

Homework 4, Due Wednesday, February 6, 2008

Problem 1:

Section 2.3 Problem 6 (Fifth edition, Section 1.8, Problem 6).

Problem 2:

Section 2.3 Problem 10 (Fifth edition, Section 1.8, Problem 10).

Problem 3:

Prove or disprove that if a , b , and c are positive integers and $a \mid bc$ then $a \mid b$ or $a \mid c$.

Problem 4:

Section 3.4 Problem 16 (Fifth edition, Section 2.4, Problem 36).

Problem 5:

How many zeros are there at the end of $100!$. Determine this without computing $100!$.

Problem 6:

Prove that if n is an odd positive integer, then $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$.

Problem 7:

For each $a \in \{1, \dots, 10\}$ determine the smallest $k \geq 1$ such that $a^k \pmod{11} = 1$.

Problem 8:

Use Fermat's Little Theorem to compute $3^{302} \pmod{5}$, $3^{302} \pmod{7}$ and $3^{302} \pmod{11}$.

Problem 9:

Prove that if p is prime, and $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ then $x \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ or $x \equiv (p-1) \pmod{p}$.

Extra Credit 10:

Let p be an odd prime. A number $a \in \{1, \dots, p-1\}$ is a *quadratic residue* if the equation $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$ has a solution for x . Show that there are exactly $(p-1)/2$ quadratic residues modulo p .