

Unit II : Congruences :

Congruences - Solutions of Congruences -
The Chinese Remainder Theorem - Prime power
moduli - Prime modulus.

(Chapter II - Sections : 2.1 to 2.3, 2.6, 2.7)

Definition: 2.1

If an integer m , not zero, divides the difference $a-b$, then a is said to be congruent to b modulo m .

Notation: $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

Note: If $a-b$ is not divisible by m then $a \not\equiv b \pmod{m}$

$a-b$ is divisible by m iff $a-b$ is divisible by $-m$

Generally we confine our attention to a +ve modulus

Assume modulus m is a positive integer through the present chapter.

Theorem 2.1: Let a, b, c, d denote integers. Then

- (1) $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, $b \equiv a \pmod{m}$ and $a-b \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ are equivalent statements.
- (2) If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ + $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$ then $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$
- (3) If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then $a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{m}$
- (4) If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$
- (5) If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $d|m$, $d>0$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{d}$
- (6) If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ then $ac \equiv bc \pmod{mc}$ for $c>0$.

Proof:

$$(1) \quad a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow m \mid (a-b)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m \mid -(a-b)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow m \mid (b-a)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{m}$$

$$\text{ie } \frac{a-b}{m} \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{ie } \frac{a-b}{m} = k$$

$$a-b = mk$$

$$a - mk = b$$

$$\frac{a}{m} - k = \frac{b}{m}$$

$$\frac{b}{m} = -k + \frac{a}{m}$$

$$k + \frac{b}{m} = \frac{a}{m}$$

Example: $6 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$

$$\frac{6}{4} \text{ remainder is } 2$$

$$a \equiv a \pmod{c}$$

$$\frac{a-a}{c} = 0$$

$$(2) \quad a \equiv b \pmod{m} \quad \& \quad b \equiv c \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a-b \quad \& \quad m \mid b-c$$

$$\Rightarrow a-b = k_1 m \quad \& \quad b-c = k_2 m$$

$$\frac{a-b}{m} = k_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \& \quad \frac{b-c}{m} = k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow a - \cancel{b} + \cancel{b} - c = k_1 m + k_2 m$$

$$\Rightarrow a - c = (k_1 + k_2) m$$

$$\Rightarrow a - c = k m$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a - c$$

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{m}$$

$$(3) \quad a \equiv b \pmod{m} \quad \& \quad c \equiv d \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a-b \quad \& \quad m \mid c-d$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a-b + c-d$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid (a+c) - (b+d)$$

$$\Rightarrow a+c \equiv (b+d) \pmod{m}$$

$$(4) \quad a \equiv b \pmod{m}, \quad c \equiv d \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a-b, \quad m \mid c-d$$

$$\Rightarrow a-b = mx, \quad c-d = my \quad ; \quad x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = b + mx, \quad c = d + my$$

$$\Rightarrow ac = (b+mx)(d+my)$$

$$= bd + bmy + dm x + m^2 xy$$

$$ac = bd + m [by + dx + mxy]$$

$$ac = bd + m y_1, \quad y_1 = bd + dx + mxy$$

$$\Rightarrow ac - bd = my_1$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid ac - bd$$

$$\Rightarrow ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$$

$$(5) \quad a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a - b$$

$$d \mid m$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = mx$$

$$\Rightarrow m = dy$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = dyx \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = dz, \quad z = yx \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow d \mid a - b$$

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

$$(6) \quad a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a - b$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = mx$$

$$\Rightarrow ac - bc = mcx$$

$$\Rightarrow mc \mid ac - bc$$

$$\Rightarrow ac \equiv bc \pmod{mc}$$

Let 'f' denote a polynomial with integral co-efficients. If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then

$$f(a) \equiv f(b) \pmod{m}$$

Proof :

Let $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$, $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a_n \neq 0$

$$f(a) = a_0 + a_1a + a_2a^2 + \dots + a_na^n$$

$$f(b) = a_0 + a_1b + a_2b^2 + \dots + a_nb^n$$

W.o.l.T $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow ac \equiv bd \pmod{m} \quad [\because \text{by property (4) of Theorem 2.01}]$$

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m}, \quad a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 \equiv b^3 \pmod{m}$$

$\vdots$

$$a^n \equiv b^n \pmod{m}$$

$$\therefore m \mid 0 \Rightarrow m \mid a_0 - a_0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_0 \equiv a_0 \pmod{m}$$

Now, $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a - b$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a_1(a - b)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a_1a - a_1b$$

$$\Rightarrow a, a \equiv a, b \pmod{m}$$

Now, $a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a^2 - b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a_2 (a^2 - b^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a_2 a^2 - a_2 b^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 a^2 \equiv a_2 b^2 \pmod{m}$$

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$$\Rightarrow a_n a^n \equiv a_n b^n \pmod{m}$$

$$\therefore a_0 + a_1 a + \dots + a_n a^n \equiv (a_0 + a_1 b + \dots + a_n b^n) \pmod{m}$$

$$f(a) \equiv f(b) \pmod{m}$$

Theorem 2.3: $(\cdot)$ Cancellation Theorem

i) $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$ iff $x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{(a, m)}}$

ii) If $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$ and $(a, m) = 1$
then $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$

iii) $x \equiv y \pmod{m_i}$ for $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ iff
 $x \equiv y \pmod{[m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r]}$

Proof:

i) **Part I:** let $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid ax - ay$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a(x - y)$$

$$\Rightarrow a(x-y) = km, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{d}(x-y) = \frac{km}{d} \quad \text{let } d = (a, m)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{d} \mid \frac{a}{d}(x-y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{d} \mid (x-y)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{d}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{(a, m)}}$$

$$\therefore ax \equiv ay \pmod{m} \Rightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{(a, m)}}$$

Part II: Assume $x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{(a, m)}}$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{d}} \quad d = (a, m)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{d} \mid (x-y)$$

$$\Rightarrow x-y = k \left(\frac{m}{d} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow d(x-y) = km$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid d(x-y)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid d(x-y) \cdot \frac{a}{d} \quad \left[\frac{a}{d} \text{ as an integer} \right]$$

$d \mid a \rightarrow \frac{a}{d} \text{ as integer}$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a(x-y)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid ax - ay$$

$$\Rightarrow ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$$

ii) Given $(a, m) = 1$

$$ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{(a, m)}} \quad \left[\because \text{by (i)} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{(a, m)}} \quad \left[\because 1 = (a, m) \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{m}$$

(iii) Part (i)

Assume, $x \equiv y \pmod{m_1}$

$$x \equiv y \pmod{m_2}$$

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$$x \equiv y \pmod{m_r}$$

$$\therefore \begin{aligned} m_1 &| x-y && ; \quad x-y \text{ is a multiple of } m_1 \\ m_2 &| x-y && ; \quad " \quad " \quad " \quad " \quad " \quad m_2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$m_r | x-y \quad ; \quad " \quad " \quad " \quad " \quad " \quad m_r$$

Thus, $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r | x-y$

$$\text{Let } [m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r] | m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r$$

$$\therefore [m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r] | x-y \quad [\because \text{by transitive property}]$$

$$\therefore x \equiv y \pmod{[m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r]}$$

Part (ii) Conversely,

$$\text{let } x \equiv y \pmod{[m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r]}$$

$$\Rightarrow [m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r] | x-y$$

$$\Rightarrow m_i | x-y \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, r$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{m_i} \quad \forall i = 1, 2, \dots, r$$

Theorem 2.4:

$$\text{If } b \equiv c \pmod{m}, \text{ then } (b, m) = (c, m)$$

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Proof:

$$\text{Let } (b, m) = d_1, \quad (c, m) = d_2 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Then } d_1 \mid b, d_1 \mid m, d_2 \mid c, d_2 \mid m \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$\text{Given, } b \equiv c \pmod{m} \\ m \mid b - c \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{From (2) \& (3) we have} \\ d_1 \mid b, \quad \left\{ d_1 \mid m, m \mid b - c \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 \mid b, d_1 \mid b - c$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 \mid b - (b - c)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 \mid c$$

$$\text{Now, } d_1 \mid m, d_1 \mid c \Rightarrow d_1 \mid (c, m)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_1 \mid d_2 \quad \because \text{by (1)} \\ \text{--- (4)}$$

$$d_2 \mid c, d_2 \mid m, m \mid b - c$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 \mid c, d_2 \mid b - c$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 \mid c + b - c$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 \mid b$$

$$d_2 \mid b, d_2 \mid m \Rightarrow d_2 \mid (b, m)$$

$$\Rightarrow d_2 \mid d_1 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\text{(4) \& (5)} \Rightarrow d_1 = d_2$$

$$\Rightarrow (b, m) = (c, m)$$

Definition 2.2: Residue

If $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$ then y is called a residue of x modulo m .

Complete Residue System: (CRS)

A set $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_m$ is called a Complete residue system modulo m if for every integer y there is one and only one $x_j \rightarrow y \equiv x_j \pmod{m}$.

Note:

- (i) There are infinitely many CRS modulo m .
eg:- $\{1, 2, \dots, m\}, \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$
- (ii) A set of ' m ' integers forms a CRS modulo ' m ' iff no two integers in the same set are congruent modulo m .

Residue Class (Congruence Class) modulo m :

Consider a fixed modulo $m > 0$, we denote by $\hat{a}$ or $[a]$, the set of all integers ' x ' $\rightarrow x \equiv a \pmod{m}$

and $\hat{a}$ or $[a]$ is called the residue class of a modulo m .

$$\hat{a} = \{x \mid x \equiv a \pmod{m}\}$$

Example:

Let remainder '0'

Let $m = 5$

$$\hat{1} = [1] = \{x \mid x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}\}$$

$$= \{1, 6, 11, 16, 21, \dots, -4, -9, -14, \dots\}$$

$$\hat{2} = [2] = \{x \mid x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}\}$$

$$= \{2, 7, 12, 17, 22, \dots, -3, -8, \dots\}$$

$$\hat{3} = [3] = \{x \mid x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}\}$$

$$= \{3, 8, 13, \dots, -2, -7, \dots\}$$

$$\hat{4} = [4] = \{4, 9, 14, \dots, -1, -6, \dots\}$$

$$\hat{5} = [5] = \{5, 10, 15, \dots, 0, -5, -10, \dots\}$$

$$\hat{1} \cup \hat{2} \cup \dots \cup \hat{5} = \{\dots, -4, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

The residue classes are mutually disjoint and their union is $\mathbb{Z}$.

Note: The elements of the residue class $\hat{a}$ are $\hat{a} = \{a + mq \mid q = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots\}$
 i.e. the A.P arithmetic progression

A person who sits restraining his working senses while contemplating sense objects deludes himself and is called a hypocrite. - Bhagavad Gita 3:6

$$a-3m, a-2m, a-m, a, a+m, a+2m, \dots$$

Definition 2.3: Reduced Residue System (RRS)

A reduced residue system modulo m is a set of integers r_i $\nmid (r_i, m) = 1$, $r_i \equiv r_j \pmod{m}$ if $i \neq j$ and $\nmid x$ prime to m is congruent modulo m to some member r_i of the set.
ie $x \equiv r_i \pmod{m}$

Euler's ϕ function (Totient):

The number of +ve integers $\leq n$ and are ^{coprime} relatively prime to ' n ' is denoted by $\phi(n)$ called Euler's ϕ function.

Examples:

? $\phi(1) = 1$; $\phi(2) = 1$; $\phi(3) = 2$; $\phi(4) = 2$
 $\phi(5) = 4$; $\phi(6) = 2$; $\phi(7) = 6$.

n	$\phi(n)$	nos. coprime to n
1	1	1 (1,1) <u>coprime</u>
2	1	1 (1,2) $\hookrightarrow$ if they have
3	2	1, 2 (1,3) (2,3) no common
4	2	1, 3 (1,4) (2,4) (3,4) prime factors
5	4	1, 2, 3, 4 (1,5) (2,5) (3,5) (4,5)
6	2	1, 5 (1,6) (2,6) (3,6) (4,6) (5,6)
7	6	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6.

when n is prime (eg. 2, 3, 5, 7, ...)

$$\phi(n) = n - 1$$

Composite nos?

$$4 = 2 \times 2 \quad \phi(4) = \cancel{\phi(2)} \times \cancel{\phi(2)}$$

$$= 2^2$$

$$= 4 \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= 4 \times \left(\frac{2-1}{2}\right)$$

$$= 4 \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= 2$$

$$9 = 3^2$$

$$\phi(9) = 9 \times \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right)$$

$$= 9 \times \left(\frac{3-1}{3}\right)$$

$$= 9 \times \frac{2}{3}$$

$$= 6$$

$$15 = 3 \times 5 \quad \phi(15) = 15 \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right)$$

$$= 8$$

If 'p' is prime $\phi(p) = p-1$

$$\text{CRS mod } 5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}, \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\text{RRS mod } 5 = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}, \phi(5) = 4$$

If the modulus is 'm' then the set of
CRS is $\{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m\}$

The set of RRS is $\{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{\phi(m)}\}$

Theorem 2.6: Let $(a, m) = 1$. Let $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$ be a complete, or a reduced, residue system modulo m . Then $ar_1, ar_2, \dots, ar_n$ is a complete, or a reduced, residue system, respectively, modulo m .

Proof:

Given $(a, m) = 1$, let $(r_i, m) = 1$

$$(a, m) = (b, m) = 1 \Rightarrow (ab, m) = 1$$

$$(a, m), (r_i, m) \Rightarrow (ar_i, m) = 1$$

Clearly $ar_1, ar_2, \dots, ar_n$ and $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_n$ are of same numbers.

To prove: $ar_i \not\equiv ar_j \pmod{m}$ and $(a, m) = 1$

Assume that suppose $ar_i \equiv ar_j \pmod{m}$

Then $r_i \equiv r_j \pmod{m}$ [∵ by Theorem 2.3]

But $r_i \not\equiv r_j \pmod{m}$

$\Rightarrow$ to our assumption $ar_i \equiv ar_j \pmod{m}$
 $i \neq j$

$\therefore ar_1, ar_2, \dots, ar_m$ is CRS (or) RRS modulo m .

Notes

Let us postpone the proof of this theorem after Theorem 2.8. 20

Theorem 2.7: FERMAT'S THEOREM:

Let p be a prime if $p \nmid a$ then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.
For every integer ' a ', $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$.

Proof:

If ' p ' is prime and $p \nmid a$ then $(a, p) = 1$.

By Theorem 2.8,

$$(a, p) = 1 \Rightarrow a^{\phi(p)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

But if p is prime, $\phi(p) = p-1$.

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$$(1) \Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \quad \text{or} \quad a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

Theorem 2.8 Euler's Generalization of Fermat's Theorem.

If $(a, m) = 1$ then $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

Proof:

Let $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{\phi(m)}$ be a RRS modulo m ,
By Theorem 2.6;

let $(a, m) = 1$, let $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m$ be a complete (or) RRS modulo m , then $ar_1, ar_2, \dots, ar_m$ is a complete (or) a RRS respect modulo m .

$\therefore ar_1, ar_2, \dots, ar_{\phi(m)}$ is also a RRS modulo m .

Hence corresponding to each r_i , there is one and only one $ar_j \not\equiv r_i \equiv ar_j \pmod{m}$ ——— ①

further different ' r_i ' will have different corresponding ' ar_j '.

ie The numbers $ar_1, ar_2, \dots, ar_{\phi(m)}$ are just residues modulo m of $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{\phi(m)}$ but need not be in the same order.

$$\textcircled{1} \Rightarrow ar_j \equiv r_i \pmod{m}.$$

Taking product on both sides,

$$\prod_{j=1}^{\phi(m)} ar_j \equiv \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(m)} r_i \pmod{m}$$

$$ar_1, ar_2, \dots, ar_{\phi(m)} \equiv \prod_{j=1}^{\phi(m)} r_j \pmod{m}$$

$$a^{\phi(m)} \prod_{j=1}^{\phi(m)} r_j \equiv \prod_{j=1}^{\phi(m)} r_j \pmod{m}$$

If $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$ & $(a, m) = 1$
Then $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$

Then by Theorem 2.3 (ii)

we have $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

Now prove Theorem 2.7.

Corollary: Not necessary

If $(a, m) = 1$, then $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has solution $x = x_1$. All solutions are given by $x = x_1 + j^*m$, $j^* = 0, \pm 1, \dots$

Proof: Given $(a, m) = 1$
By Theorem 2.8, $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

Take $x = a^{\phi(m)-1} b$
satisfying $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ ——— ①

$$a \cdot a^{\phi(m)-1} b \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

$$a^{\phi(m)} b \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

$$a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

Let x_1 be a solution of $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$$\text{i.e. } ax_1 \equiv b \pmod{m} \text{ ——— ②}$$

$$\text{①} - \text{②} \Rightarrow a(x - x_1) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

$$\therefore m \mid a(x - x_1)$$

$$\therefore m \mid a \quad \text{or} \quad m \mid (x - x_1)$$

$$m \nmid a \quad \text{as} \quad (a, m) = 1$$

$$\therefore m \mid x - x_1$$

$$\text{i.e.} \quad x - x_1 = mj^0, \quad j^0 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$x = x_1 + mj^0, \quad j^0 = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$$

Theorem 2.9:

If $(a, m) = 1$ then there is an x s.t. $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$. Any two such x are Congruent $\pmod{m}$. If $(a, m) > 1$ then there is no such x .

Proof: If $(a, m) = 1$ then $ax + my = 1$ $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow ax - 1 = -my$$

$$ax - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

$$ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

Conversely, if $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

then $\exists$ a y s.t. $ax + my = 1$ so that $(a, m) = 1$

By Theorem 2.3 Thus if $ax_1 \equiv ax_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

$$\text{Then } (a, m) = 1$$

$$x_1 \equiv x_2 \pmod{m}$$

Having created humanity along with sacrifice, the progenitor said at the beginning of creation. "By this (sacrifice) you shall attain all things; may such sacrifice be your wish - fulfilling cow of plenty." - Bhagavad Gita 3:10

If $(a, m) > 1$ there is no such x will exist

1. If $(a, m) = 1$ Then The linear Congruence
 $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ has exactly one solution.

$$2x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$(2, 5) = 1$$

The CRS mod 5 is $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

This congruence has exactly one solution

$$x = 3$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{lcl} 2 \cdot 3 & = & 1 \pmod{5} \\ 6 & = & 1 \pmod{5} \\ 6 - 1 & = & 0 \pmod{5} \\ 5 & = & 0 \pmod{5} \end{array} \right]$$

2. If $(a, m) = d$ and $d \nmid b$ then $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$
 has no solution.

$$2x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

$$(2, 4) = 2, \quad 2 \nmid 3$$

CRS mod 4 is $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

$\therefore 2x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ has no solution.

3. If $(a, m) = d$, and $d|b$ Then $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has exactly 'd' solutions.

$$ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

$$d = (2, 4) \quad \& \quad d|2 \quad \text{ie} \quad 2/2.$$

C.R.S mod 4 is $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$.

$$x = 1$$

$$2 \cdot 1 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$2 \cdot 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$0 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$x = 3$$

$$2 \cdot 3 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$6 \cdot 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

$$4 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

This has exactly 2 solutions 1 and 3.

Inverse of a Number in a Congruence:

An integer 'a' is said to be an inverse of 'b' if the integers belongs to CRS

Example: Take modulo 11

CRS of mod 11 is $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$.

$$1 \cdot 1 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$2 \cdot 6 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$3 \cdot 4 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$4 \cdot 3 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$5 \cdot 9 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$6 \cdot 2 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$7 \cdot 8 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$8 \cdot 7 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$9 \cdot 5 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$10 \cdot 10 = 1 \pmod{11}$$

Nos:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Inverse:	1	6	4	3	9	2	8	7	5	10

Lemma 2.10: $2 \mid m$

Let p be a prime number, Then
 $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ iff $x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$

Proof:

(i) Given $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{ie } (x-1)(x+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\therefore p \mid (x-1)(x+1)$$

$$\therefore p \mid x-1 \text{ or } p \mid x+1$$

$$\text{ie } x \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \text{ or } x \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$$

(ii) Conversely, assume $x \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{p}$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, \quad x \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow x-1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \quad x+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

If ' p ' is a prime, Then $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ — ①

Proof:

p is prime;

$$p=2 \quad (2-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{2}$$

$$1 \equiv -1 \pmod{2}$$

$$2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$\therefore$ ① is true for $p=2$

$$p=3 \quad (3-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$$

$$2! \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$$

$$2 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$\therefore$ ① is true for $p=3$

Let us take a prime number ' p ' then the RRS of mod p is $\{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$.

This set has exactly $p-1$ elements.

Finding the inverse of the elements of this set

Inverse of 1 is 1

" " $p-1$ is $p-1$

Refer Example

Now, There are $p-3$ elements

ie. 2, 3, ..., $p-2$

Since They belong to the RRS, each number is relatively prime to ' p '.

i.e. $(a, p) = 1 \quad \forall \quad x = 2, 3, \dots, p-2$

W.K.T The linear Congruence $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ has exactly one solution if $(a, p) = 1$ [∵ by the eq 1]

∴ Each and every element in $\{2, 3, \dots, p-2\}$

has one inverse.

The product $2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot \dots \cdot p-2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ ——— (2)

$p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
 $p-1 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

but $p-1 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ ——— (3)

(2) & (3) $\Rightarrow 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot p-2 \cdot p-1 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

$\Rightarrow (p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

Theorem 2.12 : 5 m

Let p be a prime then $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ — (1) has solutions iff $p=2$ or $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

Proof:

(i) Let $p=2$ (or) $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

To prove $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ has solution $p=2$ in (1)

$x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{2}$ ——— (2)

Solution of (2) is $x=1$

∴ $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ has solution if $p=2$.

Let $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, p is prime

By Wilson's Theorem

$$(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdots (p-1) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left(1 \cdot 2 \cdots \frac{p-1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{p+1}{2} \cdots p-1\right) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\left(1 \cdot 2 \cdots \frac{p-1}{2}\right) \left((p-1)(p-2) \cdots \left(\frac{p+1}{2}\right)\right) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\left(1 \cdot 2 \cdots \frac{p-1}{2}\right) \left((p-1)(p-2) \cdots \left(p - \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)\right)\right) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\prod_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} j(p-j) \equiv -1 \pmod{p} \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$\text{Here } j(p-j) = jp - j^2 \equiv -j^2 \pmod{p}$$

$$\prod_{j=1}^{(p-1)/2} (-j^2) \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$$(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \prod_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} j^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$4(5-4) = 4 \equiv -16 \pmod{5}$$

$$4+16 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$20 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 64 \times \\ 9 \\ \hline 576 \end{array}$$

$$j=1 \cdots 4$$

$$\text{L.S. } (-j^2) = [1 \cdot 4 - 9 \cdot 16] \equiv -1 \pmod{5}$$

Therefore, without attachment to the fruits of your work, constantly engage in your duty as a warrior, for by acting without attachment one attains God consciousness. — Bhagavad Gita 3:19

$$-576 \equiv -1 \pmod{5}$$

$$-575 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

Given $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$\therefore 4 \mid p-1 \Rightarrow p-1$ is a multiple of 4.

$\Rightarrow \frac{p-1}{2}$ " " " " 2

$\Rightarrow \frac{p-1}{2}$ is even

(4) $\Rightarrow \prod_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} j^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

$\left(\prod_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} j \right)^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

This is of the form $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

$\therefore$ If $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, the solution of $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ is $\left(\frac{p-1}{2} \right)!$

Conversely,

Assume that $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ has a solution where p is prime.

To prove: $p = 2$ (or) $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

Assume $p \neq 2$ (or) $p \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$\therefore p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$

$$\Rightarrow p = 3 + 4m$$

$$\Rightarrow p-1 = 2 + 4m$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p-1}{2} = 1 + 2m \text{ ie odd}$$

Given $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$

$$(x^2)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$$

$$x^{p-1} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$

$\Rightarrow$ to our assumption

$$\therefore p=2 \text{ (or) } p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

Solution of Congruence

Let $f(x)$ denote a polynomial with integrable coefficients

$$f(x) = a_0 x^n + a_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$$

Let 'U' be an integer $\neq$

$$f(U) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

$\Rightarrow$ U is the solution of the Congruence

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

If U is a solution of the Congruence

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

whether or not an integer, U is a solution of a Congruence depends on the modulus m as well as the polynomial $f(x)$.

$V \equiv U \pmod{m}$, then V is also a solution.

(by Theorem 2.2)

$\therefore$ we say that $x \equiv U \pmod{m}$ is a solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ meaning that every integer congruent to U modulo m, satisfies

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

Example: 1. The Congruence $x^2 - x + 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$ has solution $x = 3$ and $x = 8$.

If $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ has a solution 'U' it has infinitely many solutions.

All integers $v \rightarrow v \equiv u \pmod{m}$ are solutions in the above example.

$x = 13, 23, \dots, 18, 28, \dots$ are the solutions of $x^2 - x + 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$.

2. Consider, $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

CRS are $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

But $1 \equiv -6 \pmod{7}$ (given $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$)

$2 \equiv -5 \pmod{7}$ $x=0$ $1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

$3 \equiv -4 \pmod{7}$ $x=\pm 1$ $2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

$4 \equiv -3 \pmod{7}$

$5 \equiv -2 \pmod{7}$

$6 \equiv -1 \pmod{7}$

$\therefore \text{CRS} = \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \dots, \pm 6\}$

3. Consider $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

CRS are $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$1 \equiv -4 \pmod{5}$

$2 \equiv -3 \pmod{5}$

$3 \equiv -2 \pmod{5}$

$4 \equiv -1 \pmod{5}$

CRS is $\{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm 4\}$

Given $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

$$x = 0, \quad 1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$x = \pm 1, \quad 2 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$x = \pm 2, \quad 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \checkmark$$

$$x = \pm 3, \quad 10 \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \checkmark$$

$$x = \pm 4, \quad 17 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$\therefore x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ has two solutions.
 $x = \pm 2, \pm 3$

Definition: Let $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m$ denote a CRS modulo m .
The number of solutions of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ is
the number of r_i 's $\nrightarrow f(r_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$.

Degree of the Congruence:

$$\text{Let } f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$$

If $a_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ the degree of the congruence
of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ is 'n'

If $a_n \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$, let j be the largest
integer $\nrightarrow a_j \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m}$, then the degree
of the congruence is 'j'

If there is no such j , (ies) if all the co-efficients of $f(x)$ are multiple of m , no degree is assigned to the congruence.

Note: Degree of the congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ is not the degree of the polynomial $f(x)$.
Degree of the congruence depends on the modulus.

Example:

1. Consider $f(x) = 6x^3 + 3x^2 + 1$

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$6x^3 + 3x^2 + 1 = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + a_0$$

$$a_n = 6 \quad x^n = x^3 \quad n = 3$$

$$a_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m} \quad 6 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow 6 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \quad \text{is } 3$$

$$6 \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \quad [\because 2 \mid 6-0]$$

$a_n \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ here $j = 2$ is the largest integer

$\rightarrow a_2 = 3 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$, then the degree of the congruence is 2

Here Degree of polynomial $f(x)$ is 3.

2. Consider $f(x) = 7x^4 - 6x^3 + 3x^2 + 2$

If $d|m$, $d > 0$ and if U is a solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ then U is a solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$

Proof:

If ' U ' is a solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ then $f(U) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid f(U)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(U) = mx, \quad x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Given $d|m \Rightarrow m = dx_1, \quad x_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$f(U) = mx$$

$$= dx_1 x$$

$$= d(x_1 x) \quad x_1, x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\therefore d \mid f(U)$$

$\therefore U$ is the solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{d}$

Converse is not true.

Congruence of degree one:

Any congruence of degree one can be put in the form $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$, $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m}$

Note:

If $(a, m) = 1$, then $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has exactly one solution say $x \equiv x_1 \pmod{m}$.

Let $(a, m) = g$, then $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has a solution then $b \equiv au \pmod{m}$ and hence $b \equiv au \equiv 0 \pmod{g}$.

If $g \nmid b$, then $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has no solution.

If $g \mid b$, then $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has many solutions.

The solutions are

$$x = x_1 + t \left(\frac{m}{g} \right) \pmod{m} \quad 0 \leq t \leq g-1.$$

Theorem 2.19 Prove Chinese Remainder Theorem.

Let 'm' and 'n' denote any two positive relatively prime integers, then $\phi(mn) = \phi(m) \cdot \phi(n)$.

Proof:

$$\text{Let } \phi(m) = r \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Then $\exists a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r$ relatively prime to 'm'.

$$\text{i.e. } (a_i, m) = 1, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r\}$ is the RRS modulo m.

$$\text{Let } \phi(n) = s \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Then $b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s$ relatively prime to n .

$$(b_j, n) = 1 \quad j = 1, 2, \dots, s \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$\{b_1, b_2, \dots, b_s\}$ is the RRS modulo ' n '. Consider the Number ' mn '.

$$\text{Assume } (x, mn) = 1 \Rightarrow (x, m) = 1 \text{ \& } (x, n) = 1$$

$\therefore x$ is an element of the RRS mod ' mn '

$$\therefore (x, m) = 1, (x, n) = 1 \Rightarrow x \equiv a_i \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv b_j \pmod{n}$$

By Chinese remainder theorem,

for each ' a_i ' & ' b_j ' we can find a solution. These are ' x 's solutions.

ie $\exists$ ' x 's no's relatively prime with ' mn '

$$\phi(mn) = xs = \phi(m) \phi(n), \text{ where } (m, n) = 1$$

Example: $m = 4, n = 9$

$$\phi(m) = \phi(4) = \phi(2^2) = 2^2 - 2 = 2$$

$$\phi(n) = \phi(9) = \phi(3^2) = 3^2 - 3 = 6$$

$$\phi(m) \phi(n) = 2 \cdot 6 = 12 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\phi(mn) = 12$$

CRS mod 36 is $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 35\}$.

The no of integers which is less than 36 & prime to 36 is $\phi(m) = \{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 29, 31, 35\}$ ie 12 nos

$$\phi(36) = 12 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Thus, knowing oneself to be superior to the intellect, control the mind with intellect. In this way, O mighty-armed one, destroy the unconquerable enemy in the form of desire. - Bhagavad Gita 3:43

$$\phi(mn) = \phi(m) \phi(n)$$

Let $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r$ denote ' r ' positive integers that are relatively prime in pairs and let $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_r$ denote any ' r ' integers. Then the congruence $x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$ $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$ have common solutions. If x_0 is one such solution.

Then an integer ' x ' satisfies the congruences $x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$ iff ' x ' is of the form $x = x_0 + km$ for some integer k . Here

$$M = m_1 m_2 \dots m_r$$

Proof: Given $x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$ $i = 1, 2, \dots, r$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{i.e. } x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2} \\ \vdots \\ x \equiv a_r \pmod{m_r} \end{array} \right\} \text{--- ①}$$

Also, $(m_i, m_j) = 1$ $i \neq j$

Then $\frac{M}{m_1}, \frac{M}{m_2}, \dots, \frac{M}{m_r}$ are integers.

$$\left(\frac{M}{m_1}, m_1\right) = 1, \left(\frac{M}{m_2}, m_2\right) = 1, \dots, \left(\frac{M}{m_r}, m_r\right) = 1 \quad \text{--- ②}$$

W.K.T $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has a solution if $(a, m) = 1$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m_1} x_1 &\equiv 1 \pmod{m_1} \text{ has a solution} \\ \frac{1}{m_2} x_2 &\equiv 1 \pmod{m_2} \text{ " " " } \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{1}{m_r} x_r &\equiv 1 \pmod{m_r} \text{ " " " } \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (3)}$$

Also

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \frac{1}{m_1} x_1 &\equiv 0 \pmod{m_2} \\ \frac{1}{m_1} x_1 &\equiv 0 \pmod{m_3} \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{1}{m_1} x_1 &\equiv 0 \pmod{m_r} \\ \text{Similarly} \quad \frac{1}{m_2} x_2 &\equiv 0 \pmod{m_1} \\ \frac{1}{m_2} x_2 &\equiv 0 \pmod{m_3} \\ &\vdots \\ \frac{1}{m_2} x_2 &\equiv 0 \pmod{m_r} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\frac{M}{m_1} x_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{m_1} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$\frac{M}{m_2} x_2 \equiv 0 \pmod{m_2}$$

$$\frac{M}{m_r} x_r \equiv 0 \pmod{m_{r-1}}$$

Consider a Number,

$$\text{Let } X = \frac{M}{m_1} x_1 a_1 + \frac{M}{m_2} x_2 a_2 + \dots + \frac{M}{m_r} x_r a_r$$

$$\Rightarrow X = \frac{M}{m_1} x_1 a_1 + \text{multiple of } m_1$$

$$\Rightarrow X - \frac{M}{m_1} x_1 a_1 = \text{multiple of } m_1$$

$$\Rightarrow X - \frac{M}{m_1} x_1 a_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{m_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow X \equiv \frac{M}{m_1} x_1 a_1 \pmod{m_1} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$\text{but } \frac{M}{m_1} x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{m_1} \quad (\text{by (3)})$$

$$\therefore X \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

$\therefore X$ is a solution of $x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$

Similarly, we can prove that X is a solution of $x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$

and so on.

Hence X is the solution of the system (1)

If x_0 and x_1 are two solutions of (1)

$$x_0 \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$$

$$x_1 \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i} \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, r$$

$$x_0 - x_1 \equiv 0 \pmod{m_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \equiv x_1 \pmod{m_i}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_0 \equiv x_1 \pmod{M} \quad [\because \text{by (iii) of 2.3}]$$

Theorem 2.17

Let $(a, m) = g$. Then $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has no solution if $g \nmid b$. If $g \mid b$ it has 'g' solutions

$$x = \left(\frac{b}{g} x_0 + t \frac{m}{g} \right) \pmod{m} \quad t = 0, 1, 2, \dots, g-1, \text{ where}$$

x_0 is any solution of $\frac{a}{g} \equiv 1 \pmod{\frac{m}{g}}$

Given $(a, m) = g$ and $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ — (1)

$$\Rightarrow m \mid ax - b$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - b = mk, \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow ax - mk = b \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

(i) Let $g \nmid b$

$$\therefore (a, m) = g \Rightarrow g \mid a, g \mid m$$

$$\Rightarrow g \mid ax, g \mid mk$$

$$\Rightarrow g \mid ax - mk$$

$$\Rightarrow g \mid b$$

$\Rightarrow$ to the fact $g \nmid b$

$\therefore ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has no solution if $g \nmid b$

(ii) Let $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $(a, m) = g$

$$\text{then } \left(\frac{a}{g}, \frac{m}{g} \right) = 1 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

Given $g \mid b$

Dividing (1) by g ,

$$\frac{a}{g} x \equiv \frac{b}{g} \pmod{\frac{m}{g}} \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

There is a solution x_0 then for

$$\frac{a}{g} x \equiv 1 \pmod{\frac{m}{g}} \quad [\because \text{by (3)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{g} x_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{\frac{m}{g}} \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

Multiplying (5) by x_0 .

$$\frac{a}{g} x x_0 \equiv \frac{b}{g} x_0 \pmod{\frac{m}{g}}$$

$$x \equiv \frac{b}{g} x_0 \pmod{\frac{m}{g}} \quad [\because \text{by (5)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m}{g} \mid x - \frac{b}{g} x_0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - \frac{b}{g} x_0 = \frac{m}{g} t, \quad t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{b}{g} x_0 + \frac{m}{g} t, \quad t = 0, 1, 2, \dots, g-1$$

and all other values are congruent to mod m giving the same set of values as $t = 0, 1, 2, \dots, g-1$

Example :

Find the general solution of $5x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$

This is of the form $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$

Here $a = 5$, $b = 2$, $m = 7$

$$(a, m) = (5, 7) = 1$$

$$5x - 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 \mid 5x - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x - 2 = 7y, \quad y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x - 2 = 7y$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x = 7y + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{7y + 2}{5}$$

when $y = 4$, $x = 6$

$\therefore x \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$ is the solution of the given congruence.

We can also apply Euclidean algorithm to find this.

Two problems from the other notes --- 😊

The problem of solving a Congruence has reduced to that of solving a Congruence where modulus is a power of a single prime.

Steps to be followed to solve the Congruence of the form $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^h}$

Step 1: Consider the given Congruence as $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{h+1}}$

Step 2: Find the solution of the Congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^h}$

Step 3: Let $x = c$ be one of the solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^h}$

Then the solution of the given Congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{h+1}}$

corresponding to 'c' are as follows.

Condition

Solution

1. $f'(c) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

There is only one solution $c + p^h q$, $0 \leq q < p$ where q is given by $f'(c)q \equiv \frac{-f(c)}{p^h} \pmod{p}$

2. $f'(c) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
 $\& f(c) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{h+1}}$ There are p^h solutions
 $c + p^h q$ where
 $q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, h$

3. $f'(c) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
 $\& f(c) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^{h+1}}$ There is no solution.

Problem 1: Solve $x^2 + x + 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$

Solution: $x^2 + x + 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$
 $x^2 + x + 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{3^3} \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{h+1}}$
 $x^2 + x + 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{p^h} \equiv 0 \pmod{3^{2+1}}$
 $\equiv 0 \pmod{3^2}$ $3^2 = 9 : 0, 1, 2, \dots, 8$

CRS in $\{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3, \pm 4\}$ or $0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots, \pm 4$

Solutions are

1) Take $x = 1$

$$f(1) = 1^2 + 1 + 7 = 9$$

$$f'(1) = 2x + 1 = 2(1) + 1 = 3$$

$$f'(1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$3 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad \checkmark$$

Next, $f(c) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{h+1}}$

$$9 \equiv 0 \pmod{27} \quad \text{not true}$$

$$27 \nmid 9 - 0$$

Condition 3, $\therefore$ There is no solution.

2) Take $x = 4$

$$f(4) = x^2 + x + 7 = 4^2 + 4 + 7 = 27$$

$$f'(4) = 2x + 1 = 8 + 1 = 9$$

$$f'(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$9 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$3 \mid 9 - 0$ is true.

$$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{h+1}}$$

$$27 \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$$

$$27 \mid 27$$

Hence there are p solutions i.e. 3 solutions

$c + p^h q$ where $q = 0, 1, 2, \dots, h$

$$4 + 3^0 \cdot 0 \quad h=0$$

$$= 4$$

$$c + p^h q, \quad h=1$$

$$4 + 3^1 \cdot 1$$

$$= 4 + 3 = 7$$

$$c + p^h q, \quad h=2$$

$$4 + 3^2 \cdot 2$$

$$= 4 + 9 \cdot 2$$

$$= 22$$

Hence the solutions of

$$x^2 + x + 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$$

are 4, 13, 22.

Now, we reduce the problem of solving $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ to the last stage, Congruence modulo the prime modulo.

Let $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0$ where p is prime. $a_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Theorem 2.24: 2.17.5 m

If the degree 'n' of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ is greater than or equal to 'p', then either every integer is a solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

Proof:

For any x , by Fermat's Theorem

$$x^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$x^p x^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$x^p \equiv x \pmod{p}$$

$$x^p - x \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

If 'u' is a solution of (1) then

$$u^p - u \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Using division algorithm, we get

$$f(x) = (x^p - x) q(x) + r(x) \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

where $q(x)$ is the quotient and $r(x)$ is a remainder.

Also, $q(x)$ is a polynomial with integer co-efficient with degree less than p & $r(x) = 0$

Since 'U' is a solution of $f(x)$ from (3)
 $f(U) = (U^p - U) q(U) + r(U)$

$$\text{But } U^p - U \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad [\because \text{by (2)}]$$

$$f(U) = r(U)$$

If $r(x) = 0$ every co-efficient in $r(x)$ is divisible by 'p'. Then every integer is the solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

Problem:

Reduce the congruence to equivalent congruence of degree ≤ 6 , $x'' + x^8 + 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

Solution: By Fermat's Theorem

$$x^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$x^{7-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$x^7 \equiv x \pmod{7} \quad \text{or}$$

$$x^7 - x \equiv 0 \pmod{7} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\div x'' + x^8 + 5 \quad \text{by } x^7 - x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^7 - x \overline{) x'' + x^8 + 5} \quad \left(x^4 + x \right. \\ \underline{-x'' - x^5} \\ x^8 + x^5 + 5 \end{array}$$

A liberated soul established in knowledge, who is free from attachment and acts only in sacrifice, dissipates all his karma. Bhagavad Gita 4:23

$$\begin{array}{r} x^8 - x^2 \\ \underline{-x^2 - x} \\ x^5 + x^2 + 5 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = (x^7 - x)(x^4 + x) + (x^5 + x^2 + 5)$$

The reduced equivalent congruence

$$\text{ie } x^5 + x^2 + 5 \equiv 0 \pmod{7} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

Now, solve this equation

$$x^5 \pmod{7} \text{ is } \{0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \pm 3\}$$

$$x = 0 \text{ is (2) } 5 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$x = 1 \text{ " " } 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$x = -3 \quad -229 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$\therefore x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ is the solution of the given congruence.

a **Theorem 20.25** 10 marks

If the degree 'n' of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ is greater than or equal to p ($\geq p$) of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ or there is a polynomial $g(x)$ having integral coefficients with leading coefficient 1 $\nmid g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ is of degree less than 'p' and the solutions

In acts of sacrifice, that by which the offering is made is Brahman, as is the offering itself. Sacrifice is offered by one who is himself Brahman into the fire of Brahman. One who is absorbed thus in thoughts of Brahman in

Sacrificial action attains Brahman. - Bhagavad Gita 4:24

of $g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ are precisely those of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

Proof: Given $n \geq p$

Divide $f(x)$ by $x^p - x$ Then

$$f(x) = (x^p - x) q(x) + r(x) \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$q(x)$ - is a polynomial with integer coefficient.

$r(x)$ - is either zero or a polynomial with integral co-efficient and degree of $r(x) < p$.

By Fermat's Theorem Since every integer is a solution of $x^p \equiv x \pmod{p}$

$$a^p - a \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{for every integer 'a'}$$

$$f(a) \equiv r(a) \pmod{p} \quad \text{by (1) } \forall \text{ integer 'a'}$$

$$p \mid f(a) - r(a)$$

$\therefore$ The solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ are the same as the solution of $r(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Case (i):

If $r(x) = 0$ or if every coefficient of $r(x)$ are divisible by 'p' then every integer is a solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ & so $f(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ $\forall$ integer 'a'

Hence every integer is a solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Case (i)

Other possibility is that $r(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $m < p$ with at least one co-efficient not divisible by p .

$$\text{Let } r(x) = b_m x^m + b_{m-1} x^{m-1} + \dots + b_1 x + b_0$$

Let ' k ' be the largest s.t. $b_k \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
i.e. $(b_k, p) = 1$

In this case, we can find an integer ' b '
s.t. $bb_k \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ ————— (3)

we get

$$r(x) = m(p) + b_k x^k + b_{k-1} x^{k-1} + \dots + b_1 x + b_0$$

[$m(p)$ is a multiple of p]

$$\therefore b r(x) = m(p) + (bb_k) x^k + (bb_{k-1}) x^{k-1} + \dots + bb_1 x + bb_0$$

$$b r(x) = (x^k + bb_{k-1} x^{k-1} + \dots + bb_0) \pmod{p} \quad \text{by (3)}$$

Take

$$g(x) = x^k + bb_{k-1} x^{k-1} + \dots + bb_0$$

$$\therefore b r(x) \equiv g(x) \pmod{p} \quad \text{————— (4)}$$

$$\text{Since } r(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$b r(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$bx(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ are the same and so they are the solution of $g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Also the solution of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ are the same as the solution of $r(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Hence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ & $g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ have precisely the same solution.

Theorem 2.26:

Let $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ be a polynomial of degree 'n' with integral coefficient & $a_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ where p is a prime, then the polynomial congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has at most 'n' roots.

✓ Prove that, the ^(or) congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ of degree 'n' has at most 'n' solutions.

Proof:

The proof is by induction on 'n', the degree of the congruence.

when $n=0$, $f(x) = a_0$
 $\not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Hence the Congruence has no solutions.

when $n=1$, $f(x) = a_1x + a_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Since p is prime and $a_1 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
 $(a_1, p) = 1$

$\therefore$ The Congruence has exactly one solution. Thus the theorem holds for $n=0$ & $n=1$.

Refer defn at March 12

Let us assume that the theorem be true for all polynomials of degree $n-1$.

Assume, $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has $n+1$ solutions

$x_0, x_1, \dots, x_n$ with $x_i \not\equiv x_j \pmod{p}$ $i \neq j$

$$\Rightarrow f(x_k) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}, \quad k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

$$\therefore f(x) = a_n x^n + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

$$f(x_k) = a_n x_k^n + \dots + a_1 x_k + a_0$$

$$f(x_0) = a_n x_0^n + \dots + a_1 x_0 + a_0$$

$$f(x) - f(x_0) = a_n (x^n - x_0^n) + a_{n-1} (x^{n-1} - x_0^{n-1}) + \dots + a_1 (x - x_0)$$

$$= (x - x_0) g(x)$$

where $g(x)$ is a polynomial of degree $n-1$ with leading coefficient ' a_n '.

$$f(x_k) - f(x_0) = (x_k - x_0) g(x_k)$$

$$\text{Since } f(x_k) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{and } f(x_0) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{ie } (x_k - x_0) g(x_k) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{Since } x_k \not\equiv x_0 \pmod{p} \quad k \neq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x_k - x_0 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad k \neq 0$$

$$\text{ie } g(x_k) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{for } k = 1, 2, \dots, n$$

$$\therefore k \neq 0.$$

This shows that $g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ of degree $n-1$ has 'n' roots.

$\Rightarrow$ to our assumption ie $n+1$ solutions

Hence the theorem is true for given polynomial congruence.

$\therefore f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ of degree 'n' has at most 'n' roots.

Corollary : 2.27

If $b_n x^n + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + b_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has more than 'n' solutions then all the coefficients b_i 's are divisible by 'p'.

The congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ of degree n , with leading coefficient $a_n = 1$ has n solutions iff $f(x)$ is a factor of $x^p - x$ modulo p , i.e. iff $x^p - x = f(x)q(x) + p \cdot s(x)$, where $q(x) \neq s(x)$ have integral coefficients, $q(x)$ has degree $p-n$ and leading coefficient 1 and where either $s(x)$ is a polynomial of degree less than n or $s(x)$ is zero.

Proof:

Case 1: Given $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ is a polynomial congruence of degree ' n '.

If it has ' n ' solutions then $n \leq p$. $\therefore$ Defn 2.4 by Cor 2.2

Divide $x^p - x$ by $f(x)$, we get

$$x^p - x = f(x)q(x) + r(x), \text{ where}$$

$r(x) = 0$ or it is a polynomial of degree $< n$ $\textcircled{x}$

Let a be any root of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

$$\therefore f(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{--- ①}$$

$$\text{Also } a^p - a \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \text{--- ②}$$

Corresponding to the root a , $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

$$\text{we have } a^p - a = f(a)q(a) + r(a)$$

① & ② $\Rightarrow$

$$r(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$\therefore 'a'$ is the root of $r(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

If $r(x) \not\equiv 0$ then it is a polynomial of $\text{deg} < n$ and having n solutions?

Each of the n solutions of $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ is a solution of $r(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

$\therefore$ all the coefficients of $r(x)$ are divisible by $'p'$.

$$\text{i.e. } r(x) = p \cdot s(x)$$

$$\text{Hence } x^p - x = f(x)q(x) + p \cdot s(x)$$

Case II:

$$\text{If } x^p - x = f(x)q(x) + p \cdot s(x)$$

$$\Rightarrow f(a)q(a) = a^p - a$$

$$\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \quad \forall \text{ integer 'a'}$$

$\therefore f(x)q(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has p solutions.

$\uparrow$ By Fermat Theorem $\uparrow$

This congruence has leading term x^p .

The leading term of $f(x)$ is x^n by hypothesis.

$\therefore$ The leading term of $q(x)$ is x^{p-n} .

Then by Theorem 2.2.6, the congruences $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ and $q(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ have

at most n solutions and $p-n$ solutions respec

Let the solutions be $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k$ where $k \leq p-n$

If ' n ' is any of the remaining $p-k$ solutions
then $(g(u), p) = 1$ and

$$f(u) \cdot g(u) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

So $f(u) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has at most $p-k \geq p-(p-n) = n$
solutions.

But the polynomial congruence has at most ' n '
solutions. Combining these two findings, we get
the polynomial congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has
exactly ' n ' solutions.

Note:

If $a_n \neq 1$, we can find an integer a_n^{-1}
 $a_n a_n^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ but $g(x) = a_n^{-1} f(x) - (a_n a_n^{-1} - 1)x^n$
then

$g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has the same solutions
as $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ and
 $g(x)$ has leading co-efficient

If $d \mid p-1$ then $x^d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ has d solutions.

Proof:

choose 'e' $\rightarrow de = p-1$

$$\text{Since } (y-1)(1+y+\dots+y^{e-1}) = y^e - 1$$

In taking $y = x^d$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} x(x^{d-1})(1+x^d+\dots+x^{d(e-1)}) &= x(x^{de}-1) \\ &= x(x^{p-1}-1) \\ &= x^p - x. \end{aligned}$$

Identical Congruences:

Consider 2 polynomials $f(x)$ & $g(x)$ with integral co-efficient.

They are said to be identical modulo 'm'.

If the corresponding co-efficient are congruent modulo 'm'.

Then the polynomials

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

$$g(x) = b_n x^n + b_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + b_1 x + b_0$$

are identical if $a_i \equiv b_i \pmod{m} \forall i$

In this case we write $f(x) \equiv g(x) \pmod{m}$ and call it an identical congruence.

Example:

If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are identical then the solutions $f(x)$ are same as that of $g(x)$.

Problems:

1. Find $\phi(720)$

$$\phi(720) = 2 \times 360$$

$$= 2 \times 2 \times 180$$

$$= 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 90$$

$$= 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 45$$

$$= 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 9 \times 5$$

$$= 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 3 \times 3 \times 5$$

$$= 2^4 \times 3^2 \times 5$$

$$\phi(n) = n \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_j}\right) \quad p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3, p_3 = 5$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi(720) &= 720 \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right) \\ &= 192. \end{aligned}$$

2. find $\phi(25200)$

3. Find the integer that satisfies $x \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$
 $x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$, $x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$

Solution:

By Chinese Remainder Theorem

$$x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i} \quad i = 1, 2, 3$$

$$a_1 = 1 \quad m_1 = 4 \quad M = m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot m_3$$

$$a_2 = 2 \quad m_2 = 5 \quad = 4 \times 5 \times 7$$

$$a_3 = 3 \quad m_3 = 7 \quad = 140$$

$$x = \frac{M}{m_1} x_1 a_1 + \frac{M}{m_2} x_2 a_2 + \frac{M}{m_3} x_3 a_3$$

Now, $\frac{M}{m_1} x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{m_1}$

$$\frac{M}{m_2} x_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m_2}$$

$$\frac{M}{m_3} x_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{m_3}$$

$$\frac{140}{4} x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow 35 x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = 3$$

$$\frac{140}{5} x_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$28 x_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$3 x_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_2 = 2$$

$$\frac{140}{7} x_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$20 x_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$6 x_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow x_3 = 6$$

$$X = 35 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 + 28 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 + 20 \cdot 2 \cdot 6$$

$$= 35 \cdot 3 + 28 \cdot 6 + 20 \cdot 12$$

$$= 513$$

$$X \equiv 513 \pmod{140}$$

$$X \equiv 93 \pmod{140}$$

4. Solve the set of congruences

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \quad x \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

5. Find all integers that give the remainders 1, 2, 3 when divided by 3, 4, 5 respectively.

Hint: $x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$
 $x \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$
 $x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$

6. Find the number when given remainders $2/3$, $4/5$ and $6/7$

Hint: $2/3 \Rightarrow x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

7. Solve $20x \equiv 30 \pmod{4}$

Solution: This is of the form $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$$a = 20, \quad b = 30, \quad m = 4$$

$$d = (a, m) = (20, 4) = 4$$

$$\text{ie } d \nmid b$$

$\therefore$ This congruence has no solution.

8. Solve $4x \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$

9. Solve $15x \equiv 24 \pmod{35}$

Solution:

Given $x^2 + x + 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{15}$ ————— (1)

$$15 = 3 \times 5$$

(1) can be splitted into two congruences
ie
$$\left. \begin{aligned} x^2 + x + 7 &\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \\ x^2 + x + 7 &\equiv 0 \pmod{5} \end{aligned} \right\} \text{————— (2)}$$

Solution of (2) will give the solution of (1)
by Chinese Remainder Theorem.

(i) Consider $x^2 + x + 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

$$\text{CRS} = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

when $x = 0 \Rightarrow 7 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

$x = 1 \Rightarrow 9 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

$x = 2 \Rightarrow 13 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

$\therefore x = 1$ is a solution of congruence.

(ii) Consider $x^2 + x + 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

$$\text{CRS} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

when $x = 0$, $7 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

$x = 1$, $9 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

$x = 2$, $13 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

$x = 3$, $19 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

$x = 4$, $27 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

There is no solution to this congruence

∴ (1) has no solution.

11. Solve $x^2 + x + 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{189}$

Refer the other notes.

12. Find the smallest odd number, show that $3|n$, $5|n+2$, $7|n+4$.

Solution:

$$3|n \Rightarrow n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$$5|n+2 \Rightarrow n+2 \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow n \equiv -2 \pmod{5}$$

$$7|n+4 \Rightarrow n+4 \equiv 0 \pmod{7} \Rightarrow n \equiv -4 \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{re } a_1 = 0 \quad a_2 = -2 \quad a_3 = -4$$

$$m_1 = 3 \quad m_2 = 5 \quad m_3 = 7$$

$$M = m_1 m_2 m_3 = 3 \times 5 \times 7 = 105$$

$$\text{By problem (6) } x_1 = 2, \quad x_2 = 6, \quad x_3 = 8$$

$$x = -732$$

$$x \equiv -732 \pmod{105}$$

$$\equiv -102 \pmod{105}$$

$$\equiv 3 \pmod{105}$$

∴ The smallest odd Number 3.

13 Solve $15x \equiv 0 \pmod{35}$

Solution: This is of the form

$$ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

$$a = 15, b = 0, m = 35$$

$$d = (a, m) = (15, 35) = 5$$

$$d \mid b \text{ i.e. } d \mid 0.$$

This congruence has $d = 5$ solutions

$$15x \equiv 0 \pmod{35}$$

$$15x - 0 = 35y$$

$$15x - 35y = 0.$$

This is of the form $bx + cy = g$

$$15x \equiv 0 \pmod{35}$$

This is reduced to $3x \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$

$\therefore$ CRS mod 7 is $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 6\}$

In the above CRS, solution is 0, as

there is no multiple of 7.

Consider the mod value 35

The congruence has 5 solutions

$\therefore$ The multiples of 7 are 0, 7, 14, 21, 28.

14. Solve $15x \equiv 25 \pmod{35}$

15. Solve $353x \equiv 254 \pmod{400}$

16. Verify whether the following congruence has solution $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

$x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ has a solution iff

$p=2$ or $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ (Refer back)

Solutions:

(i) $p=7 \neq 2 \Rightarrow 7 \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

$\therefore$ The congruence has no solution.

(ii) $p=5 \neq 2 \Rightarrow 5 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

This congruence has solution.

C.R.S mod 5 ($\pmod{p}$) is $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

when $x=2 \Rightarrow 4+1=5 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

$x=3 \Rightarrow 9+1=10 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$

Hence $x=2, 3$ are two solutions of the given congruence.

$$17. \text{ Solve } \left. \begin{array}{l} 24x \equiv 20 \pmod{28} \\ 10x \equiv 6 \pmod{32} \end{array} \right\} \text{--- ①}$$

Solution:

$$\text{①} \Rightarrow 6x \equiv 5 \pmod{7} \text{--- ②}$$

$$5x \equiv 3 \pmod{16} \text{--- ③}$$

Find the inverse $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

$$\text{②} \Rightarrow 6k_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

CRS modulo 7 is $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 6\}$

Solution is $k_1 = 6$

$$[\because 6 \times 6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}]$$

$$36 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}]$$

$$\text{③} \Rightarrow 5k_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$$

CRS modulo 16 is $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, 15\}$

Solution is $k_2 = 13$.

$$[\because 5 \times 13 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}]$$

$$65 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{16}]$$

$$\text{②} \times 6 \Rightarrow 6 \times 6x \equiv 5 \times 6 \pmod{7}$$

$$36x \equiv 30 \pmod{7}$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \quad \left[\because \frac{30}{7} \text{ R } 2 \right]$$

$$\textcircled{5} \times 13 \Rightarrow 5 \times 13 x \equiv 13 \times 3 \pmod{16}$$

$$65x \equiv 39 \pmod{16}$$

$$x \equiv 7 \pmod{16} \quad \left(\because \frac{39}{16} \text{ R is } 7 \right)$$

Apply CRT

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{7} ; x \equiv 7 \pmod{16}$$

$$x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$$

$$a_1 = 2 ; m_1 = 7$$

$$a_2 = 7 ; m_2 = 16$$

$$M = m_1 m_2 = 7 \times 16 = 112$$

$$X = \frac{M}{m_1} x_1 a_1 + \frac{M}{m_2} x_2 a_2$$

$$\frac{M}{m_1} x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{m_1} \Rightarrow \frac{112}{7} x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 16x_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x_1 = 4}$$

$$\frac{M}{m_2} x_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{m_2} \Rightarrow \frac{112}{16} x_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{x_2 = 7}$$

$$X = \frac{112}{7} \cdot 4 \times 2 + \frac{112}{16} \cdot 7 \times 7$$

$$= 16 \times 8 + 7 \times 49$$

$$= 471$$

$$X \equiv 471 \pmod{112}$$

$$X \equiv 23 \pmod{112}$$

18. Determine whether the system $x \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$, $x \equiv 8 \pmod{15}$, $x \equiv 5 \pmod{84}$ has a solution and find them all if they exist.

19. Solve the set of congruence

Repeat (3) $x \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$; $x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$; $x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$

20. Verify whether the following

(i) $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{7}$

(ii) $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{5}$

21. Solve the congruence $x^3 + 2x - 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{45}$

22. Solve $x^{15} - x^{10} + 4x - 3 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$