

### 4.3 Special Divisibility Tests

Note Title

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1. (a). For any integer  $a$ , The units digit of  $a^2$  is 0, 1, 4, 5, 6, or 9

Pf: Let  $a = a_n 10^n + \dots + a_1 10 + a_0$ ,  $0 \leq a_0 < 10$

$$\therefore a - a_0 = 10(a_n 10^{n-1} + \dots + a_1)$$

$$\therefore a \equiv a_0 \pmod{10} \quad \therefore a^2 \equiv a_0^2 \pmod{10}$$

Note That all The other  $a_i$  of  $a$  are associated with a factor of 10 in  $a^2$ , and so don't contribute to units digit.

$\therefore$  only  $a_0^2$  contributes to units digit of  $a^2$ .

$$a_0^2 = 0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81$$

$$\therefore a_0^2 \equiv 0, 1, 4, 5, 6, \text{ or } 9 \pmod{10}$$

$$\therefore a^2 \equiv 0, 1, 4, 5, 6, \text{ or } 9 \pmod{10}$$

(b). Any integer  $a_0$ ,  $0 \leq a_0 \leq 9$ , can occur in units digit of  $a^3$

Pf: as in (a), Let  $a = a_n 10^n + \dots + a_0$ ,  $0 \leq a_0 < 10$

$$\therefore a - a_0 = 10(a_n 10^{n-1} + \dots + a_1)$$

$$\therefore a \equiv a_0 \pmod{10} \quad \therefore a^3 \equiv a_0^3 \pmod{10}$$

$$a_0^3 = 0, 1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216, 343, 512, 729$$

$$\therefore a_0^3 \equiv 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, \text{ or } 9 \pmod{10}$$

(C). For any  $a$ , The units digit of  $a^4$  is 0, 1, 5, or 6.

Pf: As in (a), The only contributor to units digit in  $a^4$  is  $a_0^4$ . Look at all possibilities of  $a_0^4$ ,  $0 \leq a_0 \leq 9$ .

From (a),  $a_0^2 \equiv 0, 1, 4, 5, 6, 9 \pmod{10}$

$$\therefore a_0^4 \equiv 0, 1, 16, 25, 36, 81 \pmod{10}$$

$$\therefore a_0^4 \equiv 0, 1, 5, \text{ or } 6 \pmod{10}$$

(d). The units digit of a triangular number is 0, 1, 3, 5, 6, or 8.

Pf: A number  $a$  is triangular  $\Leftrightarrow$  There is a number  $n$ ,  $n \geq 1$ , s.t.  $a = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  (Problems 1.3, 1(a)).

$$\text{Let } n = a_m 10^m + \dots + a_0, \therefore n \equiv a_0 \pmod{10}$$

$\therefore n+1 \equiv a_0+1 \pmod{10}$ . Either  $n$  or  $n+1$  is even.  $\therefore \frac{n}{2}$  or  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  is an integer. Similarly for  $\frac{a_0}{2}$  or  $(a_0+1)/2$ .

$$\therefore \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \equiv \frac{a_0(a_0+1)}{2} \pmod{10}$$

Consider all possibilities for  $a_0$ .

$a_0$	$\frac{a_0(a_0+1)}{2}$	$\pmod{10}$	$+5 \pmod{10}$
0	0	0	5
1	1	1	6
2	3	3	8
3	6	6	1
4	10	0	5
5	15	5	0
6	21	1	6
7	28	8	3
8	36	6	1
9	45	5	0

Note that for the other  $a_i$ , if associated with a factor of 10, then  $\frac{a_i \cdot 10^i}{2} \equiv 0 \text{ or } 5 \pmod{10}$

Thus, the column  $[+5 \pmod{10}]$  shows possibilities of other factors contributing to units digit if divided by 2.

$\therefore a \equiv 0, 1, 3, 5, 6, \text{ or } 8 \pmod{10}$  if  $a$  is triangular

2. Find the last two digits of  $9^{9^9}$ .

$$9^3 - 9 = 9(9^2 - 1) = 9(80) \therefore 9^3 \equiv 9 \pmod{10}$$

$$\therefore 9^9 \equiv 9^3 \equiv 9 \pmod{10}$$

$$\therefore 9^9 - 9 = 10K, \text{ some } K, \text{ or } 9^9 = 9 + 10K$$

$$\therefore 9^{9^9} = 9^{9+10K} = 9^9 \cdot 9^{10K}$$

Look at the last 2 digits of  $9^9$  and  $9^{10}$   
yields:

$9^1: 9$	$9^4: 61$	$9^7: 69$	$9^{10}: 01$
$9^2: 81$	$9^5: 49$	$9^8: 21$	
$9^3: 29$	$9^6: 41$	$9^9: 89$	

$$\therefore 9^9 \equiv 89 \pmod{100} \text{ and } 9^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{100}$$

$$\therefore 9^{10K} \equiv 1^K \equiv 1 \pmod{100}$$

$$\therefore 9^9 \cdot 9^{10K} \equiv 89 \cdot 1 \pmod{100}$$

$$\text{But } 9^{9^9} = 9^9 \cdot 9^{10K} \therefore 9^{9^9} \equiv 89 \pmod{100}.$$

$\therefore$  Last two digits of  $9^{9^9}$  are 89.

$$3. \quad 176,521,221: 1+7+6+5+2+1+2+2+1 = 27$$

$\therefore$  divisible by 9

$$1-2+2-1+2-5+6-7+1 = -3$$

$\therefore$  not divisible by 11

$$149,235,678: 1+4+9+2+3+5+6+7+8 = 36$$

$\therefore$  divisible by 9

$$8-7+6-5+3-2+9-4+1 = 9$$

$\therefore$  not divisible by 11

4. (a) Prove: If  $N$  is represented in the base  $b$  by

$$N = a_m b^m + \dots + a_1 b + a_0, \quad 0 \leq a_k \leq b-1$$

Then  $(b-1) \mid N \Leftrightarrow (b-1) \mid (a_m + a_{m-1} + \dots + a_1 + a_0)$

Pf: Consider  $P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^m a_k x^k$ , a polynomial

with integer coefficients.

Note that  $b \equiv 1 \pmod{b-1}$

$\therefore P(b) \equiv P(1) \pmod{b-1}$  by Th. 4.4.

But  $P(b) = N$ , and

$$P(1) = a_m + \dots + a_1 + a_0$$

$\therefore N \equiv a_m + \dots + a_1 + a_0 \pmod{b-1}$

$\therefore N \equiv 0 \pmod{b-1} \Leftrightarrow a_m + \dots + a_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{b-1}$

$\therefore (b-1) \mid N \Leftrightarrow (b-1) \mid (a_m + \dots + a_0)$

Note:  $(b-1)$  divides  $N$  (base 10)  $\Leftrightarrow$  sum of digits (base 10) is divisible by  $(b-1)$ .

(b) For  $N$  written in base 9

(1)  $N$  is divisible by 8  $\Leftrightarrow$  sum of digits of  $N$  (in base 10) is divisible by 8 (in base 10).  
This follows from (a).

(2)  $N$  is divisible by 3  $\Leftrightarrow$  units digit is divisible by 3 since each term in the polynomial (other than units digit) contain a power of 9.

(c)  $(447836)_9$  : is divisible by 3 since  $3 \mid 6$   
 $4 + 4 + 7 + 8 + 3 + 6 = 32$  (base 10),  
so is also divisible by 8.

5. Find The missing digits

$$(a) 51840 - 273581 = 1418243x040$$

$$5 + 1 + 8 + 4 + 0 = 18, \text{ so } 9 \mid 51840,$$
$$\therefore 9 \mid (1418243x040), \text{ so } 1 + 4 + 1 + 8 + 2 + 4 + 3 + x + 4 = x + 27$$
$$\therefore 9 \mid (x + 27). \therefore x = 0 \text{ or } 9$$

$$\text{Since } 1 - 8 + 5 - 3 + 7 - 2 = 0, \text{ Then } 11 \mid 273581$$
$$\therefore 0 - 4 + 0 - x + 3 - 4 + 2 - 8 + 1 - 4 + 1 = -13 - x$$
$$\therefore 11 \mid (-13 - x), \therefore x \neq 0, \text{ and } x = 9$$

$$\therefore \underline{x = 9}$$

$$(b). 2 \times 99561 = [3(523 + x)]^2$$

Since  $3^2$  is on right side,  $9 \mid 2x99561$   
 $\therefore 2+x+9+9+5+6+1 = x+32, \therefore \underline{x=4}$

(c)  $2784x = x \cdot 5569$

$5+5+6+9 = 25$ . From proof of Th. 4.5,  
 $5569 \equiv 25 \pmod{9}$ , and  $25 \equiv (2+5) \pmod{9}$   
 $\therefore 5569 \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$ .

$\therefore 5569x \equiv 7x \pmod{9}$

$2784x \equiv (2+7+8+4+x) \equiv (3+x) \pmod{9}$

$\therefore 7x \equiv (3+x) \pmod{9}$ , or  $6x \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$

$\therefore 9 \mid (6x-3)$ , so  $x = 2, 5, 8$

$5569 \equiv (9-6+5-5) \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$ ,  $5569x \equiv 3x \pmod{11}$

$2784x \equiv (x-4+8-7+2) \equiv (x-1) \pmod{11}$

$\therefore 3x \equiv (x-1) \pmod{11}$ ,  $2x \equiv -1 \equiv 10 \pmod{11}$

$\therefore \underline{x=5}$

(d)  $512 \cdot 1x53125 = 1,000,000,000$

$512 \equiv (5+1+2) \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$

$1x53125 \equiv (1+x+5+3+1+2+5) \equiv (8+x) \pmod{9}$

$\therefore 8 \cdot (8+x) \equiv 1,000,000,000 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$

$\therefore 64+x \equiv 6+4+x \equiv (1+x) \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$

$\therefore x=0$  or  $x=9$

$$\begin{aligned}
 512 &\equiv (2-1+5) = 6 \pmod{11} \\
 1x53125 &\equiv (5-2+1-3+5-x+1) \equiv (7-x) \pmod{11} \\
 \therefore 6 \cdot (7-x) &\equiv (0-0+0-0+0-0+0-0+0-1) \equiv -1 \pmod{11} \\
 \therefore 42-6x &\equiv -1 \pmod{11}, \quad 43 \equiv 6x \pmod{11} \\
 \therefore x &= 0, \text{ and for } x=9, \quad 43 \equiv 54 \pmod{11}.
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \underline{x=9}$$

6. (a). An integer is divisible by 2  $\Leftrightarrow$  its units digit is 0, 2, 4, 6, or 8.

Pf: Since  $10 = 5 \cdot 2$ , in the base 10 representation of an integer  $N = a_m 10^m + \dots + a_1 10 + a_0$ , each term, except  $a_0$ , contains a power of 10, and so is divisible by 2.  $\therefore N$  is divisible by 2  $\Leftrightarrow a_0$  is divisible by 2, so  $a_0 = 0, 2, 4, 6, \text{ or } 8$ .

(b) An integer is divisible by 3  $\Leftrightarrow$  The sum of its digits is divisible by 3.

Pf: Let  $N = a_m 10^m + \dots + a_1 10 + a_0$  be the decimal expansion of  $N$ ,  $0 \leq a_k < 10$ , and let  $S = a_m + \dots + a_1 + a_0$ . Consider  $P(x) = \sum_{k=0}^m a_k x^k$ . Note  $P(10) = N$ ,  $P(1) = S$ .



Note also  $10 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , so  $P(10) \equiv P(1) \pmod{3}$   
 $\therefore N \equiv S \pmod{3}$ .  
 $\therefore N \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \Leftrightarrow S \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

(c) An integer is divisible by 4  $\Leftrightarrow$  The number formed by its tens and units digits is divisible by 4.

Pf: Let  $N = a_m 10^m + \dots + a_2 10^2 + a_1 10 + a_0$ ,  
 $0 \leq a_k < 10$ .

Let  $k \geq 2$ . Then  $10^k = 10^{k-2} \cdot 10^2 = 10^{k-2} (5 \cdot 2)^2$   
 $= 10^{k-2} \cdot 25 \cdot 4$

$\therefore$  Each term  $C_k = a_k 10^k$  is divisible by 4 if  $k \geq 2$ .

$\therefore N$  is divisible by 4  $\Leftrightarrow a_1 10 + a_0$  is divisible by 4.

(d) An integer is divisible by 5  $\Leftrightarrow$  its units digit is 0 or 5

Pf: Let  $N = a_m 10^m + \dots + a_2 10^2 + a_1 10 + a_0$ ,  
 $0 \leq a_k < 10$ .

Let  $C_k = a_k 10^k = a_k (5 \cdot 2)^k = a_k 5^k 2^k$

$\therefore$  Each  $c_k$  is divisible by 5, if  $k \geq 1$ .

$\therefore N$  is divisible by 5  $\Leftrightarrow q_0$  is divisible by 5, and  $q_0$  is divisible by 5  $\Leftrightarrow q_0 = 0, 5$ .

7. For any integer  $a$ , show that  $a^2 - a + 7$  ends in one of the digits 3, 7, or 9.

Pf: If  $a = q_m 10^m + \dots + q_1 10 + q_0$ , Then  $a \equiv q_0 \pmod{10}$   
 $\therefore a^2 \equiv q_0^2 \pmod{10}$ .  $\therefore a^2 - a + 7 \equiv q_0^2 - q_0 + 7 \pmod{10}$ .  
 $\therefore$

$q_0$	$q_0^2 - q_0 + 7$	$q_0^2 - q_0 + 7 - 10K$	
0	7	7	$K = 0$
1	7	7	$K = 0$
2	9	9	$K = 0$
3	13	3	$K = 1$
4	19	9	$K = 1$
5	27	7	$K = 2$
6	37	7	$K = 3$
7	49	9	$K = 4$
8	63	3	$K = 5$
9	79	9	$K = 7$

Since  $a^2 - a + 7 \equiv q_0^2 - q_0 + 7 - 10K \pmod{10}$ , Then  
 $a^2 - a + 7 \equiv 3, 7, \text{ or } 9 \pmod{10}$

8. Find The remainder when  $4444^{4444}$  is divided by 9.

Note That  $4444 \pmod{9} \equiv (4+4+4+4) \equiv 16 \pmod{9}$

$16 = 2^3 - 2$ , so  $4444 \pmod{9} \equiv 2^3 - 2 \pmod{9}$

Since  $2^3 \equiv (-1) \pmod{9}$ , Then  $4444 \equiv (-1) \cdot 2 \pmod{9}$

$$\therefore 4444^{4444} \equiv (-1)^{4444} \cdot 2^{4444} \equiv 2^{4444} \pmod{9}$$

But  $4444 = 3 \cdot 1381 + 1$ , so

$$2^{4444} = (2^3)^{1381} \cdot 2 \therefore 2^{4444} \equiv (-1)^{1381} \cdot 2 \pmod{9}$$

$$\therefore 4444^{4444} \equiv 2^{4444} \equiv (-1) \cdot 2 \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$$

$\therefore$  remainder is 7

9. Prove that no integer whose digits add up to 15 can be a square or cube.

Pf: Let  $N$  be any integer whose digits add up to 15.

$$\therefore N \equiv 15 \pmod{9} \text{ (see pf. to Th. 4.5).}$$

$$\text{But } 15 \equiv 6 \pmod{9}.$$

$$\therefore N \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$$

$$\text{Consider } a = a_m 9^m + \dots + a_1 9 + a_0$$

$\therefore a \equiv a_0 \pmod{9}$ , and  $\therefore a^2 \equiv a_0^2 \pmod{9}$   
 and  $a^3 \equiv a_0^3 \pmod{9}$ .  
 Consider all possibilities of  $a_0$ :

for  $\pmod{9}$

$a_0$	$a_0^2$	$a_0^2 \pmod{9}$	$a_0^3$	$a_0^3 \pmod{9}$
0	0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1	1
2	4	4	8	8
3	9	0	27	0
4	16	7	64	1
5	25	7	125	8
6	36	0	216	0
7	49	4	343	1
8	64	1	512	8

$\therefore a^2 \equiv 0, 1, 4, \text{ or } 7 \pmod{9}$

$\therefore$  There is no  $a^2$  s.t.  $a^2 \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$

$a^3 \equiv 0, 1, \text{ or } 8 \pmod{9}$ , and so there is no  
 $a^3$  s.t.  $a^3 \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$ .

10. Assuming 495 divides  $273x49y5$ , find  $x, y$ .

$$\text{Let } 495 \cdot N = 273x49y5$$

$$495 \equiv 0 \pmod{9}, \therefore 495 \cdot N \equiv 0 \cdot N \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$\therefore 273x49y5 \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$\therefore (2+7+3+x+4+9+y+5) = 30+x+y \equiv 3+x+y \pmod{9}$$

$$\text{So } 3+x+y \equiv 0 \pmod{9}, \text{ or } x+y \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$$

$$\text{and } x+y \equiv 15 \pmod{9}$$

$$\text{Also, } 5-9+4=0, \text{ so } 495 \equiv 0 \pmod{11},$$

$$\therefore 495 \cdot N \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

$$\therefore 273x49y5 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

$$\therefore 5-y+9-4+x-3+7-2 = x-y+12 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

$$\therefore x-y \equiv -1 \pmod{11}, \text{ or } y-x \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$$

$$\therefore x+y=6$$

$$y-x=1$$

$$\underline{2y=7}, \text{ no integer}$$

$$x+y=15$$

$$y-x=1$$

$$\underline{2y=16}, \underline{y=8, x=7}$$

11. Determine the last 3 digits of  $7^{999}$

Need to use mod 1000 since want last 3 digits.

$$\text{Also, } 7^4 = 2401 = (1 + 6 \cdot 400)$$

Since  $400^2 = 160000$ , Then  $400^n \equiv 0 \pmod{100}$   
for  $n \geq 2$ .

$$\therefore 7^{4n} = (1 + 6 \cdot 400)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} 1^{n-k} (6 \cdot 400)^k$$

So for  $k \geq 2$ ,  $\binom{n}{k} (6 \cdot 400)^k \equiv 0 \pmod{1000}$

$$\therefore 7^{4n} \equiv 1 + \binom{n}{1} 6 \cdot 400 \pmod{1000}$$

$$\text{Now } 999 = 4 \cdot 249 + 3$$

$$\therefore 7^{4 \cdot 249} \equiv 1 + \binom{249}{1} (6 \cdot 400) \equiv 1 + 249 \cdot 6 \cdot 400 \pmod{1000}$$

$$249 \cdot 6 \cdot 400 = (49 + 200)(400)(6) = (6)(49)(400) + 6 \cdot 400 \cdot 200$$

$$\therefore 249 \cdot 6 \cdot 400 \equiv 6 \cdot 49 \cdot 400 \pmod{1000}$$

$$\therefore 7^{4 \cdot 249} \equiv 1 + 6 \cdot 49 \cdot 400 \pmod{1000}$$

$$\equiv 1 + 6 \cdot 9 \cdot 400 \pmod{1000}$$

$$6 \cdot 9 \cdot 4 = 216, \therefore 1 + 6 \cdot 9 \cdot 400 = 21601$$

$$\therefore 7^{996} \equiv 601 \pmod{1000}$$

$$\therefore 7^{999} \equiv 601 \cdot 7^3 \pmod{1000}$$

$$7^3 = 343, (601)(343) = 206143$$

$$\therefore 7^{999} \equiv 206143 \equiv 143 \pmod{1000}.$$

143 are the last 3 digits.

12. If  $t_n$  is the  $n$ th triangular number, show that  $t_{n+2k} \equiv t_n \pmod{k}$ .  $\therefore t_n, t_{n+20}$  have same last digit.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Pf: } t_{n+2k} &= \frac{(n+2k)(n+2k+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{n^2 + 2kn + n + 2kn + 4k^2 + 2k}{2} \\ &= \frac{n^2 + n + 4kn + 4k^2 + 2k}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore t_{n+2k} - t_n &= \frac{n^2 + n + 4kn + 4k^2 + 2k}{2} - \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ &= \frac{4kn + 4k^2 + 2k}{2} \\ &= k(2n + 2k + 1) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore t_{n+2k} \equiv t_n \pmod{k}$$

$$\therefore t_{n+20} \equiv t_n \pmod{10}, \text{ or}$$

$$\begin{aligned} t_{n+20} &= t_n + 10k, \text{ some } k \\ \therefore \text{if } t_n &= (a_m a_{m-1} \dots a_2 a_1 a_0)_{10}, \text{ Then} \end{aligned}$$

adding  $10K$  not affect  $a_0$ , so  
 $t_{n+20}$  and  $t_n$  have same units digit.

13. For any  $n \geq 1$ , prove There exists a prime with at least  $n$  of its digits equal to 0.

Pf: This follows from Dirichlet's Theorem (p.56).  
From problem #12 of section 2.2,  
 $\gcd(a, a+1) = 1$ .  $\therefore$  consider 9, 10 and  
arithmetic progressions with powers of 10.  
 $\therefore 9 + 10K$ ,  $K = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  contains infinitely  
many primes.

$10^{n+1} + 9$  has  $n$  zeros, and There only  
a finite number less than  $10^{n+1} + 9$ .  
By Dirichlet's Theorem, There must be  
a prime in the series  $K \cdot 10^{n+1} + 9$ , and  
each has  $n$  zeros.

14. Find the values of  $n \geq 1$  for which  $1! + 2! + \dots + n!$   
is a perfect square.

$1! = 1$	$3! = 6$	Note that for $n \geq 5$ , $\sum_{k=1}^n n!$ ends in 0.
$2! = 2$	$4! = 24$	

$\therefore 1! = 1^2$   
 $1! + 2! = 3$



$$1! + 2! + 3! = 9 = 3^2$$

$$1! + 2! + 3! + 4! = 33$$

$\therefore$  The units digits of  $\sum_{k=1}^n k!$  will be 3 for  $n \geq 4$

By problem 1(a), a perfect square can't end in 3.  $\therefore$  There is no perfect square for  $n \geq 4$

$\therefore n = 1, 3$  are the only values.

15. Show that  $2^n$  divides an integer  $N \Leftrightarrow 2^n$  divides the number made up of the last  $n$  digits of  $N$ .

Pf: Let  $N = a_{n+j} \cdot 10^{n+j} + \dots + a_n 10^n + a_{n-1} 10^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 10 + a_0$

be the decimal representation for  $N$ ,  $n \geq 1, j \geq 0$ .

(a) If  $2^n$  divides the last  $n$  digits of  $N$ , then

$$2^n \mid (a_{n-1} 10^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 10 + a_0) \quad [1]$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{But } a_{n+j} 10^{n+j} + \dots + a_n 10^n &= 10^n (a_{n+j} 10^j + \dots + a_n) \\ &= 2^n 5^n (a_{n+j} 10^j + \dots + a_n) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore 2^n \mid (a_{n+j} 10^{n+j} + \dots + a_n 10^n) \quad [2]$$

From [1] and [2],

$$2^n \mid (a_{n+j} 10^{n+j} + \dots + a_n 10^n + a_{n-1} 10^{n-1} + \dots + a_0), \text{ so } 2^n \mid N$$

(6) Suppose  $2^n \mid N$ . Since  $2^n \mid 2^n 5^{-n}$ , Then

$$2^n \mid 10^n (a_{n+j} 10^j + \dots + a_n),$$

$$\therefore 2^n \mid (a_{n+j} 10^{n+j} + \dots + a_n 10^n)$$

$$\therefore 2^n \mid N - (a_{n+j} 10^{n+j} + \dots + a_n 10^n)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^n \mid (a_{n-1} 10^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 10 + a_0)$$

$\therefore 2^n$  divides The last  $n$  digits of  $N$ .

16. Let  $N = a_m 10^m + \dots + a_1 10 + a_0$ ,  $0 \leq a_k \leq 9$ , be The decimal expansion of a positive integer  $N$ .

(a) Prove 7, 11, and 13 all divide  $N \Leftrightarrow 7, 11, \text{ and } 13$  divide The integer

$$M = (a_0 + 10a_1 + 100a_2) - (a_3 + 10a_4 + 100a_5) + (a_6 + 10a_7 + 100a_8) - \dots$$

Pf: Since  $1001 = 1000 + 1 = 1000 - (-1)$ .

$$\therefore 10^3 \equiv -1 \pmod{1001}$$

$$\text{Also, } 10^6 - 1 = (10^3 - 1)(10^3 + 1) \equiv 999(1001)$$

$$\therefore 10^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{1001}$$

$$\text{Also, } 1001 = 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13$$

Consider  $10^{3n}$

If  $n$  is odd,  $n = 2k + 1$  for some  $k$

$$\therefore 10^{3n} = 10^{3(2k+1)} = 10^{6k+3} = 10^{6k} \cdot 10^3$$

But  $10^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{1001}$ , so

$$10^{6k} \equiv 1^k = 1 \pmod{1001}$$

$$\therefore 10^{6k} \cdot 10^3 \equiv 1(-1) = -1 \pmod{1001}$$

$$\therefore n \text{ odd} \Rightarrow 10^{3n} \equiv (-1) \pmod{1001} \quad [1]$$

If  $n$  is even, then  $n = 2k$ , some  $k$ .

$$\therefore 10^{3n} = 10^{6k} \equiv 1^k = 1 \pmod{1001}$$

$$\therefore n \text{ even} \Rightarrow 10^{3n} \equiv 1 \pmod{1001} \quad [2]$$

$$\text{Note: } N = (a_0 + 10a_1 + 100a_2) - (-a_3 10^3 - a_4 10^4 - a_5 10^5) + \dots$$

$$= 10^0(a_0 + a_1 10 + a_2 100) - 10^3(-a_3 - a_4 10 - a_5 100) + \dots$$

even

odd

$$\text{From [2], } j \text{ even: } a_{3j} 10^{3j} \equiv a_{3j} \pmod{1001} \quad [3]$$

$$a_{3j+1} 10^{3j+1} \equiv a_{3j+1} 10 \pmod{1001} \quad [4]$$

$$a_{3j+2} 10^{3j+2} \equiv a_{3j+2} 100 \pmod{1001} [5]$$

From [1],  $k$  odd:  $a_{3k} 10^{3k} \equiv -a_{3k} \pmod{1001} [6]$

$$a_{3k+1} 10^{3k+1} \equiv -a_{3k+1} 10 \pmod{1001} [7]$$

$$a_{3k+2} 10^{3k+2} \equiv -a_{3k+2} 100 \pmod{1001} [8]$$

Adding [3] + [4] + [5],  $j$  even:

$$a_{3j} 10^{3j} + a_{3j+1} 10^{3j+1} + a_{3j+2} 10^{3j+2} \equiv a_{3j} + a_{3j+1} 10 + a_{3j+2} 100 \pmod{1001} [9]$$

Adding [6] + [7] + [8],  $k$  odd:

$$a_{3k} 10^{3k} + a_{3k+1} 10^{3k+1} + a_{3k+2} 10^{3k+2} \equiv -a_{3k} - a_{3k+1} 10 - a_{3k+2} 100 \pmod{1001} [10]$$

Now let  $3k = 3j + 3$ .  $\therefore 3k$  is odd, as  $k$  is odd.

Adding [9] + [10],

$$\begin{aligned} & a_{3j} 10^{3j} + a_{3j+1} 10^{3j+1} + a_{3j+2} 10^{3j+2} + a_{3j+3} 10^{3j+3} + a_{3j+4} 10^{3j+4} + a_{3j+5} 10^{3j+5} \\ & \equiv (a_{3j} + 10a_{3j+1} + 100a_{3j+2}) - (a_{3j+3} + 10a_{3j+4} + 100a_{3j+5}) \pmod{1001} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore N \equiv M \pmod{1001}, \therefore N \equiv M \pmod{7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13}$$

$$\therefore N \equiv 0 \pmod{7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13} \Leftrightarrow M \equiv 0 \pmod{7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13}$$

(6). Prove  $6 \mid N \Leftrightarrow 6$  divides The integer  
 $M = a_0 + 4a_1 + \dots + 4a_m$

$$\text{Pf: } 10 \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, \text{ and } 40 \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$$

$$\text{Lemma: } 10^n \equiv 4 \pmod{6}, n \geq 1$$

$$\text{Pf: True for } n=1, \text{ since } 10 \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$$

$$\text{Suppose true for } k: 10^k \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$$

$$\therefore 10^{k+1} = 10^k \cdot 10 \equiv 4 \cdot 10 = 40 \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$$

$$\therefore \text{true for } k+1.$$

$$\therefore a_k 10^k \equiv 4a_k, k \geq 1$$

$$\therefore N = a_0 + a_1 10 + \dots + a_m 10^m \equiv a_0 + 4a_1 + \dots + 4a_m \pmod{6}$$

$$\therefore N \equiv M \pmod{6}$$

$$\therefore N \equiv 0 \pmod{6} \Leftrightarrow M \equiv 0 \pmod{6}$$

17. Is 1,010,908,899 divisible by 7, 11, and 13?

$$9 + 9 \cdot 10 + 8 \cdot 100 - (8 + 0 \cdot 10 + 9 \cdot 100) + (0 + 1 \cdot 10 + 0 \cdot 100) - (1)$$

$$= 1 + 90 - 100 + 10 - 1$$

$$= 0$$

$$\therefore N \equiv 0 \pmod{1001}, \therefore N \text{ divisible by } 7, 11, 13$$

18. (a) Given integer  $N$ , let  $M$  be the integer formed by reversing the order of digits of  $N$ . Show  $N-M$  is divisible by 9.

Pf: Let  $N = a_m 10^m + \dots + 10a_1 + a_0$

$$\therefore M = a_0 10^m + \dots + a_k 10^{m-k} + \dots + a_{m-1} 10 + a_m$$

$$\therefore N-M = (a_m - a_0)10^m + \dots + (a_1 - a_{m-1})10 + (a_0 - a_m)$$

The sum of the coefficients of  $N-M$  is:  
 $(a_m + a_{m-1} + \dots + a_0) - (a_0 + \dots + a_{m-1} + a_m) = 0.$

$\therefore$  By Th. 4.5, since  $9|0$ ,  $9|(N-M)$

(b) Prove any palindrome with an even number of digits is divisible by 11.

Pf: Let  $N = a_m 10^m + \dots + a_0$  have even number of digits.  $\therefore m$  is odd.

Also,  $N = a_0 10^m + \dots + a_{m-1} 10 + a_m$

$\therefore a_m = a_0, a_{m-1} = a_1$ , and in general,

$$a_k = a_{m-k}, \quad 0 \leq k \leq m$$

Look at  $T = (a_0 - a_1) + (a_2 - a_3) + \dots + (a_{m-1} - a_m)$

Since  $m$  is odd, There is no coefficient that is ungrouped.

Rearranging terms of  $T$ , by reversing the order of the negative coefficients,

$$T = (a_0 - a_m) + (a_2 - a_{m-1}) + \dots + (a_{m-1} - a_1)$$

$$= 0 + 0 + \dots + 0$$

$$= 0$$

$\therefore$  By Th. 4.6,  $11 \mid N$ .

19. Given repunit  $R_n$ , prove:

$$(a) \ 9 \mid R_n \Leftrightarrow 9 \mid n$$

Pf: Note for  $R_n$ , sum of digits,  $S$ , is  $n$   
since  $R_n = 11\dots 1$  ( $n$  digits of 1).

$\therefore$  since  $R_n \equiv S \pmod{9}$  by Th. 4.5,  
 $\therefore R_n \equiv n \pmod{9}$ .

$$\therefore R_n \equiv 0 \pmod{9} \Leftrightarrow n \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

(6)  $11 \mid R_n \Leftrightarrow n$  is even

Pf: Let  $R_n = 1 \cdot 10^m + \dots + 1 \cdot 10 + 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Look at } T &= (a_0 - a_1) + (a_2 - a_3) + \dots + (-1)^m a_m \\ &= (1-1) + (1-1) + \dots + (-1)^m a_m \end{aligned}$$

$T$  will be 0  $\Leftrightarrow$  can group terms, which means  $m$  is odd  
 $\therefore T=0 \Leftrightarrow$  number terms is even.

$\therefore$  By Th. 4.6,  $11 \mid R_n \Leftrightarrow T=0$

$\therefore 11 \mid R_n \Leftrightarrow n$  is even.

20. Factor  $R_6 = 111,111$  into a product of primes

Since  $R_6$  has an even number of groups of three coefficients, and

$$M = (1 + 1 \cdot 10 + 1 \cdot 100) - (1 + 1 \cdot 10 + 1 \cdot 100)$$

Then  $R_6 \equiv 0 \pmod{1001}$  by prob. 16.(a).

$$\therefore R_6 = 111,111 = 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot k = 1001 \cdot k$$



Try  $k=111$  since  $111 \cdot 1,000 = 111,000$ .  
 Find that  $R_6 = 111 \cdot 1001$ , and  $111 = 3 \cdot 37$   
 $\therefore R_6 = 3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13 \cdot 37$

21. Show why

$$\begin{array}{l} 1 \cdot 9 + 2 = 11 \\ 12 \cdot 9 + 3 = 111 \\ \vdots \end{array}$$

$$123456789 \cdot 9 + 10 = 111111111$$

i.e., show that

$$(10^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + n) \cdot 9 + (n+1) = \frac{10^{n+1} - 1}{9}$$

Since  $9 = 10 - 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (10^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + n) \cdot 9 &= (10^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + n)(10 - 1) \\ &= (10^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + (n-1) \cdot 10 + n) \cdot 10 - (10^{n-1} + \dots + n) \\ &= 10^n + 2 \cdot 10^{n-1} + 3 \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + (n-1) \cdot 10^2 + n \cdot 10 - (10^{n-1} + \dots + n) \\ &= 10^n + 1 \cdot 10^{n-1} + 1 \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + 1 \cdot 10 - n \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore (10^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + n) \cdot 9 + (n+1) = 10^n + 1 \cdot 10^{n-1} + 1 \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + 1 \cdot 10 - n + (n+1)$$

$$= 10^n + 1 \cdot 10^{n-1} + \dots + 1 \cdot 10 + 1 \quad [1]$$

The latter basically proves the assertion.  
However, to go further, multiply [1] by 9  
and add 1.

$$(10^n + 1 \cdot 10^{n-1} + \dots + 1 \cdot 10 + 1) \cdot 9 + 1$$

$$= (10^n + 10^{n-1} + \dots + 10 + 1)(10 - 1) + 1$$

$$= 10^{n+1} + 10^n + \dots + 10^2 + 10$$

$$- 10^n - 10^{n-1} - \dots - 10 - 1 + 1$$

$$= 10^{n+1}$$

$$\therefore 10^n + 1 \cdot 10^{n-1} + \dots + 1 \cdot 10 + 1 \quad [1]$$

$$= \frac{10^{n+1} - 1}{9}$$

$$\therefore (10^{n-1} + 2 \cdot 10^{n-2} + \dots + n) \cdot 9 + (n+1) = \frac{10^{n+1} - 1}{9}$$

22. An invoice shows that 22 canned hams were purchased for \$x67.9y. Find the missing digits.

Solution:  $72 \cdot N = x679y$ , where  $N$  = cost in cents of one ham.

Note  $72 = 8 \cdot 9 = 2^3 \cdot 9$ .  $\therefore 2^3 \mid x679y$

By problem 15,  $2^3 \mid 79y$ .  $\therefore y = 2$

Since  $79y \div 8 = 90 + 7y$ , and  $\therefore 8 \mid 7y$

$\therefore x679y = x6792$

Since  $9 \mid 72$ ,  $9 \mid x6792$ ,  $\therefore 9 \mid x+6+7+9+2$

$\therefore x = 3$

$\therefore x679y = 36792$  ( $x=3, y=2$ )

23. If 792 divides  $13xy45z$ , find  $x, y, z$

Solution: Since  $792 = 8 \cdot 99$ ,  $8 \mid 722$ , so

$8 \mid 13xy45z$ , and by problem 15,  $8 \mid 45z$

$45z = 8 \cdot 50 + 5z$ ,  $\therefore 8 \mid 5z$ ,  $\therefore z = 6$

Since  $9 \mid 13xy456$ ,  $9 \mid 1+3+x+y+4+5+6$ ,

$\therefore 9 \mid 1+x+y$ ,  $\therefore x+y+1 = 9, 18$ ,  $x+y = 8, 17$

Also,  $6 \mid 792$ , so, by problem 16(b),

$6 \mid 6 + 4 \cdot 5 + 4 \cdot 4 + 4y + 4x + 4 \cdot 3 + 4 \cdot 1$ , or

$6 \mid 4y + 4x + 58$ , or  $6 \mid 4x + 4y + 4$

$\therefore 6 \mid 4(1+x+y)$ , so  $3 \mid (1+x+y)$

This doesn't help since  $9 \mid (1+x+y)$ .

Note  $11 \mid 792$ , so  $11 \mid 13xy456$   
 $\therefore 11 \mid 6 - 5 + 4 - y + x - 3 + 1$ , or  $11 \mid 3 + x - y$   
 $\therefore 3 + x - y = 11$  (can't = 22, since  $x, y \leq 9$ )  
 $\therefore x - y = 8$

From  $9 \mid 1 + x + y$ ,  $x + y = 8, 17$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \therefore x + y = 8 & x + y = 17 \\ x - y = 8 & x - y = 8 \end{array}$$

$$\therefore x = 8, y = 0 \quad 2x = 25, \therefore \text{not a solution}$$

$$\therefore 13xy45z = 1380456$$

24. For any prime  $p > 3$ , prove  $13 \mid 10^{2p} - 10^p + 1$

Pf: Use result of problem 16(a) and look at possible coefficients of the constructed integer  $M$ , formed by alternately summing and subtracting blocks of 3 coefficients of the decimal expansion of  $N$ .

For an integer  $N$ , proof of 16(a) showed  $N \equiv M \pmod{7 \cdot 11 \cdot 13}$ .  $\therefore N \equiv M \pmod{13}$ .

$\therefore$  Goal is to show constructed  
 $M \equiv 0 \pmod{13}$ , and so  $N \equiv 0 \pmod{13}$ .

To analyze  $M$ , look at decimal expansion coefficients of  $N = 10^{2p} - 10^p + 1$ .

First consider  $10^p$ . Since  $p$  is prime,  $p$  is odd, so there will be an odd number of zeroes in  $10^p$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Example: } 10^5 &= 1 \cdot 10^5 + 0 \cdot 10^4 + \dots + 0 \cdot 10 + 0 \\ &= a_5 \cdot 10^5 + a_4 \cdot 10^4 + \dots + a_1 \cdot 10 + a_0 \end{aligned}$$

Look at  $M$ :

Note  $p > 3$ .  
 For  $p = 5, 11, 17, \dots$   
 $M = -100$

For  $p = 7, 13, \dots$   
 $M = +10$

$p \neq 9, 15, \dots$  as  $p$  is prime.

	100x $a_{k+2}$	10x $a_{k+1}$	1x $a_k$	+/-
value of $k$	2	1	0	+
	(5)	4	3	-
	8	(7)	6	+
	(11)	10	(9)	-
	14	(13)	12	+
	(17)	16	(15)	-
		⋮		

From Div. Alg.,  $p = 3q + r$ , and as  $p$  is prime,  $r \neq 0$ .

$\therefore$  Can restrict considerations to  $p = 3q + 1$  or  $p = 3q + 2$ , as above, and  $p > 3$ .

For  $p = 3q + 1$ ,  $q$  must be even for  $p$  to be odd. Let  $q = 2k$ .  $\therefore p = 6k + 1$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ )

For  $p = 3q + 2$ ,  $q$  must be odd. Let  $q = 2k + 1$ .  
 $\therefore p = 6k' + 5$  ( $k' = 0, 1, \dots$ )

$\therefore p = 6k + 1$  ( $k = 1, 2, \dots$ ) or  
 $p = 6k' + 5$  ( $k' = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ )

$$\therefore 10^p = 10^{6k} \cdot 10 \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots), \text{ or}$$
$$10^p = 10^{6k'} \cdot 10^5 \quad (k' = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

From above, since  $M = -100$  for  $10^5$ , and since  $N \equiv M \pmod{13}$ , letting  $N = 10^5$ , Then  $10^5 \equiv -100 \pmod{13}$   
Similarly  $10 \equiv 10 \pmod{13}$

Since  $10^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$ ,  $10^{6k} \equiv 1^k = 1 \pmod{13}$

$$\therefore 10^p = 10^{6k} \cdot 10 \equiv 10 \pmod{13} \quad (k = 1, 2, \dots)$$
$$10^p = 10^{6k'} \cdot 10^5 \equiv 10^5 \pmod{13} \quad (k' = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

and  $10^5 \equiv -100 \pmod{13}$

$$\therefore 10^p \equiv 10 \pmod{13} \quad (k=1, 2, \dots) \quad [1]$$

$$\text{or } 10^p \equiv -100 \pmod{13} \quad (k'=0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$\text{For } 10^{2p}: 2p = 12k + 2 \quad (k=1, 2, \dots)$$

$$2p = 12k + 10 \quad (k'=0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$\therefore 10^{2p} = 10^{12k} \cdot 100 \quad (k=1, 2, \dots)$$

$$10^{2p} = 10^{12k} \cdot 10^5 \cdot 10^5 \quad (k'=0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

Using  $N \equiv M \pmod{13}$ ,  $N = 10^{2p}$ , and  
 using  $10^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$ , so  $10^{12k} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$ ,

$$\therefore 10^{2p} \equiv 100 \pmod{13} \quad (k=1, 2, \dots) \quad [2]$$

$$\text{or } 10^{2p} \equiv 10^5 \cdot 10^5 \pmod{13} \quad (k'=0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

From above,  $10^5 \equiv -100 \pmod{13}$

$$\therefore 10^5 \cdot 10^5 \equiv (-100)(-100) = 10000 \pmod{13}$$

Since  $\gcd(10, 13) = 1$ , Then

$$10^5 / 10 \equiv -100 / 10 \pmod{13}, \text{ so}$$

$$10000 \equiv -10 \pmod{13}$$

$$\therefore \text{From } [2], 10^{2p} \equiv 100 \pmod{13} \quad (k=1, 2, 3, \dots) \quad [2']$$

$$10^{2p} \equiv -10 \pmod{13} \quad (k'=0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$\therefore N = 10^{2p} - 10^p + 1 = [2'] - [1] + 1 \text{ becomes}$$

$$10^{2p} - 10^p + 1 \equiv 100 - 10 + 1 = 91 \pmod{13} \quad (k=1, 2, 3, \dots)$$

$$10^{2p} - 10^p + 1 \equiv -10 - (-100) + 1 = 91 \pmod{13} \quad (k'=0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

$$\text{But } 91 = 7 \cdot 13, \text{ so } 91 \equiv 0 \pmod{13}$$

$$\therefore 10^{2p} - 10^p + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{13}, \text{ so}$$

$$13 \mid (10^{2p} - 10^p + 1).$$