

Modular Arithmetic Problems

Problem 1) How many different residue classes are there, $\pmod{4}$? ... $\pmod{10}$? ... \pmod{m} ?

Problem 2) Prove: if I have $m + 1$ integers, at least two of them will be congruent \pmod{m} .

Problem 3) With a partner, test out the theorems I've written down... 10 points if you can stump a grad student.

Problem 4) Compute:

$$\begin{array}{ll} (i) 22^2 - 1^2 \pmod{23}; & (ii) 22^4 - 1^4 \pmod{23}; \\ (iii) 22^{20} - 1^{20} \pmod{23}; & (iv) 22^{100} - 1^{100} \pmod{23}; \\ (v) 45^{100} - 24^{100} \pmod{23}; & (vi) 2345^{100} - 2324^{100} \pmod{23}. \end{array}$$

Problem 4) Prove the first theorem. (The first time I did this, I made up a few examples just to see how (if?) things worked. I don't remember *exactly* which numbers I tested, but I wouldn't be surprised if 23 appeared.)

Problem 5) Prove the second theorem. Why is the first theorem a special case of the second?