

Find the remainder when 7^{92} is divided by 11.

Recall (FLT): If $p \nmid a$ then
 $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ (for p a prime)

By FLT $7^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$
 $\Rightarrow 7^{90} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$
 $\Rightarrow 7^{92} \equiv 7^2 \equiv 49 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$.

Option 2: $7^{92} \equiv 7^{9(10)+2} \pmod{11}$
 $\equiv (7^{10})^9 \cdot 7^2 \pmod{11}$

FLT. $\equiv 1^9 \cdot 7^2 \pmod{11}$
 $\equiv 49 \pmod{11}$
 $\equiv 5 \pmod{11}$

Corollary: If p is a prime and $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ then $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$

Pf: If $p|a$ then $a \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$
 $\Rightarrow a^p \equiv 0 \equiv a \pmod{p}$.

If $p \nmid a$ then by FLT:

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \Rightarrow a^p \equiv a \pmod{p} \quad \square$$

Corollary: If p is a prime number and $[a] \neq [0]$ in \mathbb{Z}_p , then $\exists [b] \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ s.t. $[a][b] = [1]$.

Pf: Since $[a] \neq [0]$, $p \nmid a$. Hence by FLT $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$
 $a a^{p-2} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Sensible since $p-2 \geq 0$. Thus, take $[b] = [a^{p-2}]$. \square

Corollary: If $r = s + kp$ then
 $a^r \equiv a^{s+k} \pmod{p}$ (p is a prime, $a, r, s, k \in \mathbb{Z}$)

Pf:

$$\begin{aligned} a^r &\equiv a^{s+kp} \pmod{p} \\ &\equiv a^s (a^p)^k \pmod{p} \\ \text{(Cor. to FLT)} &\equiv a^s (a)^k \pmod{p} \\ &\equiv a^{s+k} \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

Prove that if $p \nmid a$ and $r \equiv s \pmod{p-1}$ then $a^r \equiv a^s \pmod{p}$.

Since $r \equiv s \pmod{p-1}$

$$(p-1) \mid r-s$$

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } (p-1)k = r-s$$

$$\Rightarrow r = s + (p-1)k$$

$$a^r \equiv a^{s+(p-1)k} \pmod{p}$$

$$\equiv a^s (a^{p-1})^k \pmod{p}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{(FLT)}}{\equiv} a^s (1)^k \pmod{p}$$

$$\stackrel{\text{pta}}{\equiv} a^s \pmod{p}$$

Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

Solve

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$
$$x \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$$

Using the first condition, write

$$x = 2 + 7k$$

Plug into the second condition

$$2 + 7k \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$$
$$7k \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

Multiply both sides by 3

Used that $\gcd(7, 11) = 1$ to find 7^{-1} .

$$3 \cdot 7k \equiv 15 \pmod{11}$$
$$21k \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$
$$-k \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$k \equiv -4 \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$$

$$\therefore k = 7 + 11q \text{ for some } q \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Recall

$$x = 2 + 7k$$

$$= 2 + 7(7 + 11l)$$

$$= 51 + 77l$$

$$\therefore x \equiv 51 \pmod{77}$$

Version 1

Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

Solve:

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

$$x \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$$

Condition 1 says

$$x = 2 + 7k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Plug into condition 2:

$$2 + 7k \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$$

$$7k \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

This is equivalent to

$$7k + 11y = 5$$

k	y	r	q	$:$	$\therefore 7(-3) + 11(2) = 1$
0	1	11		$:$	$\therefore 7(-15) + 11(10) = 5$
1	0	7		$:$	
-1	1	4	1	$:$	LDET 2: $k = -15 + 11n$
2	-1	3	1	$:$	for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$
-3	2	1	1	$:$	
		0	3		

\uparrow Needed
 \downarrow Used
 $\gcd(7, 11) = 1.$

$$\therefore k \equiv -15 \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$$

$$k = 7 + 11\ell \text{ for some } \ell \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Recall: $x = 2 + 7k$

$$= 2 + 7(7 + 11\ell)$$
$$= 51 + 77\ell.$$

$$\therefore x \equiv 51 \pmod{77} \text{ is the sol'n.}$$

Theorem (Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)). *If $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1$, then for any choice of integers a_1 and a_2 , there exists a solution to the simultaneous congruences*

$$\begin{aligned} n &\equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ n &\equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if $n = n_0$ is one integer solution, then the complete solution is $n \equiv n_0 \pmod{m_1 m_2}$.

Theorem (Generalized CRT (GCRT)). *If m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k are integers and $\gcd(m_i, m_j) = 1$ whenever $i \neq j$, then for any choice of integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k , there exists a solution to the simultaneous congruences*

$$\begin{aligned} n &\equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ n &\equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2} \\ &\vdots \\ n &\equiv a_k \pmod{m_k} \end{aligned}$$

Moreover, if $n = n_0$ is one integer solution, then the complete solution is

$$n \equiv n_0 \pmod{m_1 m_2 \dots m_k}$$