

Number - Theory

CHAPTER - FIVE (5)

Fermat's Factorization method -

Let n be any odd positive integer which is the difference of square of two integers

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ie } n &= x^2 - y^2 \\ &= (x+y)(x-y) \end{aligned}$$

If $n = ab$, $a \geq b \geq 1$ then

$$n = \left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)^2 - \left(\frac{a-b}{2}\right)^2$$

We have a and b odd integers and consequently $\frac{a+b}{2}$ and $\frac{a-b}{2}$ will be non-negative integers

and

$$\begin{aligned} n &= x^2 - y^2 \\ x^2 - n &= y^2 \end{aligned}$$

for this we observe number

$$k^2 - n, (k+1)^2 - n, (k+2)^2 - n, \dots$$

Ex Show that $5^{38} \equiv 4 \pmod{11}$

Solⁿ Since 11 is a prime and $(5, 11) = 1$

We have

$$5^{11} \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$

$$5^{33} \equiv 5^3 \pmod{11}$$

Now

$$5^{38} \times 5^5 \equiv 5^3 \times 5^5 \pmod{11}$$

$$5^{38} \equiv 5^8 \pmod{11}$$

$$\equiv (5^2)^4 \pmod{11}$$

$$\equiv (3^4) \pmod{11}$$

$$\equiv 81 \pmod{11}$$

$$\equiv 4 \pmod{11}$$

ABSOLUTE PSEUDO PRIMES →

A composite number n is called an absolute pseudo prime. If

$$a^n \equiv a \pmod{n} \text{ for all integer } a$$

The least absolute pseudo prime is 561.