

## Homework 10/ Practice Midterm 2

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1. (a) Show that  $25 \mid 2^{65} + 3^{65}$ . (Hint: Use Euler's Theorem.)  
(b) Let  $p > 3$  be prime. Find the remainder when  $3^p(p-2)!$  is divided by  $p$ .  
(Hint: Combine Wilson's Theorem and Fermat's Little Theorem.)
2. Suppose that both  $p$  and  $2p-1$  are odd primes. Let  $n = 2(2p-1)$ . Prove that

$$\varphi(n) = \varphi(n+2).$$

(Hint: Use the multiplicative property of  $\varphi$ , i.e., Lemma 9.2.8 in your textbook.)

3. Suppose the RSA algorithm is used with the modulus  $n = 91$ .
  - (a) List four possible values for the encryption exponent  $e$ .
  - (b) Let  $e = 17$ . First, encrypt the message 10 and then encrypt again the answer you obtained.
  - (c) Based on your computations above, explain why the choice made for  $e$  in part (b) may not be considered too secure.
4. (a) Show that the order of any nonzero element in  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}$  is either 1, 2, 11 or 22.  
(b) Show that 5 is a primitive root modulo 23. (Hint: Use part (a).)  
(c) Part (b) implies that every nonzero element of  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}$  appears exactly once in the list

$$\bar{5}, \bar{5}^2, \dots, \bar{5}^{22}.$$

Find all the elements in this list which are primitive roots in  $\mathbb{Z}_{23}$ .

- (d) Find the order of  $5^{14}$  modulo 23.