

Homework 4, Due Wednesday, October 24, 2011

**Problem 1:**

Suppose that the sets  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $C$  have 4, 6, and 8 elements respectively. For each of the statements below, indicate whether it is certainly true, or certainly false, or can be either true or false:

- $A \cup B$  has exactly 10 elements.
- $A \cap B$  has at most 4 elements.
- IF  $A \cup B$  has  $m$  elements and  $A \cap B$  has  $n$  elements, then  $m + n$  is always equal to 10.
- $A \cup B$  has at most as many elements as  $A \cup C$ .
- $(A \oplus B) \oplus (B \oplus C) \oplus (A \oplus B \oplus C)$  has exactly 6 elements;  $\oplus$  denotes the symmetric difference of two sets.

**Problem 2:**

Consider the following functions from the positive integer numbers (including zero) to the positive integers (including zero). For each of the functions below, indicate the following: (a) its domain, (b) its range, (c) whether the function is one-to-one, (d) whether the function is onto.

- $f(n) = n + 1$  if  $n$  is even, and  $f(n) = n - 1$  if  $n$  is odd.
- $f(n) = n/2$  if  $n$  is even,  $f(n) = (3n + 1)/2$  if  $n$  is odd.
- $f(n) = 2^n$ .
- $f(n) = \lfloor \log(n) \rfloor$ . The logarithm is in base two. If  $x$  is a real number, then  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the largest integer less than or equal to  $x$ ; for example  $\lfloor 4.7 \rfloor = 4$  and  $\lfloor 4.0 \rfloor = 4$ .
- $f(n) = \left\lfloor \frac{10n-1}{n-1} \right\rfloor$ .

**Problem 3:**

Prove that if  $n$  is an integer then  $n^2 \bmod 5$  is either 0, 1, or 4.

**Problem 4:**

Let  $a, b$  be integers and  $c, n$  be positive integers.

Prove that if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  then  $ac \equiv bc \pmod{cn}$ .

**Problem 5:**

Let  $A = \{x \mid x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}\}$  and  $B = \{x \mid x \equiv 10 \pmod{21}\}$ .  
Prove  $B \subseteq A$ .

**Problem 6:**

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

**Problem 7:**

Compute  $37^{160} \pmod{1000}$  using the fast modular exponentiation algorithm. Show your intermediate results. (Hint: this problem only requires 8 multiplications.)

**Extra Credit 8:**

The number 2011 is a prime number.

1. Compute  $3 \times 1341 \pmod{2011}$  (use a calculator).
2. Compute  $4 \times 503 \pmod{2011}$  (use a calculator).
3. Compute  $5 \times 1609 \pmod{2011}$  (use a calculator).
4. Compute  $2010! \pmod{2011}$ ; this is the same as  $1 \times 2 \times \dots \times 2010 \pmod{2011}$  (you don't need a calculator here).