

**Exercise set 4**  
**Tuesday OCT 11 2011 at 4 pm. Sharp**

**Number Theory**  
**in MaD-302**

1. Prove that
  - a) no square of a natural integer is of the form  $4n + 2$  or  $4n + 3$ .
  - b) the product of 4 consecutive numbers is divisible by 24.
  - c) the product of  $k$  consecutive numbers is divisible by  $k!$ .

2. Take  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  ja  $p \in \mathbb{P}$ .

a) Prove, that  $\left\lfloor \frac{\lfloor x \rfloor}{m} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{x}{m} \right\rfloor$

b) Prove, that  $p^{\lfloor \frac{m}{p} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{m}{p^2} \rfloor + \dots} \mid m$ , mutta  $p^{1 + \lfloor \frac{m}{p} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{m}{p^2} \rfloor + \dots} \nmid m$ .

c) How many zeros are at the end of the decimal expansion of  $169!$ ?

d) Prove directly from the definition that (the binomial coefficients)  $\binom{n}{k} = \frac{n!}{k!(n-k)!}$

are integers

3. Find "inverses" whenever possible

a) for  $1 \dots 10 \pmod{11}$

b) for  $-12 \dots 12 \pmod{12}$

4. Prove

$$7 \mid n = \prod a_\mu 10^\mu \iff 7 \mid (a_0 + 3a_1 + 2a_2) - (a_3 + 3a_4 + 2a_5) + (a_6 + 3a_7 + 2a_8) - \dots$$

5. a) Write out two complete and two reduced remainder systems for  $\pmod{20}$ .

b) Let  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$  be a complete remainder system (tjs) modulo  $n$ . Find the smallest positive integer congruent to  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k \pmod{n}$ .

c) Let  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k\}$  be a reduced remainder system (sjs) modulo  $n$ . Find the smallest positive integer congruent to  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_k \pmod{n}$ .

6. Prove

a) If  $(m, n) = 1$ , then  $x$  goes through a t.j.s:  $\pmod{m}$  and  $y$  a t.j.s  $\pmod{n}$ , then the numbers  $xn + my$  attain all possible values  $\pmod{mn}$ .

b) Aivan Similarly for reduced systems.

7. **Strong pseudo primes and ja Miller's test.** Definition: An odd non-prime  $n$ , satisfying  $n - 1 = 2^s t$ ,  $2 \nmid t$ , is a **strong pseudo prime** wrt. to  $a$  ( $> 1$ ), if either

$$(1) \quad a^t \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

or

$$(2) \quad a^{2^j t} \equiv -1 \pmod{n} \quad \text{jollakin } 0 \leq j \leq s - 1.$$

Definition:  $n$  **passes Miller's test** wrt. to  $a$ , if (??) tai (??).

Prove that every odd prime passes Miller's test.

is a strong pseudo prim,e wrt 2 suhteen (the smallest one). The number

$$3215031751 = 151 \cdot 751 \cdot 28351$$

is the smallest strong pseudo prime wrt 2, 3, 5 ja nd 7.

Thgeree exist no "strong Carmichael numbers", ie Miller's test cannot fail wrt all numbers. In fact, an odd non-prime  $n$  passes Millerin testfor at most  $(n - 1)/4$ :lle numbers in  $[1, n - 1]$ .

8. Solve  $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{13}$  by Wilson.