

Name: Solutions

Directions: Show all work unless directed otherwise. No credit for answers without work.

1. [5 points] Short Answer. Jesse and Marie use a simple Caesar cipher to exchange secret messages in social studies class. (They would never do such a thing in their mathematics classes.) You hear Jesse boast that their secret key  $k$  is the best possible key since it makes the processes of encoding and decoding exactly the same. Assuming that their encryption scheme is non-trivial (i.e.  $k \neq 0$ ), what is  $k$ ?

$$k = 13. \quad (\text{Mod } 26, \text{ adding } 13 \text{ and subtracting } 13 \text{ is the same.})$$

2. [10 points] Is the following statement true or false? Let  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  be integers. If  $a \mid b + c$ , then  $a \mid b$  and  $a \mid c$ . If the statement is true, give a proof. If the statement is false, give a counterexample (that is, a specific example of particular integers  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  for which the statement fails).

False. For example, if  $a = 5$ ,  $b = 7$ , and  $c = 3$ ,

then

$$5 \mid 7+3 \quad \text{but} \quad 5 \nmid 7 \quad \text{and} \quad 5 \nmid 3.$$

3. [5 points] Find the quotient  $q$  and remainder  $r$  that results from dividing  $-308$  by  $86$ .

$$-308 = (-4)(86) + 36, \quad \text{so}$$

$$\boxed{q = -4 \text{ and } r = 36}.$$

4. [5 points] Give 3 different examples of integers that are congruent to  $79$  modulo  $145$ . If possible, one of your examples should be negative.

$$\boxed{79} \quad 79 - 145 \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{-66}$$

$$79 + 145 \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{224}.$$

## 5. Proofs.

- (a) [15 points] Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers. Prove that if there exist integers  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $ua + vb = 1$ , then  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

Note that  $a$  and  $b$  cannot both be zero, or else  $u$  and  $v$  would not exist. Let  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ . Since  $d|a$  and  $d|b$ , it follows that  $d|ua + vb$ , and therefore  $d|1$ . The only divisors of 1 are  $+1$  and  $-1$ .

Since the greatest common divisor is always positive, it follows that  $d = 1$ .

- (b) [15 points] Let  $x$  and  $y$  be integers, not both zero, and let  $d = \gcd(x, y)$ . Prove that  $\gcd\left(\frac{x}{d}, \frac{y}{d}\right) = 1$ .

Since  $d = \gcd(x, y)$ , there exist integers  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $ux + vy = d$ . Dividing both sides by  $d$ , we see that

$$u\frac{x}{d} + v\frac{y}{d} = 1.$$

By part (a) with  $a = \frac{x}{d}$  and  $b = \frac{y}{d}$ , it follows that  $\gcd\left(\frac{x}{d}, \frac{y}{d}\right) = 1$ .

6. [20 points] Use the extended Euclidean algorithm to find  $\gcd(28543, 32147)$  and express it as an integer combination of 28543 and 32147.

$$32147 = (1)28543 + 3604$$

$$28543 = (7)3604 + 3315$$

$$3604 = (1)3315 + 289$$

$$3315 = (11)289 + 136$$

$$289 = (2)136 + 17$$

$$136 = (8)17 + 0.$$

$$\text{So } \gcd(32147, 28543) = \gcd(17, 0) = \boxed{17}.$$

$$17 = (1)(289) - (2)(136)$$

$$= (1)(289) - (2)[3315 - (11)289]$$

$$= (23)(289) - (2)(3315)$$

$$= (23)[3604 - (1)3315] - 2(3315) = (23)(3604) - (25)(3315)$$

$$= (23)(3604) - (25)[28543 - (7)3604] = (198)(3604) - (25)(28543)$$

$$= (198)[32147 - (1)28543] + (25)(28543)$$

$$= (198)(32147) - (223)(28543)$$

7. [15 points] Solve for  $x$  in  $424x \equiv 19 \pmod{643}$ .

Find a mult. inverse for 424:

$$643 = (1)(424) + 219$$

$$424 = (1)219 + 205$$

$$219 = (1)205 + 14$$

$$205 = (14)14 + 9$$

$$14 = (1)9 + 5$$

$$9 = (1)5 + 4$$

$$5 = (1)4 + 1$$

$$1 = 5 - (1)4$$

$$= (424)(5) - (1)[9 - (1)5]$$

$$= (2)5 - (1)9 = (2)[14 - (1)9] - (1)9$$

$$= (2)14 - (3)9 =$$

$$= (2)14 - (3)[205 - (14)(14)]$$

$$= (44)(14) - 3(205) = (44)[219 - 205] - 3(205)$$

$$= (44)(219) - (47)(205)$$

$$= (44)(219) - (47)(424 - (1)(219))$$

$$= (91)(219) - (47)(424)$$

$$= (91)[643 - (1)424] - (47)(424)$$

$$= (91)(643) - (138)(424).$$

8. The group of units.

(a) [5 points] Give the multiplication table for  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}^*$ .

*	1	3	7	9
1	1	3	7	9
3	3	9	1	7
7	7	1	9	3
9	9	7	3	1

(b) [5 points] What is  $\phi(10)$ ?

So, inverse 13  $-138$ .

$$424x \equiv 19$$

$$(-138)424x \equiv (-138)(19)$$

$$x \equiv -2622 \equiv \boxed{593}$$

$$\phi(10) = |\mathbb{Z}_{10}^*| = \boxed{4}$$