

$$3^{-1} \pmod{16} \equiv -5 \equiv 11$$

$$(a^{11})^3 \equiv a^{33} \equiv a^{2 \cdot 16} \cdot a \equiv a \pmod{17}$$

Problem 1 (12 points)

(mod 17)

(a, 4pts) True or false: for all  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{17}$  the cubic equation

$$x^3 \equiv a \pmod{17} \quad -1 \equiv 16$$

has a solution  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{17}$ . Please explain.

TRUE

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	$-8$
$x^3 \pmod{17}$	0	1	8	10	13	6	12	3	2	-2	15

This is also the RSA for exp. 3:  $\text{GCD}(3, \phi(17)) = \text{GCD}(3, 16) = 1$

(b, 4pts) Please compute residues  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_{10}$ , or prove that none exist, such that  $3x + 4y \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$  and  $x + 2y \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$ . Please show all your work.

$$3x + 4y \equiv 0$$

$$2x + 4y \equiv 2$$

$$x \equiv -2 \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$2(4 + y) \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$$

$$0 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

No solution

(c, 4pts) True or false: Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 2}$ . If  $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_n: a^n \equiv a \pmod{n}$  then  $n$  must be a prime number. Please explain.

False for Carmichael numbers which are absolute pseudoprimes

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**Problem 2** (6 points): Please prove for all prime and composite Fermat numbers  $F_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$  that

$$2^{F_n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{F_n} \quad \text{for all } n \geq 0.$$

Hint: for  $M = 2^n$  first prove that  $2^{2^M} \equiv 1 \pmod{2^M + 1}$ .

$$2^M \equiv -1 \pmod{2^M + 1} \quad \text{so} \quad 2^{2^M} \equiv (-1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{2^M + 1}$$

$$2^{F_n-1} = 2^{(2^{2^n})} \equiv \left(2^{2^M}\right)^{2^{2^n} / (2^M)} \pmod{F_n}$$

$$\equiv \left(2^{2^M}\right)^{2^{2^n - (n+1)}} \equiv 1 \pmod{F_n}$$

**Problem 3** (6 points): Please verify the following identity, where  $\phi$  is Euler's totient function and  $\mu$  is Möbius's function:

$$\phi(60) = \sum_{d|n \text{ and } d \geq 1} \mu(d) \frac{60}{d}$$

Please show your work.

$60 = 2^2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$

$$\phi(60) = 60 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right)$$

$$= \cancel{60} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{4}{5} = 16$$

$d$	$\mu(d)$	$\frac{60}{d}$
$1 = 2^0 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^0$	1	60
$2 = 2^1 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^0$	-1	-30
$4 = 2^2 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^0$	0	
$3 = 2^0 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^0$	-1	-20
$6 = 2^1 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^0$	+1	+10
$12 = 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^0$	0	
$5 = 2^0 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^1$	-1	-12
$10 = 2^1 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^1$	+1	+6
$20 = 2^2 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^1$	0	
$15 = 2^0 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1$	+1	+4
$30 = 2^1 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1$	-1	-2
$60 = 2^2 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1$	0	
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**Problem 4** (8 points): Consider  $630 = 7 \cdot 9 \cdot 10$  and let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_{630}$  with

$$\begin{aligned} a &\equiv 6 \pmod{7}, \\ a &\equiv 8 \pmod{9}, \\ a &\equiv 6 \pmod{10}. \end{aligned}$$

Please compute  $y_0 \in \mathbb{Z}_7$ ,  $y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}_9$  and  $y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}_{10}$  such that

$$a = y_0 + y_1 \cdot 7 + y_2 \cdot 7 \cdot 9.$$

Please show all your work.

$$\begin{aligned} y_0 &= 6 \\ 7y_1 + 6 &\equiv 8 \pmod{9} & y_1 &\equiv 7^{-1} \cdot (8-6) \\ & & &\equiv 4 \cdot 2 \equiv 8 \\ & & &\pmod{9} \end{aligned}$$

$$7 \cdot 9 \cdot y_2 + 6 + 7 \cdot 8 \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$3 \cdot y_2 + 2 \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$\begin{aligned} y_2 &\equiv 3^{-1} (6-2) \\ &\equiv 7 \cdot 4 \equiv 8 \pmod{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$a = \underbrace{6 + 8 \cdot 7}_{62} + \underbrace{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 9}_{504} = 566$$

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**Problem 5** (12 points):

(a, 4pts) Please describe the difference between a *private* key cryptosystem and a *public* key cryptosystem. How old is public key cryptography and who has invented it?

Clifford Cocks 1973 UK GCHQ

James H. Ellis, Malcolm Williamson

Whitfield Diffie & Martin Hellman 1976

RSA (Leonard Adleman)

(b, 4pts) Please consider the following instance of the RSA: the public modulus is  $n = 77$  and the public (encrypting) exponent is  $k = 11$ . Please compute the private deciphering exponent  $j$  such that  $(M^{11})^j \equiv M \pmod{77}$  (at least for all  $M \in U_{77}$ ).

$$77 = 7 \cdot 11 \quad \phi(77) = 6 \cdot 10 = 60$$

$$11^{-1} \pmod{60} = 11^{-1} = j$$

$$\begin{array}{cc|cc} 60 & & 1 & 0 \\ 11 & & 0 & 1 \\ \hline 5 & 5 & 1 & -5 \\ \hline 1 & 2 & -2 & 11 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} -2 \cdot 60 + 11 \cdot 11 \\ = 1 \end{array}$$

(c, 4pts) Suppose Alice has encrypted  $M$  as  $2 = (M^{11} \pmod{77})$ . What is  $M$ ? Please show all of Bob's computations using  $j$  from Part b.

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{11} &\equiv 2^6 \cdot 2^5 \equiv 64 \cdot 2^5 \equiv (-13) \cdot 2^5 \\ &\equiv (-52) \cdot 2^3 \equiv 25 \cdot 2^3 \equiv 100 \cdot 2 \equiv 23 \cdot 2 \equiv 46 \\ &\quad \pmod{77} \end{aligned}$$