

Math 522 Exam 8 Solutions

1. Calculate $\phi(9,800,000)$.

BONUS: Find all $n \in \mathbf{N}$ such that $\phi(n) = 20$.

We factor $9,800,000 = 2^6 5^5 7^2$. Hence $\phi(9,800,000) = \phi(2^6)\phi(5^5)\phi(7^2) = (2^6 - 2^5)(5^5 - 5^4)(7^2 - 7^1) = (32)(2500)(42) = 3,360,000$.

BONUS: We first factor twenty into natural numbers in every possible way: $20, 20 \cdot 1, 10 \cdot 2, 10 \cdot 2 \cdot 1, 5 \cdot 4, 5 \cdot 4 \cdot 1, 5 \cdot 2 \cdot 2, 5 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$. We will repeatedly use that $\phi(p^k) = p^{k-1}(p-1)$. We first show that $\phi(p^k) = 1$ only for $p = 2, k = 1$ [proof: $(p-1)|1$, so $p-1 = 1$]. We next show that $\phi(p^k) = 2$ for $(p = 2, k = 2)$ and $(p = 3, k = 1)$, only [proof: since $p-1|2$, either $p-1 = 1$, or $p-1 = 2$]. We next show that $\phi(p^k)$ never equals 5 [proof: $p-1 = 1$ or $p-1 = 5$]. We next show that $\phi(p^k) = 10$ only for $p = 11, k = 1$ [proof: several cases; $p-1 = 1, 2, 5, 10$]. Finally, we show that $\phi(p^k) = 20$ only for $p = 5, k = 2$ [proof: $p-1 = 1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20$]. Putting this all together, we have $\phi(25) = 20, \phi(50) = 20 \cdot 1, \phi(33) = 10 \cdot 2, \phi(44) = 10 \cdot 2, \phi(66) = 10 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$, and no others are possible since we can't make 5.

2. Let n be a positive integer with $n > 2$. Let R be any reduced residue system modulo n . Prove that n divides the sum of all the elements of R .

This is essentially exercise #4 in 5-2. Please remember to keep up with your homework.

The key is to pair off elements of R in such a way that n divides the sum of each pair. We pair $r \in R$ with an element of R congruent to $n - r$. Note that $f : r \rightarrow n - r$ satisfies $f(f(r)) = r$, so it induces a pairing. This element is in R , provided that $\gcd(n - r, n) = 1$. There are several ways to prove this fact. One way is $\gcd(n - r, n) = \gcd(n - r, n - (n - r)) = \gcd(n - r, r) = \gcd(n - r + r, r) = \gcd(n, r)$, where twice we applied the theorem that $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(a + bk, b)$ for any integer k . Another way is to note that $\gcd(-r, n) = \gcd(r, n)$, and that $-r$ is congruent to $n - r$ modulo n .

The only time this pairing will fail is if the two elements of our pairing are not different elements of R (that is, r is paired with itself). One way to prove this is with exercise 4 in Section 6.1. Another way is directly: $r \equiv n - r$ implies that n divides $r - (n - r) = 2r - n$. This is equivalent to $n|2r$. This, in turn, is equivalent to $r = k(n/2)$, for some integer k . If n is odd, then k must be even and $\gcd(r, n) = n$; if n is even, then $\gcd(r, n) \geq n/2$. In any case, this is violative of $r \in R$. Hence $r, n - r$ will always be different elements of R , provided $n > 2$.

3. Exam grades: 102, 97, 87, 86, 86, 85, 81, 80, 79, 76, 76, 72, 65