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Practice problems

1. Find the modular inverse of 15 modulo 28.
2. Compute $2^{100} \pmod{11}$ using Fermat's Little Theorem.
3. In an RSA system, if $p = 3$, $q = 11$, and $e = 3$, find the private key d .

Solutions

1. Find the modular inverse of 15 modulo 28.

- Use the Euclidean algorithm: $28 = 1 \cdot 15 + 13$, then $15 = 1 \cdot 13 + 2$, then $13 = 6 \cdot 2 + 1$.
- Work backwards: $1 = 13 - 6 \cdot 2$.
- Substitute $2 = 15 - 13$: $1 = 13 - 6(15 - 13) = 7 \cdot 13 - 6 \cdot 15$.
- Substitute $13 = 28 - 15$: $1 = 7(28 - 15) - 6 \cdot 15 = 7 \cdot 28 - 13 \cdot 15$.
- The inverse is -13 , which is $28 - 13 = 15$ modulo 28.

Answer: 15

2. Compute $2^{100} \pmod{11}$ using Fermat's Little Theorem.

- Since 11 is prime and 2 is not a multiple of 11, $2^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$.
- Rewrite the exponent: $100 = 10 \cdot 10 + 0$.
- Then $2^{100} = (2^{10})^{10} \cdot 2^0 \equiv 1^{10} \cdot 1 \pmod{11}$.
- The result is 1.

Answer: 1

3. In an RSA system, if $p = 3$, $q = 11$, and $e = 3$, find the private key d .

- Calculate $n = 3 \cdot 11 = 33$.
- Calculate $\phi(n) = (3 - 1)(11 - 1) = 2 \cdot 10 = 20$.
- Solve $3d \equiv 1 \pmod{20}$.
- We look for a multiple of 20 plus 1 that is divisible by 3. 21 is divisible by 3.
- Since $3 \cdot 7 = 21$, $d = 7$.

Answer: 7