

Modular Arithmetic Questions

1. Compute $5^{15} \pmod{7}$ and $7^{13} \pmod{11}$.
2. Find the last two digits of 7^{100} .
3. Prove that if $x^3 + y^3 = z^3$ has a solution in integers, then one of the numbers must be a multiple of 7.
4. Show that an integer is divisible by 9 if and only if the sum of its digits is divisible by 9.
5. Prove that $n^7 - n$ is divisible by 42 for any n .
6. Given a set of 7 integers, show that there is a pair either whose sum or whose difference is divisible by 10.
7. Given n integers, show that there's a subset whose sum is divisible by n .
8. Prove that if p is a prime, then $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.
9. Let f be a nonconstant polynomial with positive integer coefficients. Prove that if n is a positive integer, then $f(n)$ divides $f(f(n)+1)$ if and only if $n=1$.
10. The number $d_1d_2\dots d_9$ has nine (not necessarily distinct) decimal digits. The number $e_1e_2\dots e_9$ is such that each of the nine 9-digit numbers formed by replacing just one of the digits d_i is $d_1d_2\dots d_9$ by the corresponding digit e_i ($1 \leq i \leq 9$) is divisible by 7. The number $f_1f_2\dots f_9$ is related to $e_1e_2\dots e_9$ in the same way: that is, each of the nine numbers formed by replacing one of the e_i by the corresponding f_i is divisible by 7. Show that, for each i , $d_i - f_i$ is divisible by 7. [For example, if $d_1d_2\dots d_9 = 199501996$, then e_6 may be 2 or 9, since 199502996 and 199509996 are multiples of 7.]