

25) Show that  $1729 = 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$  is a Carmichael number.

Side remark:

One of the best-known anecdotes in the history of mathematics is about a visit that G.H.Hardy (for more historical information see <http://turnbull.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/history/Mathematicians/Hardy.html>) paid to his fellow number theorist S.A.Ramanujan (see <http://turnbull.mcs.st-and.ac.uk/history/Mathematicians/Ramanujan.html>) in the hospital in 1917. During one visit Hardy mentioned that the number of the taxi cab that had brought him was 1729, which, as numbers go, Hardy thought was “rather a dull one”. At this, Ramanujan perked up, and said “No, it is a very interesting number; it is the smallest number expressible as a sum of two cubes in two different ways.”

26) Find all positive integers  $n$  that fulfill:

a)  $\varphi(n) = \varphi(2n)$

b)  $\varphi(n) < \varphi(2n)$

c)  $2\varphi(n) | n$

27)\* (GAP) Find the smallest number  $k$ , such that there is no integer  $n$  with  $\varphi(n) = k$ . (Note that the prime factors of  $k$  limit the prime factors of  $n$ , similarly for the exponents. Use GAP to show that smaller numbers  $k$  can be obtained as  $\varphi(n)$ .)

28) Let  $p, q$  be primes and  $n = pq$ ,  $m = \varphi(n)$ . Show that one can determine the values of  $p$  and  $q$  from the values of  $n$  and  $m$  without factorizing  $n$ .

29\*) It may appear that the RSA decryption will not work, if you're unlucky enough to choose a message  $a$  that is not relatively prime to  $m$ . Of course, if  $m = pq$  and  $p$  and  $q$  are large, this is unlikely to occur.

a) Show that in fact RSA decryption does work for all messages  $a$ , regardless of whether they have a factor in common with  $m$ .

b) More generally, show that RSA decryption works for all messages  $a$  as long as  $m$  is a product of distinct primes.

c) Give an example with  $m = 18$  and  $a = 3$  where RSA decryption does not work.

30) Suppose that  $n = rs$  with  $r, s > 2$  and  $(r, s) = 1$ . Show that

$$a^{\frac{\varphi(r)\varphi(s)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{n},$$

that is  $a^{\frac{\varphi(n)}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

31) (GAP) In this problem we use the following translation table for letters and numbers:

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36

a) You have been sent the following message:

5272281348    21089283929    3117723025    26844144908    22890519533  
26945939925    27395704341    2253724391    1481682985    2163791130  
13583590307    5838404872    12165330281    28372578777    7536755222

It has been encoded using  $p = 187963$ ,  $q = 163841$ ,  $m = pq = 30796045883$ ,  $k = 48611$ . Decode the message.

b\*) (This part can be handed in until the end of the semester.) You intercept the following message, which you know has been encoded using the modulus

$$m = 956331992007843552652604425031376690367$$

and exponent  $k = 12398737$ . Break the code and decipher the message.

821566670681253393182493050080875560504  
87074173129046399720949786958511391052  
552100909946781566365272088688468880029  
491078995197839451033115784866534122828  
172219665767314444215921020847762293421

You can find these numbers on the web page:

<http://www.math.brown.edu/~jhs/frintdir/FRINTEExercise18.3.html>  
to save you retyping.

Problems marked with a \* are bonus problems for extra credit.