

MATH 290-NUMBER THEORY FOR TEACHERS
PROBLEM OF THE DAY #7
DUE FRIDAY, JANUARY 31, 2014

1. Which elements of \mathbb{Z}_6 have a multiplicative inverse? (Note: A number x has a multiplicative inverse if there is another number y such that $xy = 1$.) What about \mathbb{Z}_7 ? Which elements of \mathbb{Z}_7 have a multiplicative inverse? Any guesses about which elements of \mathbb{Z}_m have a multiplicative inverse? How does this relate to which fractions exist in \mathbb{Z}_m ?

Now to give some more names to things: we define U_m to be the set of elements in \mathbb{Z}_m that have a multiplicative inverse (or in other words, are invertible).