

Remainders and Modular Arithmetic

Lemma 1. Let a, d be integers, $d > 0$. Then there exist unique integers q and r , such that $a = qd + r$ and $0 \leq r < d$.

Definition. The number q is called the *quotient*, while r is called the *remainder modulo d* .

2. The difference of two integers is divisible by d **iff** these integers have the same remainder modulo d .

Definition. This can be written short as $m \equiv n \pmod{d}$ or just $m \equiv_d n$.

3. Prove that the remainder of any prime module 30 is either a prime or 1.

Theorem 4 (modular arithmetic). Let the integer a_1 has the remainder $r_1 \pmod{d}$, and the integer a_2 has the remainder $r_2 \pmod{d}$. Then integers $a_1 + a_2, a_1 - a_2, a_1 a_2$ has the same remainders modulo d as integers $r_1 + r_2, r_1 - r_2, r_1 r_2$, respectively.

5. Find the last digit in the decimal expression of $777^{555^{333}}$.

6. Let x and y be positive integers. Prove that

a) $x^3 \equiv_{10} y^3 \Leftrightarrow x \equiv_{10} y$

b) If $10 \mid (x^2 + xy + y^2)$ then $100 \mid (x^2 + xy + y^2)$

7. The sum of a few odd perfect squares is 1011. Find the minimum number of terms in the sum.

If the polynomial equation has an integer solution, it has a solution modulo any positive integer. And vice versa: if the equation has no solution modulo some positive integer it has no integer solution.

8. Prove that

a) the equation $n^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ has no solution.

b) the equation $n^2 + 1 = 3m$ has no integer solution.

9 Prove that the following equations has no integer solutions :

a) $x^2 + y^2 = 4z - 1$ b) $15x^2 - 7y^2 = 9$ c) $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 8t - 1$

10. Given 100 integers such that the sum of any 99 of them is divisible by 13. Prove that each of the integers is divisible by 13.

Extra problems

Re1. A positive integer N is given to Huda. She divides N by 101 and gets the remainder $m > 0$. Then Huda divides N by m and gets the remainder p . Find the maximum possible value for p and the least possible value for N to get this value for p .

Re2. Let x, y, z be integers such that $S = x^4 + y^4 + z^4$ is divisible by 29. Show that S is divisible by 29^4 .

Re3. Find the number of positive integers n satisfying the following conditions: $n < 10^{2018}$ and $10^{2018} \mid n^2 - n$.

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