

Group 5 Notes 9/19

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A few Kuttaka Problems

6.) $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

$$n \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$n \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

Our idea to solve was to find a m such that

$$m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$$m \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \quad m=15 \text{ works}$$

$$m \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$m \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$$m \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \quad m=21 \text{ works}$$

$$m \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

$$m \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$m \equiv 0 \pmod{5} \quad m=35 \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \text{ so } m=70 \text{ will work}$$

$$m \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$$

This provides us with the answer

$$2(70) + 3(21) + 5(15) = 278 = n$$

This works because 70 is congruent to 1 mod 3 but 0 mod 3 and 0 mod 5 and there are similar patterns with 21 and 15 so we are confident that $278 = n$.

To get a general answer we can add any multiple of $3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7$, which is equal to 105, to 278 and the number will still satisfy all the congruencies so a general answer is $n = 278 + 105t$ for any t . Also since $278 > 105$ we can subtract 105 without changing the congruence.

$$278 - 105 = 173 - 105 = 68 \Rightarrow n = 68 + 105t \text{ for any } t$$

This trick also works with ideals

\mathbb{Z} is the integers

$$\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}) = \{a + b\sqrt{5} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$$

Special thing about \mathbb{Z} is that it includes prime numbers and a fundamental theorem on integers.

The theorem states that every integer is uniquely a product of primes up to order.

$$\text{Let } A = \mathbb{Z}(\sqrt{5})$$

Can we say that $A = \{a + b\sqrt{5} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ like we did with the rational numbers?

$$\text{Consider } (\sqrt{5} + 1)(\sqrt{5} - 1) = 5 - 1 = 4 \text{ but } 4 = 2^2$$

So, the question is how does 2 factor?

In \mathbb{Z} we have “2”

So an ideal is $\mathbb{Z}/(2) = \{[0], [1]\}$ where $[0]$ is all even numbers and $[1]$ is all odd numbers.

We can do operations such as $[0] + [1] = [1]$, $[1] * [1] = [1]$, and $[0] * [1] = [0]$

What if we consider $A/(2) = \{[0], [1], [\sqrt{5}]\}$

Let $\bar{A} = \{\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{5}) \text{ integral over } \mathbb{Z}\}$

Integral mean that $\alpha^n + a_1 \alpha^{n-1} + \dots + a_n = 0$

Is $A = \bar{A}$?

We have information to assume an equation of the form $\alpha^2 + a_1 \alpha + a_2 = 0$

Something worth trying

$$\sqrt{5} + 1 \in A \text{ but is } \frac{\sqrt{5} + 1}{2} \in \bar{A}?$$

Fermat's Last Theorem

Suppose $n \geq 3$ then $x^n + y^n = z^n$ has a solution $(x, y, z) = (a, b, c)$ iff one of a, b, c is 0

This was proved by Andrew Wiles in 1994.

If n is odd, then $x^n + y^n = (x + y)(x + \omega y) \dots (x + \omega^{n-1}y)$ with $\omega^n = 1$

$$\text{Ex. } x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 + xy + y^2) = (x + y)(x + \omega y)(x + \omega^2 y)$$

To be true $1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0$

Ideals and rings

Let R be a ring. Then (a_1, \dots, a_n) is an ideal generated by a_1, \dots, a_n

$$(a_1, \dots, a_n) = \{x_1 a_1 + \dots + x_n a_n \mid x_i \in R\}.$$