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Number Theory

We work on integers only

Divisors

Two integers: a and b (b is non-zero)

- b divides a if there exists some integer m such that a = m·b
- Notation: b|a
- □ eg. 1,2,3,4,6,8,12,24 divide 24
- b is a **divisor** of a

Relations

- 1. If $b|1 \Rightarrow b = \pm 1$
- 2. If b|a and a|b \Rightarrow b = ±a
- 3. If $b|0 \Rightarrow any b \neq 0$
- 4. If b|g and b|h then b|(mg + nh) for any integers m and n.

Congruence

a is congruent to b modulo n if n | a-b.

Notation: $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

Examples

- 1. $23 \equiv 8 \pmod{5}$ because $5 \mid 23-8$
- 2. $-11 \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$ because $8 \mid -11-5$
- 3. $81 \equiv 0 \pmod{27}$ because $27 \mid 81-0$

Properties

- 1. $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$ 2. $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ implies $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$
- 3. $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$ imply $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$

Modular Arithmetic

modular reduction: a mod n = r

r is the remainder when a is divided by a natural number n

r is also called the residue of a mod n

- it can be represented as: a = qn + r where $\underline{0 \le r < n}$, $q = \lfloor a/n \rfloor$ where $\lfloor x \rfloor$ is the largest integer less than or equal to x
- q is called the quotient
- 18 mod 7 = ?
- 29345723547 mod 2 = ?
- Relation between modular reduction and congruence
 - $-12 \equiv -5 \equiv 2 \equiv 9 \pmod{7}$
 - -12 mod 7 = 2 (what's the quotient?)
 - For any integers a, b and positive integer m, $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ iff a mod $n = b \frac{mod n}{n}$.

Modular Arithmetic Operations

can do modular reduction at any point,

- a + b mod n = [a mod n + b mod n] mod n
- □ E.g. 97 + 23 mod 7 = [97 mod 7 + 23 mod 7] mod 7 = [6 + 2] mod 7 = 1
- □ E.g. 11 14 mod 8 = -3 mod 8 = 5
- E.g. 11 x 14 mod 8 = 3 x 6 mod 8 = 2

Modular Arithmetic

If
$$a+b \equiv a+c \pmod{n}$$

then $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$

• but if
$$ab \equiv ac \pmod{n}$$

then $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$ only if a is relatively prime to n

□
$$n \mid ab - ac \Rightarrow n \mid a(b - c)$$

$$\Box \quad \text{E.g.} \quad 7 \ge 11 \equiv 7 \ge 5 \pmod{6} \qquad \Rightarrow 11 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$$

• $9 \times 3 \equiv 9 \times 5 \pmod{6}$ but $3 ! \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$

Prime and Composite Numbers

- An integer **p** is prime if its only divisors are ± 1 and $\pm p$ only.
- Otherwise, it is a composite number.
- E.g. 2,3,5,7 are prime; 4,6,8,9,10 are not
- List of prime number less than 200:

2 3 5 7 11 13 17 19 23 29 31 37 41 43 47 53 59 61 67 71 73 79 83 89 97 101 103 107 109 113 127 131 137 139 149 151 157 163 167 173 179 181 191 193 197 199

• Prime Factorization: If a is a composite number, then a can be factored in a unique way as

$$a = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_t^{\alpha_t}$$

where $p_1 > p_2 > ... > p_t$ are prime numbers and each α_i is a natural number (i.e. a positive nonzero integer).

e.g. 12,250 = $7^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 2$

Prime Factorization

- It is generally hard to do (prime) factorization when the number is large
- E.g. factorize
 - 1. 24070280312179
 - 2.10893002480924910251
 - $3.\ 93874093217498173983210748123487143249761$

Greatest Common Divisor (GCD)

- GCD (a,b) of a and b is the largest number that divides both a and b
 E.g. GCD(60,24) = 12
- If GCD(a, b) = 1, then a and b are said to be relatively prime
 - □ E.g. GCD(8,15) = 1
 - 8 and 15 are relatively prime (co-prime)

Question: How to compute gcd(a,b)?

Naive method: factorize a and b and compute the product of all their common factors.

e.g.
$$540 = 2^2 \times 3^3 \times 5$$

144 = $2^4 \times 3^2$
gcd(540, 144) = $2^2 \times 3^2 = 36$

Problem of this naive method: factorization becomes very difficult when integers become large.

Better method: Euclidean Algorithm (a.k.a. Euclid's GCD algorithm)

Euclidean Algorithm

Compute gcd(911, 999) :

999=911*1+88 911=88*10+31 88=31*2+26 31=26*1+5 26=5*5+1 5=1*5+0 Euclid's Algorithm: A=a, B=b while B>0 R = A mod B A = B, B = R return A

Hence gcd(911, 999) = 1

Rationale

Theorem $gcd(a, b) = gcd(b, a \mod b)$

Euclidean Algorithm

Proof Sketch.

"⇒" (if d divides a and b then d also divides b mod a) Suppose d|a and d|b.

For any positive integer a, b can be expressed in the form

 $b = qa + r \equiv r \pmod{a} - (1)$

 $\Rightarrow \quad b \mod a = b - qa \qquad \qquad -(2)$

Since d|a, it also divides qa.

Hence from (2), we see that $d \mid b \mod a$.

" \Leftarrow " (if d divides a and b mod a then d also divides b)

Similarly, if d|a and d|qa.

Thus $d \mid (qa + (b \mod a))$,

which is equivalent to d | b.

Thus the sets of common divisors of a and b, and a and b mod a, are identical.

Hence $gcd(911, 999) = gcd(911, 999 \mod 911) = gcd(911 \mod 88, 88)$ = $gcd(31, 88 \mod 31) = gcd(31 \mod 26, 26) = gcd(5, 26 \mod 5)$ = gcd(5, 1) = 1.

Modular Inverse

A is the modular inverse of B mod n if AB mod n = 1.

A is denoted as B⁻¹ mod n.

e.g.
•3 is the modular inverse of 5 mod 7. In other words, 5⁻¹ mod 7 = 3.
•7 is the modular inverse of 7 mod 16. In other words, 7⁻¹ mod 16 = 7.

However, there is no modular inverse for 8 mod 14.

<u>There exists a modular inverse for B mod n iff B is relatively prime</u> <u>to n.</u>

Question: What's the modular inverse of 911 mod 999?

Extended Euclidean Algorithm

The extended Euclidean algorithm can be used to solve the integer equation

ax + by = gcd(a, b)

For any given integers a and b.

Example

Let a = 911 and b = 999. From the Euclidean algorithm,

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\begin{array}{l} 999 = 1 \times 911 + 88 \\ 911 = 10 \times 88 + 31 \\ 88 = 2 \times 31 + 26 \\ 31 = 1 \times 26 + 5 \\ 26 = 5 \times 5 + 1 \qquad \Rightarrow \gcd(a, b) = 1 \end{array}
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Now by tracing backward, we get

$$1 = 26 - 5 \times 5$$

= 26 - 5 × (31 - 1 × 26) = -5 × 31 + 6 × 26
= -5 × 31 + 6 × (88 - 2 × 31) = 6 × 88 - 17 × 31
= 6 × 88 - 17 × (911 - 10 × 88) = -17 × 911 + 176 × 88
= -17 × 911 + 176 × (999 - 1 × 911) = **176 × 999 - 193 × 911**

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we now have
gcd(911, 999) = 1 = -193 × 911 + 176 × 999.
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If we do a modular reduction of 999 to this equation, we have

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1 \pmod{999} = -193 \times 911 + 176 \times 999 \pmod{999}
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\Rightarrow1 = -193 x 911 mod 999
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⇒1 = (-193 mod 999) x 911 mod 999

 \Rightarrow 1 = 806 x 911 mod 999

$1 \equiv 806 \times 911 \pmod{999}$.

Hence 806 is the modular inverse of 911 modulo 999.

Suppose GCD(a,n)=1, Compute $a^{-1} \mod n$: Compute x and y, such that ax + ny = gcd(a,n), then $x^{-1} \mod n$ is $a^{-1} \mod n$.

The Euler phi Function

For $n \ge 1$, $\phi(n)$ denotes the number of integers in the interval [1, n] which are relatively prime to n. The function ϕ is called the **Euler phi** function (or the **Euler totient function**).

Fact 1. The Euler phi function is multiplicative. I.e. if gcd(m, n) = 1, then $\phi(mn) = \phi(m) \times \phi(n)$.

Fact 2. For a prime p and an integer $e \ge 1$, $\phi(p^e) = p^{e-1}(p-1)$.

- From these two facts, we can find ϕ for any composite n if the prime factorization of n is known.
- Let $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_k^{e_k}$ where p_1, \dots, p_k are prime and each e_i is a nonzero positive integer.
- Then

$$\phi(n) = n (1 - 1/p_1) (1 - 1/p_2) ... (1 - 1/p_k).$$

The Euler phi Function

$$\phi(n) = \left| \{x : 1 \le x \le n \quad and \quad \gcd(x,n) = 1\} \right|$$

- $\phi(2) = |\{1\}| = 1$
- φ(3) = |{1,2}| = 2
- $\phi(4) = |\{1,3\}| = 2$
- $\phi(5) = |\{1,2,3,4\}| = 4$
- $\phi(6) = |\{1,5\}| = 2$
- $\phi(37) = 36$
- ϕ (21) = (3-1)×(7-1) = 2×6 = 12

Fermat's Little Theorem

Let p be a prime. Any integer a not divisible by p satisfies $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

- If a is not divisible by p and if $n \equiv m \pmod{p-1}$, then $a^n \equiv a^m \pmod{p}$.
- We can generalize the Fermat's Little Theorem as follows. This is due to Euler.

Euler's Generalization Let n be a composite. Then $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1$ (mod n) for any integer a which is relatively prime to n.

- E.g. a=3;n=10; $\phi(10)=4 \Rightarrow 3^4 \equiv 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$
- E.g. a=2;n=11; $\phi(11)=10 \Rightarrow 2^{10} \equiv 1024 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$

Exercise: Compute 11^{1,073,741,823} mod 13.

For integer a and positive integer k, n, if a and n are co-prime, then $a^k \mod n = a^{k \mod \phi(n)} \mod n$.

Modular Exponentiation

Let Z = { ..., -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, ... } be the set of integers. Let a, e, n \in Z.

Modular exponentiation $a^e \mod n$ is defined as repeated multiplications of a for e times modulo n.

Method 1 : Repeated Modular Multiplication (as defined)

e.g. $11^{15} \mod 13 = \underline{11 \times 11} \times 11 \times 11 \times 11 \times ... \times 11 \mod 13$ = $\underline{4 \times 11} \times 11 \times ... \times 11 \mod 13$ = $\underline{5 \times 11} \times ... \times 11 \mod 13$: = 5

- performed 14 modular multiplications
- Complexity = O(e)
- Compute 11^{103741,823} mod 1073741823

Modular Exponentiation

Method 2: Square-and-Multiply Algorithme.g. $11^{15} \mod 13 = 11^8 \times 11^4 \times 11^2 \times 11 \mod 13$ - (1) $\cdot 11^2 = 121 \equiv 4 \pmod{13}$ - (2) $\cdot 11^4 = (11^2)^2 \equiv 4^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$ - (3) $\cdot 11^8 = (11^4)^2 \equiv 3^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$ - (4)Put (2), (3) and (4) to (1) and get- (4) $11^{15} \equiv 9 \times 3 \times 4 \times 11 \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$

- performed at most $2\lfloor \log_2 15 \rfloor$ modular multiplications
- Complexity = O(|e|) or O(lg(e))

Modular Exponentiation

Pseudo-code of Square-and-Multiply Algorithm to compute a^e mod n :

Let the binary representation of e be $(e_{t-1} e_{t-2} \dots e_1 e_0)$. Hence t is the number of bits in the binary representation of e.

z = 1
 for i = t-1 downto 0 do
 z = z² mod n
 if e_i = 1 then z = z x a mod n

Group Theory

- very important in cryptography, especially in public key cryptography
- concern an operation on "a set of numbers"

Groups

- Let G be a nonempty set and be a binary operation.
- A binary operation on a set G is a mapping from GxG to G.
 - \cdot i.e. \circ is a rule which assigns to each ordered pair of elements from G to an element of G.

 (G, \circ) is a group if the following conditions are satisfied:

- **1. closed** : for any $a, b \in G, a \circ b \in G$
- **2.** associative : any $a, b, c \in G$, $(a \circ b) \circ c = a \circ (b \circ c)$
- 3. there exists an **identity** element e in G, such that for any $a \in G$, $a \circ e = e \circ a = a$.
- 4. For each $a \in G$, there exists an **inverse** of a denoted by a^{-1} , such that $a \circ a^{-1} = e$.
- If \circ is also commutative, i.e. for any $a, b \in G$, $a \circ b = b \circ a$, then (G, \circ) is an Abelian group.

- a set: {1,2,3,4} with operator * (mod 5)
- obeys:
 - close law
 - associative law: $(a*b)*c = a*(b*c) \pmod{5}$
 - □ identity e=1: 1*a = a*1 = a
 - How about inverses a⁻¹?
 - 1 has an inverse (itself)
 - 2 has an inverse: 3 since 2*3=6=1 (mod 5)
 - 3 has an inverse: 2.
 - 4 has an inverse: 4 since 4*4=16=1 (mod 5)
- It is a group
- It is commutative: a*b = b*a
- Therefore, this multiplicative group is an Abelian Group

- a set: {0,1,2,3} with operator * (mod 4)
- obeys:
 - close law
 - associative law: $(a*b)*c = a*(b*c) \pmod{4}$
 - identity e=1: 1*a = a*1 = a
 - How about inverses a⁻¹?
 - First of all, 0 has no inverse
 - 1 has an inverse (itself)
 - 3 has an inverse (itself) 3.3=9=1 (mod 4)
 - 2 has no inverse

Cannot be a group

- a set: {1,2,3} with operator + (mod 5)
- Is it a group?

More on Multiplicative Groups

- For multiplication, not all $Z_n \setminus \{0\}$ form (multiplicative) groups with the identity element 1.
- It depends on the value of n.
- For example, $Z_8 \setminus \{0\}$ does not while $Z_7 \setminus \{0\}$ under multiplication forms a group.
- Reason: Only those elements which are relatively prime to n have multiplicative inverses. Hence $Z_n \setminus \{0\}$ forms a multiplicative group only when n is a prime.
- As an extension, the set $Z_n^* = \{a \in Z_n \mid gcd(a,n)=1\}$ forms a multiplicative group for any positive integer n.

Cyclic Groups

- A group is cyclic if there is an element g ∈ G such that for each a ∈ G, there is an integer i with a = gⁱ, that is g operates (e.g. modular multiply) on itself for i times.
- g is called a generator or a primitive element of G.
- g is also said to be a primitive root of n.
- Example: (Z_7^*, x) is a cyclic multiplicative group with g=3.

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Let n=7 and g=3.
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i 1 2 3 4 5 6 $g^{i} \mod 7$ 3 2 6 4 5 1

But not all the multiplicative groups of positive composite integers n have generators (are cyclic).

Fact. Z_n^* has a (at least one) generator if and only if $n = 2, 4, p^k, 2p^k$, where p is an odd prime and $k \ge 1$.

Is the group {1,2,3,4; * (mod 5)} cyclic?

- The identity is 1.
- Let a=2
- Recall that the notation: $a^3 = a.a.a$
- □ 1= a⁰
- □ a¹=2
- □ a²= 4 (mod 5)
- □ a³=2*2*2=8=3 (mod 5)
- □ a⁴ =16=1 (mod 5)
- 2 is a generator of the group
- Therefore, the group is cyclic.
- Ex: Is 3 (or 4) a generator of this group?