Math 255: Spring 2017
Exam 2

NAME: SOLUTIONS

Time: **50 minutes**

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Problem	Value	Score
1	6	
2	6	
3	8	
4	8	
5	4	
6	8	
7	10	
TOTAL	50	

Problem 3 : (8 points)

a) State Fermat's Little Theorem (also known as Fermat's Theorem in the book).

Let p be a prime and $\gcd(a,p)=1$.

Then

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \mod p$$

b) Show that if p and q are distinct primes,

$$p^{q-1} + q^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{pq}.$$

Since $\gcd(p,q)=1$, we have

$$p^{q-1} \equiv 1 \mod q$$
$$q^{p-1} \equiv 1 \mod p$$

Also since $p-1 \geq 1$ and $q-1 \geq 1$,

$$p^{q-1} \equiv 0 \mod p$$
$$q^{p-1} \equiv 0 \mod q$$

So $p^{q-1} + q^{p-1} \equiv 1 + 0 \equiv 1 \mod q$

$p^{q-1} + q^{p-1} \equiv 0 + 1 \equiv 1 \mod p$

By the Chinese Remainder Theorem,

$$p^{q-1} + q^{p-1} \equiv 1 \mod pq$$

Problem 4 : (8 points)

a) State Wilson's Theorem.

Let p be a prime, then $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \mod p$

(OR $(n-1)! \equiv -1 \mod n$ if and only if n is prime)

b) Let p be an odd prime. Show that

$$1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdots (p-2)^2 \equiv (-1)^{(p+1)/2} \pmod p.$$

$$1^2 3^2 5^2 \ldots (p-2)^2 \equiv 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \ldots (p-2)\ 1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \ldots (p-2) \mod p$$

$$\equiv 1 \cdot 3 \ldots (p-2)(-1)(p-1)(-1)(p-3)\ldots(-1)\,2 \mod p$$

since $a \equiv (-1)(p-a) \mod p$

$$\equiv \underbrace{1 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \ldots (p-2)}_{\text{all odd}}\ \underbrace{(p-1)(p-3)\ldots 2}_{\text{all even}}\ (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \mod p$$

$$\equiv (p-1)!\,(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \mod p$$

$$\equiv (-1)(-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \mod p$$

$$\equiv (-1)^{\frac{p+1}{2}} \mod p$$

Problem 5 : (4 points) Give the form of all positive integers n satisfying $\tau(n) = 10$.

If $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \cdots p_r^{k_r}$ then

$$\tau(n) = (k_1+1)(k_2+1)\ldots(k_r+1)$$

So if $\tau(n) = 10 = (k_1+1)(k_2+1)\ldots(k_r+1)$

↖ this is some way to factor 10

Note that $k_i \geq 1$ so $k_i + 1 \geq 2$

Factor 10 : $10 = 2 \cdot 5$ OR $10 = 10$

So either $10 = 2 \cdot 5 = (k_1+1)(k_2+1)$

i.e. $k_1 = 1$, $k_2 = 4$

$n = p_1 p_2^4$ (OR $n = p_1^4 p_2$ if you require $p_1 < p_2$)

OR $10 = k_1 + 1$ i.e. $k_1 = 9$

$n = p^9$

So n is of the form $n = p_1 p_2^4$ OR $n = p^9$

 $p_1 \neq p_2$

Problem 6 : (8 points) In this problem we will show that if $n > 2$, $\varphi(n)$ is even.

a) Let $n = 2^k$ with $k \geq 2$. Show that in this case $\varphi(n)$ is even.

$$\varphi(2^k) = 2^k\left(1-\frac{1}{2}\right) = 2^{k-1} = 2 \cdot \underbrace{2^{k-2}}$$

this is an integer since $k \geq 2$

so $\varphi(2^k)$ is even if $k \geq 2$.

b) Now suppose that there is an odd prime p such that p divides n. Show that in this case also, $\varphi(n)$ is even.

We know that $p \mid n$, so $n = p^k m$, $k \geq 1$, $\gcd(p, m) = 1$

$\varphi(n) = \varphi(p^k)\varphi(m)$ by multiplicativity

$= (p^k - p^{k-1})\varphi(m)$

$= p^{k-1}(p-1)\varphi(m)$

Since p is odd, $p-1$ is even, say $p-1 = 2\ell$, $\ell \in \mathbb{Z}$

$= 2\underbrace{(\ell p^{k-1}\varphi(m))}$

some integer since $\varphi(m) \in \mathbb{Z}$

So $\varphi(n)$ is even.