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Ex- Show that $5^{38} \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$

Proof: - Since 11 is a prime and $(5, 11) = 1$ therefore we have

$$5^{11} \equiv 5 \pmod{11} \quad (\text{Fermat's})$$

$$\therefore 5^{33} \equiv 5^3 \pmod{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } 5^{38} &\equiv 5^{33} \times 5^5 \\ &\equiv 5^3 \times 5^5 \pmod{11} \\ &\equiv 5^8 \pmod{11} \\ &\equiv (5^2)^4 \pmod{11} \\ &\equiv 3^4 \pmod{11} \\ &\equiv 81 \pmod{11} \\ &\equiv 4 \pmod{11} \end{aligned}$$

Ex 1- Find the remainder when 41^{75} is divided by 3.

Proof: - we have $41 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$
 $\therefore 41^{75} \equiv 2^{75} \pmod{3}$

Now $(2, 3) = 1$ and 3 is a prime. Thus by Fermat's theorem we have

$$2^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{74} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } 41^{75} &\equiv 2^{75} \pmod{3} \\ &\equiv 2^{74} \times 2 \pmod{3} \\ &\equiv 1 \times 2 \pmod{3} \\ &\equiv 2 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

This shows that the remainder is 2 when 41^{75} is divided by 3.

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Ex:- find the remainder when 5^{11} is divided by 7.

Proof)- we have $(5, 7) = 1$ and 7 is a prime.

Therefore, $5^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$

Also $5^4 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Now } 5^{11} &\equiv 5^6 \times 5^4 \times 5 \pmod{7} \\ &\equiv 1 \times 2 \times 5 \pmod{7} \\ &\equiv 10 \pmod{7} \\ &\equiv 3 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

The required remainder is 3.

Absolute Pseudo Primes :- (Carmichael Numbers)

A composite number n is called an absolute pseudo prime if $a^n \equiv a \pmod{n}$ for all integers a .

Ex:- Show that 1729 is an absolute pseudo prime.

we have $1729 = 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$ if $(a, 1729) = 1$.

then $(a, 7) = 1$, $(a, 13) = 1$ and $(a, 19) = 1$

Then by Fermat's theorem we have

$$a^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}, a^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}, a^{18} \equiv 1 \pmod{19}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{1728} = (a^6)^{288} \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$a^{1728} = (a^{12})^{144} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$a^{1728} = (a^{18})^{96} \equiv 1 \pmod{19}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{1728} \equiv 1 \pmod{7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19}$$

$$\equiv 1 \pmod{1729}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{1729} \equiv a \pmod{1729}$$

\Rightarrow 1729 is an absolute pseudo prime.