^5 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$ .
- Solve the congruence  $11^{3x} \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$ .
- You have decided to do RSA cryptography with modulus  $n = 421 \cdot 401$  and enciphering exponent  $e = 247$ . Give (but do not solve) a congruence that you would use to find the deciphering exponent  $d$ .
- Express  $41 \cdot 53$  as a sum of two squares.

11. Determine if each of the following numbers is representable as the sum of two squares.
- (a) 157      (b) 341      (c) 873
12. Let  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  be distinct primes such that  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$  and  $q \equiv 3 \equiv 4 \pmod{4}$ . Determine if each of the following numbers is expressible as the sum of two squares.
- (a)  $2^3 p^3 q^4 r^5$   
(b)  $2p^5 q^4 r^6$
13. Define  $G(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d)\sigma(d)$  where  $\mu$  is the Möbius function and  $\sigma$  is the sum of divisors function. Assuming  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are multiplicative functions, explain why  $G$  is a multiplicative function.
- (a) If  $p$  is a prime, then compute  $G(p^k)$ .  
(b) Evaluate  $G(350)$ .
14. Suppose that  $f(n)$  is the multiplicative function satisfying

$$n^2 = \sum_{d|n} f(d).$$

- (a) From the Möbius inversion formula  $f(n) = \sum_{d|n} \text{_____}$ .
- (b) If  $p$  is a prime, then  $f(p^k) = \text{_____}$ .
- (c) Evaluate  $f(350)$ .