

Math 150: Discrete Mathematics  
Midterm Practice Exam 2

Thursday, May 30, 2024

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- You are responsible for checking that this exam has all **blank** pages.
- No calculators, phones, electronic devices, books, or notes are allowed during the exam.
- Show all work and justify all answers, unless specified otherwise.

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1.

(a) Determine whether  $(2^n + n^2)(n^3 + 3^n)$  is big  $O$  of the following

- $6^n$
- $n^5$

(b) Prove or disprove that  $n \log(n^2 + 1) + n^2 \log n$  is Big  $\Theta$  of each of the following

- $n \log(n^2 + 1)$
- $n^2 \log n$

2. (a) Determine whether  $f : \{x \in \mathbb{R}^+ | x \neq 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = 1/\ln(x)$  (*this is the natural log, base  $e$* ) is

- injective
- surjective (if not, give the codomain over which  $f$  is surjective)
- bijective

(b) Determine whether  $f : \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 1\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = 1/\sqrt{\ln(x)}$  (*this is the natural log, base  $e$* ) is

- injective
- surjective (if not, give the codomain over which  $f$  is surjective)
- bijective

3. (a) Solve the following system of congruences,

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ x \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ x \equiv 3 \pmod{5} \\ x \equiv 4 \pmod{11} \end{cases}$$

(b) Convert  $(BDE5)_{16}$  to binary form (base 2).

(c) Convert  $(101011001110)_2$  to its octaldecimal and hexadecimal expansions.



4. Use modular exponentiation to find  $6^{90} \pmod{13}$ . Your answer should be an integer between 0 and 12, inclusive.

5. (a) Solve  $89x \equiv 2 \pmod{232}$ .

(b) Compute  $23^{1002} \pmod{41}$  using Fermat's Little Theorem.

**Proofs to Review** Throughout let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $p$  be prime, and the prime factorizations of  $a$  and  $b$  (with all prime factors distinct) be given by

$$a = p_1^{x_1} p_2^{x_2} \cdots p_\ell^{x_\ell} q_1^{z_1} q_2^{z_2} \cdots q_n^{z_n}, \quad b = p_1^{y_1} p_2^{y_2} \cdots p_\ell^{y_\ell} r_1^{u_1} r_2^{u_2} \cdots r_m^{u_m}.$$

Note all proofs referenced in the textbook can also be found in the class notes. Study whichever is easier for you to understand.

- Section 4.3, Lemma 1
- Section 4.3, Lemma 2
- Section 4.3, Theorem 3
- Section 4.3, Theorem 7
- Section 4.4, Theorem 1 (*In class, we also mentioned but did not prove the inverse is true as well. Figure out the proof, as it may be assigned on this exam or in the future.*)
- Section 4.4, Theorem 2 (**Chinese Remainder Theorem** *The book only proves the existence part. Remember we also did the uniqueness part in class.*)
- $\gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min(x_1, y_1)} p_2^{\min(x_2, y_2)} \cdots p_\ell^{\min(x_\ell, y_\ell)}$
- $\text{lcm}(a, b) = p_1^{\max(x_1, y_1)} p_2^{\max(x_2, y_2)} \cdots p_\ell^{\max(x_\ell, y_\ell)} q_1^{z_1} q_2^{z_2} \cdots q_n^{z_n} r_1^{u_1} r_2^{u_2} \cdots r_m^{u_m}$
- $\gcd(a, b)\text{lcm}(a, b) = ab$
- Given distinct primes  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_\alpha$ ,  $m, \beta_1, \beta_2, \dots, \beta_\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , and  $r_i^{\beta_i} | m \forall 1 \leq i \leq \alpha$ , then we have  $r_1^{\beta_1} r_2^{\beta_2} \cdots r_\alpha^{\beta_\alpha} | m$  (*This was done in class on Thursday, June 6*)
- $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod p$  when  $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod p$  and always  $a^p \equiv a \pmod p$  (**Fermat's Little Theorem**)

Also know the exponent and logarithm rules, as certain problems on the exam will definitely require some of these!