

1. (6 points) Find the remainder when  $7^7$  is divided by 11 (without using a calculator). Give details.

$$7 \equiv -4 \pmod{11}$$

$$7^2 \equiv 16 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

$$7^3 \equiv 35 \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$$

$$(7^3)^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7^6 \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

$$7^7 \equiv 28 \pmod{11}$$

$$\equiv 6 \pmod{11}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{remainder} = 6.$$

2. (6 points) Show that for any odd integer  $a$ ,  $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  by considering each of the eight cases  $a \equiv r \pmod{8}$  where  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 7$  (some of which are not possible because  $a$  is odd).

$$a \equiv r \pmod{8} \Rightarrow a = 8q + r \Rightarrow \text{if } a \text{ is odd, } r \text{ is odd.}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{no cases } a \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \Rightarrow a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ a \equiv 3 \pmod{8} \Rightarrow a^2 \equiv 9 \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ a \equiv 5 \pmod{8} \Rightarrow a^2 \equiv 25 \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \\ a \equiv 7 \pmod{8} \Rightarrow a^2 \equiv 49 \equiv 1 \pmod{8} \end{array} \left. \vphantom{\begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \end{array}} \right\}$$

3. (3 points) Show that if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $m|n$  ( $m$  divides  $n$ ), then  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .

Assume  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $m|n$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = nq \quad \text{for integers } l, q$$

$$\text{and } n = ml$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = mlq$$

$$\Rightarrow m|a - b \Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$