

1. Show that a number is divisible by 9 if, and only if, the sum of its digits is divisible by 9.
2. The *Fibonacci numbers*  $F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots$  are defined by:  $F_0 = 0$ ,  $F_1 = 1$  and  $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . Is  $F_{2009}$  even or odd? Is it a multiple of 3?
3. Let  $p$  be prime. Prove that if  $0 < k < p$  then  $\binom{p}{k} \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . If you do this by using a formula for  $\binom{p}{k}$  then argue correctly. Can you give a proof directly from the definition?
4. Solve these congruences:-
  - (i)  $77x \equiv 11 \pmod{40}$ ,                      (ii)  $12y \equiv 30 \pmod{54}$ ,
  - (iii)  $z \equiv 13 \pmod{21}$     and     $3z \equiv 2 \pmod{17}$ .
5. Show that the exponent of the prime  $p$  in the prime factorisation of  $n!$  is  $\sum_{i \geq 1} \lfloor n/p^i \rfloor$ , where  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denotes the integer part of  $x$ . Prove that this equals  $(n - S_n)/(p - 1)$ , where  $S_n$  is the sum of the digits in the base  $p$  representation of  $n$ . Evaluate  $1000! \pmod{10^{249}}$ .
6. For which values of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  is  $n^4 + 4^n$  prime?
7. Evaluate  $20!21^{20} \pmod{23}$     and     $17^{10000} \pmod{31}$ .
8. By considering the  $n$  fractions  $\frac{1}{n}, \frac{2}{n}, \dots, \frac{n}{n}$ , or otherwise, prove that  $n = \sum_{d|n} \varphi(d)$ .
9. An RSA encryption scheme  $(n, d)$  has modulus  $n = 187$  and coding exponent  $d = 7$ . Find a suitable decoding exponent  $e$ . Check your answer by encoding the number 35 and then decoding the result.
10. Using the least upper bound axiom, prove that there is a real number  $x$  satisfying  $x^3 = 2$ .
11. Prove that  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$  is irrational and algebraic. Do the same for  $2^{1/3} + 2^{2/3}$ .
12. Suppose that  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + a_{n-2}x^{n-2} + \dots + a_0 = 0$ , where  $a_{n-1}, \dots, a_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that either  $x$  is an integer or it is irrational.
13. Show that  $\sqrt[100]{\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2}} + \sqrt[100]{\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}}$  is irrational.
14. Is there a positive integer  $n$  for which  $n^7 - 77$  is a Fibonacci number?