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NUMBER THEORY

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NUMBER THEORY

A) Finding no. of divisors of a composite no.

$N = a^p b^q c^r$ where a, b, c are different prime nos and p, q, r are positive integers

\therefore no. of divisors is $(p+1)(q+1)(r+1)$ [Note: 1 and N included]

B) No. of ways a composite no. can be resolved into two factors is $\frac{1}{2}(p+1)(q+1)(r+1)$ if N is not a perfect square

if N is a perfect square, then $\frac{1}{2}[(p+1)(q+1)(r+1) + 1]$

C) No. of ways in which a composite no. can be resolved into 2 factors which are coprime is $2^m - 1$ where m is the no. of different prime factors.

Illustration: a) In how many ways the number 10,800 can be resolved into

i) product of 2 factors

ii) Total no. of divisors.

$$N = 10800 = 2^4 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2$$

$$\therefore \text{i) } \frac{1}{2}(4+1)(3+1)(2+1) = 30$$

$$\text{ii) } (4+1)(3+1)(2+1) = 60$$

b) In how many ways the number 18900 can be split into 2 factors which are coprime.

$$N = 18900 = 2^2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7^1 \Rightarrow m=4$$

$$\text{No. of ways} = 2^4 - 1 = 15$$

D) To find Exponent of Prime P in $n!$

b) i) Find the exponent of 2 and 3 in $100!$

ii) Find how many zeros are there in $100!$?

$$\text{Sol: } E_2(100!) = \left[\frac{100}{2} \right] + \left[\frac{100}{2^2} \right] + \left[\frac{100}{2^3} \right] + \left[\frac{100}{2^4} \right] + \left[\frac{100}{2^5} \right] + \left[\frac{100}{2^6} \right]$$

$$= 50 + 25 + 12 + 6 + 3 + 1 = 27$$

$$E_3(100!) = \left[\frac{100}{3} \right] + \left[\frac{100}{3^2} \right] + \left[\frac{100}{3^3} \right] + \left[\frac{100}{3^4} \right]$$

$$= 33 + 11 + 3 + 1 = 68$$

$$E_5(100!) = \left[\frac{100}{5} \right] + \left[\frac{100}{5^2} \right] + \left[\frac{100}{5^3} \right] = 20 + 4 = 24$$

$$\text{No. of zeros} = (2 \times 5)^{24} = 24 \text{ zeros}$$

E) To find the sum of divisors of a number

$$\text{let } N = a^p b^q c^r$$

$$\text{Sum} = \frac{a^{p+1}-1}{a-1} \times \frac{b^{q+1}-1}{b-1} \times \frac{c^{r+1}-1}{c-1}$$

Illustration: c) $21600 = 6^3 \cdot 10^2 = 2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 2^2 \cdot 5^2 = 2^5 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2$

$$\text{no of divisors} = (5+1)(3+1)(2+1) = 72$$

$$\text{Sum of divisors} = \frac{2^{6}-1}{2-1} \times \frac{3^4-1}{3-1} \times \frac{5^3-1}{5-1} = 78120.$$

d) If m is odd show $m(m^2-1)$ is divisible by 24.

Sol: We have $m(m^2-1) = m(m-1)(m+1)$

$\therefore m$ is odd, $(m-1)$ & $(m+1)$ are two consecutive even nos. Hence one of them is divisible by 2 & other by 4.

Again $(m-1), m, (m+1)$ are 3 consecutive nos, hence one of them is divisible by 3. Thus given expression is divisible by product of 2, 3 and 4 i.e 24.

F) Euler's ϕ function (Euler's totient function)

If n is a no. > 1 , then the no. of positive integers less than n and prime to it is denoted by $\phi(n)$. Thus the nos less 12 and prime to it are 1, 5, 7, 11.

$$\phi(12) = 4.$$

$$\phi(10) = 4 \quad (\text{as } 1, 3, 7, 9 \text{ are coprime to } 10)$$

$$\phi(7) = 6 \quad (\text{as } 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \text{ are coprime to } 7).$$

$$\phi(mn) = \phi(m) \cdot \phi(n); \quad \phi(11 \cdot 13) = \phi(11) \phi(13) = (11-1)(13-1) = 120.$$

Formula for $\phi(N)$: $N = p_1^a \times p_2^b \times p_3^c$ where p_1, p_2, p_3 are primes, then $\phi(N) = N(1-1/p_1)(1-1/p_2)(1-1/p_3)$

$$\phi(1024) = 2^{10}(1-1/2) = 2^9 = 512$$

$$\phi(1025) = \phi(5^2 \times 41) = \phi(5^2) \phi(41) = 5^2(1-1/5) \times 41(1-1/41) = 1025 \times 4/5 \times 40/41 = 900$$

$$\phi(1026) = \phi(2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 19) = 1026(1-1/2)(1-1/3)(1-1/19) = 324$$

Bézout's identity: If $\gcd(a, b)$ is d , then $d = ar + bs$ for some integers r and s . If a and b are prime, then $d = 1$ so $ar + bs = 1$

Consider 365 & 1876 . Both are co-prime so $365x + 1876y = 1$.

Finding x, y :

$$\begin{aligned} 1876 &= 365 \cdot 5 + 51 \\ 365 &= 51 \cdot 7 + 8 \\ 51 &= 8 \cdot 6 + 3 \\ 8 &= 3 \cdot 2 + 2 \\ 3 &= 2 \cdot 1 + 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now: } 1 &= 3 - 2 \cdot 1 \\ 2 &= 8 - 3 \cdot 2 \\ 3 &= 51 - 8 \cdot 6 \\ 8 &= 365 - 51 \cdot 7 \\ 51 &= 1876 - 5 \cdot 365 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 1 &= 3 - (8 - 3 \cdot 2) \cdot 1 = 3 \cdot 3 - 8 = 3(51 - 8 \cdot 6) - 8 \\ &= 3 \cdot 51 - 8 \cdot 19 = 3 \cdot 51 - (365 - 51 \cdot 7) \cdot 19 \\ &= 51 \cdot 136 - 365 \cdot 19 = (1876 - 5 \cdot 365) \cdot 136 - 365 \cdot 19 \\ \therefore x &= -699, y = 136. \end{aligned}$$

Congruence

1. Congruence: Let m be any positive whole n. number, which we shall call modulus. If a, b are any numbers, then a and b are congruent with respect to modulus m , and each is said to be a residue of the other. This is expressed by writing $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, where the symbol \equiv is an abbreviation for "is congruent with".

Thus $a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow m \mid (a-b) \Leftrightarrow a-b = am \Leftrightarrow a = b + am$

$\Leftrightarrow a$ and b have same remainder upon division by m .

Ex: $5 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$, $13 \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$, $11 \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$, $11 \equiv (-1) \pmod{12}$

Congruences can be added, subtracted and multiplied

Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$

Then $a \pm c \equiv b \pm d \pmod{m}$
and $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$.

This have several consequences: $a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{m}$
and $a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow f(a) \equiv f(b) \pmod{m}$

where $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$, $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$

In general we cannot divide, but we have the following Cancellation rule:

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$$\gcd(c, m) = 1, ca \equiv cb \pmod{m} \Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

Ex1) Give a test of divisibility of a number by 7, 11 or 13.

Sol: Any number N may be written as
 $N = a_0 + a_1t + a_2t^2 + \dots + a_mt^m$ where $t = 1000$
 and $0 \leq a_i < t$

Let $s = a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - \dots + (-1)^m a_m$, then we have

$$t + 1 = 1001 = 7 \times 11 \times 13. \Rightarrow t \equiv -1 \Rightarrow t^r \equiv (-1)^r$$

Consequently $N \equiv s \pmod{7, 11 \text{ or } 13}$

Thus if $N = 12345671$

$$s = 671 - 345 + 123 = 338.$$

Now $7 \nmid 338$, but 338 is not divisible by 7 or 11

$\therefore 12345671$ is divisible by 13 but not by 7 or 11.

explained clearly in later sections.

a). Addition & Subtraction of Congruence

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \\ + 8 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \\ \hline 17 \equiv 3 \pmod{7} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \\ - 8 \equiv -1 \pmod{7} \\ \hline 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \end{array}$$

\therefore if $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$
 $\Rightarrow a + c \equiv b + c \pmod{m}$

Ex-2) Find Remainder of $\frac{60002 - 601}{6}$

$$\text{Sol: } 60002 - 601 \equiv (2 - 1) \pmod{6}$$

when divided by 6 = Difference of remainders of $\frac{60002}{6}$ and $\frac{601}{6}$. $\Rightarrow 60002 - 601 \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ [The remainder of the difference of 60002 & 601]

Ex-3) Find last digit of: $2403 + 791 + 688 + 4339$.

Sol: When we have to find last digit divide by 10

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore (2403 + 791 + 688 + 4339) &\equiv (3 + 1 + 8 + 9) \pmod{10} \\ &\equiv (21) \pmod{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}. \end{aligned}$$

b) Multiplication in Congruence.

$$\begin{array}{r} 9 \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \\ 8 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \\ \hline 72 \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \end{array}$$

$\Rightarrow (9 \times 8) \pmod{7}$
 $= (7+2) \times (7+1) = (7 \cdot 1 + 7 \cdot 3 + 2) \Rightarrow$ if we divide this expression we get 2 as remainder.

Ex4) Find Remainder of $\frac{124 \times 134 \times 23}{3}$

$$\text{Sol: } 124 \times 134 \times 23 \equiv (1 \times 2 \times 2) \pmod{3} \equiv 4 \pmod{3} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

\therefore Remainder of multiplication of 3 nos is same as multiplication of individual remainders.

Ex 5) There are 44 boxes of chocolates with 113 chocolates in each box. If you sell the chocolates by dozens, how many will be left over?

Sol: $44 \times 113 \equiv (8 \times 5) \pmod{12} \equiv 40 \pmod{12} \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$
 \therefore 4 chocolates will be left over.

c) Exponentiation in Congruence

$\begin{array}{l} a \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \\ a \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \\ \times \\ \hline a^2 \equiv 2^2 \pmod{7} \end{array}$	<p>Thus if $a \equiv b \pmod{7}$ $\Rightarrow a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{7}$.</p>
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Ex 6) Find last digit of 17^{16} .

Sol: Here we have to divide by 10.

$\therefore 17 \equiv 7 \pmod{10} \Rightarrow 17^{16} \equiv 7^{16} \pmod{10}$
 $\Rightarrow 17^{16} \equiv (7 \times 7)^8 \pmod{10}$
 $\equiv (49)^8 \pmod{10}$
 $\equiv (-1)^8 \pmod{10}$
 $\equiv 1 \pmod{10}$

\therefore Remainder is 1.

Ex 7) Find remainder of $\frac{6^{66}}{7}$

Sol: $6 \equiv (-1) \pmod{7}$ $\therefore 6^{66} \equiv 1^6 \pmod{7} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$
 $6^6 \equiv (-1)^6 \pmod{7}$ $\therefore 6^{66} \equiv (1^6) \pmod{7} = 1 \pmod{7}$
 $6^6 = 1 \pmod{7}$ \therefore Remainder is 1.

d) Division of Congruences: Never divide

$10 \equiv 2 \pmod{8}$ - divide by 2
 $5 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$ (wrong x)

This is because, $(10 = 8 \times 1 + 2) \div 2$
 $5 = (4) \times 1 + 1 \rightarrow$ Divisor is changing.

But $24 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$ - divide by 2
 $12 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$

This is because $(24 = 4 \times 5 + 4) \div 2$ Divisor is not changing.
 $12 = 2 \times 5 + 2$

\therefore If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

If $\text{gcd}(k, m) = 1$ then only $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$.