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HW 5

$$\gcd(2, 14) = 2 \neq 1$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{14} = \{ \cancel{0}, \bar{1}, \cancel{2}, \bar{3}, \cancel{4}, \bar{5}, \cancel{6}, \cancel{7}, \cancel{8}, \bar{9}, \cancel{10}, \bar{11}, \cancel{12}, \bar{13} \}$$

$$14 = 2 \cdot 7$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{14}^{\times} = \{ \bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{5}, \bar{9}, \bar{11}, \bar{13} \}$$

multiples  
of  
14

- 14
- 28
- 42
- 56
- 70
- 84
- 98
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inverses

$$\bar{1}^{-1} = \bar{1}$$

$$\bar{3}^{-1} = \bar{5}$$

$$\bar{5}^{-1} = \bar{3}$$

$$\bar{3} \cdot \bar{5} = \bar{15} = \bar{1}$$

$$\bar{9}^{-1} = \bar{11}$$

$$\bar{11}^{-1} = \bar{9}$$

$$\bar{9} \cdot \bar{11} = \bar{99} = \bar{1}$$

$$\bar{13}^{-1} = \bar{13}$$

$$\bar{13} \cdot \bar{13} = (-1)(-1) = \bar{1}$$

# primitive root

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{3}^1 &= \bar{3} \\ \bar{3}^2 &= \bar{9} \\ \bar{3}^3 &= \bar{27} = \bar{13}\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{3}^4 &= \bar{39} = \bar{11} \\ \bar{3}^5 &= \bar{33} = \bar{5} \\ \bar{3}^6 &= \bar{15} = \bar{1}\end{aligned}$$

$\bar{3}$  is  
a  
primitive  
root

In  $\mathbb{Z}_{14}^{\times}$  calculate  $\bar{11}^{1,000}$

Know: since  $\bar{11} \in \mathbb{Z}_{14}^{\times}$   $\leftarrow \gcd(11, 14) = 1$

by Euler we get  $\bar{11}^{\varphi(14)} = \bar{1}$

which is  $\bar{11}^6 = \bar{1}$  because

$$\begin{aligned}\varphi(14) &= |\mathbb{Z}_{14}^{\times}| = |\{\bar{1}, \bar{3}, \bar{5}, \bar{9}, \bar{11}, \bar{13}\}| \\ &= 6.\end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{array}{r} 166 \\ 6 \overline{) 1000} \end{array}$$

$$\overline{11}^{1000} = \overline{11}^{6(166)+4}$$

$$= (\overline{11}^6)^{166} \cdot \overline{11}^4$$

$$= \overline{11}^{166} \cdot \overline{11}^4$$

$$= \overline{11}^4 = \overline{121} \cdot \overline{121}$$

$$= \overline{9} \cdot \overline{9}$$

$$= \overline{81}$$

$$= \overline{11}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} - 6 \\ \hline 40 \\ - 36 \\ \hline 40 \\ - 36 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 14 \overline{)121} \\ - 112 \\ \hline 9 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \\ 14 \overline{)81} \\ - 70 \\ \hline 11 \end{array}$$

## HW 5

(13) Show that  $19 \nmid 4n^2 + 4$   
for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

proof: Suppose, by way of contradiction, that  $19 \mid 4n^2 + 4$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then,  $4n^2 + 4 = 19k$  where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then, in  $\mathbb{Z}_{19}$  we get

$$\overline{4} \overline{n}^2 + \overline{4} = \overline{0}$$

in  $\mathbb{Z}_{19}$ .

There is no such  $\overline{n} \in \mathbb{Z}_{19}$   
by the following table.

$\bar{n}$	$\overline{4n^2 + 4}$
$\bar{0}$	$\bar{4}$
$\bar{1}$	$\bar{8}$
$\bar{2}$	$\overline{20} = \bar{1}$
$\bar{3}$	$\overline{40} = \bar{2}$
$\vdots$	$\vdots$
$\bar{18}$	$\overline{1300} = \bar{8}$

never  
get  
 $\bar{0}$   
here  
(fill in  
table)

We thus have a contradiction  
and  $19 \nmid 4n^2 + 4$  for all  $n$ .



# HW 5

(14) Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ .

Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

If  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$  and  $\bar{a}\bar{b} = \bar{a}\bar{c}$   
in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , then  $\bar{b} = \bar{c}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

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proof: Since  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$   
we know that  $\bar{a}$  has  
a multiplicative inverse  $\bar{a}^{-1}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

Then,  $\bar{a}\bar{b} = \bar{a}\bar{c}$

gives  $\bar{a}^{-1}\bar{a}\bar{b} = \bar{a}^{-1}\bar{a}\bar{c}$

yielding  $\bar{1}\bar{b} = \bar{1}\bar{c}$

producing  $\bar{b} = \bar{c}$ .



Can you think of an example of  $\overline{a}\overline{b} = \overline{a}\overline{c}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  but  $\overline{b} \neq \overline{c}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ?

$$\overline{a} = \overline{6}, \overline{b} = \overline{2}, \overline{c} = \overline{3}, n = \overline{6}$$

$$\overbrace{\overline{6} \cdot \overline{2}}^{\overline{0}} = \overbrace{\overline{6} \cdot \overline{3}}^{\overline{0}} \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_6$$

$\overline{2} \neq \overline{3}$

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$\mathbb{Z}_4$ :  $\overbrace{\overline{2} \cdot \overline{1}}^{\overline{2}} = \overbrace{\overline{2} \cdot \overline{3}}^{\overline{6} = \overline{2}}$

$\overline{1} \neq \overline{3}$

## HW 4

If  $p$  is prime and  $x^2 \equiv y^2 \pmod{p}$   
then  $p \mid (x+y)$  or  $p \mid (x-y)$ .

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proof:

Suppose  $p$  is prime and  
 $x^2 \equiv y^2 \pmod{p}$ .

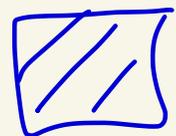
Then,  $p \mid (x^2 - y^2)$ .

So,  $p \mid (x+y)(x-y)$ .

Since  $p$  is prime,  $p \mid (x+y)$  or  $p \mid (x-y)$ .

USED:

$p$  prime and  $p \mid ab$ ,  
then  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$



HW 3

$\gcd(a,b) > 1$  iff  $\exists$  prime  $p$  w/  
 $p|a$  &  $p|b$

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( $\Rightarrow$ ) Suppose  $\gcd(a,b) > 1$ .

Let  $d = \gcd(a,b)$ .

Since  $d \geq 2$  by the fundamental theorem,  $d$  factors into primes.

Pick a prime  $p$  in  $d$ 's factorization.

Then,  $p|d$ .

Since  $d = \gcd(a,b)$  we know  $d|a$  &  $d|b$ .

Since  $p|d$  and  $d|a$  we get  $p|a$ .

Since  $p|d$  and  $d|b$  we get  $p|b$ .

So  $p$  is a prime with  $p|a$  and  $p|b$ .

( $\Leftarrow$ ) If  $p$  is prime and  $p|a$  and  $p|b$   
then  $\gcd(a, b) \geq \underbrace{p}_{p \text{ prime}} \geq 2 > 1$

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