
MATH 580/780I: TEST 2, FALL 2010

Instructions and Point Values: Put your name at the top of the first page of the blank paper given to you. There are 6 problems below. Work each problem on the paper provided, using a separate page for each problem. Circle your answer (not the work) on the blank page for each part of each problem. Show ALL of your work. Do NOT use a calculator.

There are 100 total points possible on this exam. The point value for each problem appears to the left of each problem.

18 pts

(1) Calculate each of the following. Simplify your answers. Each part of this problem should have a short solution based on a theorem or formula from class.

- (a) The value of $\phi(2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5)$.
 - (b) The smallest positive integer a such that $9^{12} \equiv a \pmod{13}$.
 - (c) An integer b between -100 and 100 satisfying $12! \equiv b \pmod{13}$.
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18 pts

(2) (a) Define the word “pseudoprime”.

(b) Prove that each of the following congruences is valid.

$$2^{40} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \quad 2^{40} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}, \quad 2^{40} \equiv 1 \pmod{17}, \quad 2^{40} \equiv 1 \pmod{41}$$

(c) Using part (b), explain why $23001 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 17 \cdot 41$ is a pseudoprime. You should be able to handle all the cases (each prime) at once.

20 pts

(3) (a) State Euler’s Theorem.

(b) Calculate $\phi(1000)$.

(c) Give a one sentence explanation for why Euler’s Theorem does NOT imply

$$2^{\phi(1000)} \equiv 1 \pmod{1000}.$$

(d) What is the remainder when $2^{\phi(1000)}$ is divided by 1000? In other words, determine what $R \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 999\}$ satisfies $2^{\phi(1000)} \equiv R \pmod{1000}$.

12 pts

(4) Find the smallest positive integer n satisfying all of the following:

- The number $n + 2$ is divisible by 2.
- The number $n + 20$ is divisible by 20.
- The number $n + 201$ is divisible by 201.
- The number $n + 2010$ is divisible by 2010.

Note that $n = 0$ is an “obvious” integer that satisfies the above four conditions. In the problem, I am asking for you to find the next n with this property. You may want to use that $201 = 3 \cdot 67$ and $2010 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 67$.

12 pts

(5) What is the remainder when

123456789101112...9899100

is divided by 90? (The digits of the number displayed above are 1, 2, 3, ..., 100 written side-by-side.)

20 pts

(6) (a) Find the smallest positive integer solution to the system of congruences below.

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$$

$$x \equiv 8 \pmod{12}$$

$$x \equiv 12 \pmod{20}$$

$$x \equiv 20 \pmod{42}$$

Simplify your answer (do the arithmetic). This could be a “little” messy. Deal with it.

(b) Solve the system of congruences above. In other words, describe the complete set of integers x that have the property that each x in the set satisfies ALL of the congruences displayed in part (a).
