


Number Theory and Modular Arithmetic



$$p-1 \equiv_p 1$$

Outline

Working modulo integer n
 Definitions of Z_n, Z_n^*
 Fundamental lemmas of $+, -, *, /$
 Extended Euclid Algorithm
 Euler phi function $\phi(n) = |Z_n^*|$
 Fundamental lemma of powers
 Euler Theorem

$(a \bmod n)$ means the remainder
when a is divided by n .

$$a \bmod n = r$$

$$\Leftrightarrow$$

$$a = dn + r \text{ for some integer } d$$

or

$$a = n + rk \text{ for some integer } k$$

Definition: Modular equivalence

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

$$\Leftrightarrow (a \bmod n) = (b \bmod n)$$

$$\Leftrightarrow n \mid (a-b)$$

$$31 \equiv 81 \pmod{2}$$

$$31 \equiv_2 81$$

$$31 \equiv 80 \pmod{7}$$

$$31 \equiv_7 80$$

Written as $a \equiv_n b$, and
spoken

" a and b are
equivalent or
congruent modulo n "

\equiv_n induces a natural partition of the
integers into n "residue" classes.

("residue" = what left over = "remainder")

Define residue class
 $[k]$ = the set of all integers that are
congruent to k modulo n .

Residue Classes Mod 3:

$$[0] = \{ \dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots \}$$

$$[1] = \{ \dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots \}$$

$$[2] = \{ \dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots \}$$

$$[-6] = \{ \dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots \} = [0]$$

$$[7] = \{ \dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots \} = [1]$$

$$[-1] = \{ \dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots \} = [2]$$

\equiv_n is an equivalence relation

In other words, it is

Reflexive: $a \equiv_n a$

Symmetric: $(a \equiv_n b) \Rightarrow (b \equiv_n a)$

Transitive: $(a \equiv_n b \text{ and } b \equiv_n c) \Rightarrow (a \equiv_n c)$

Why do we care about these residue classes?

Because we can replace any member of a residue class with another member when doing addition or multiplication mod n and the answer will not change

To calculate: $249 * 504 \text{ mod } 251$

just do $-2 * 2 = -4 = 247$

Fundamental lemma of plus and times mod n :

If $(x \equiv_n y)$ and $(a \equiv_n b)$. Then

$$1) x + a \equiv_n y + b$$

$$2) x * a \equiv_n y * b$$

Proof of 2):
 $x a \equiv_n y b \pmod{n}$

$$(x \equiv_n y) \Rightarrow x = y + k n$$

$$(a \equiv_n b) \Rightarrow a = b + m n$$

$$x a = y b + n(y m + b k + k m)$$

Another Simple Fact:
if $(x \equiv_n y)$ and $(k|n)$, then: $x \equiv_k y$

Example: $10 \equiv_6 16 \Rightarrow 10 \equiv_3 16$

Proof:

$$x = y + m n$$

$$n = a k$$

$$x = y + a m k$$

$$x \equiv_k y$$

A Unique Representation System
Modulo n :

We pick one representative from each residue class and do all our calculations using these representatives.

Unsurprisingly, we use $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$

Unique representation system mod 2

Finite set $Z_2 = \{0, 1\}$

$+_2$ XOR	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

$*_2$ AND	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

Unique representation system mod 4

Finite set $Z_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

+	0	1	2	3
0	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3
2	0	2	0	2
3	0	3	2	1

Notation

$Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$

Define operations $+_n$ and $*_n$:

$$a +_n b = (a + b \text{ mod } n)$$

$$a *_n b = (a * b \text{ mod } n)$$

Some properties of the operation $+_n$

["Closed"]

$$x, y \in Z_n \Rightarrow x +_n y \in Z_n$$

["Associative"]

$$x, y, z \in Z_n \Rightarrow (x +_n y) +_n z = x +_n (y +_n z)$$

["Commutative"]

$$x, y \in Z_n \Rightarrow x +_n y = y +_n x$$

Similar properties also hold for $*_n$

For addition tables, rows and columns always are a permutation of Z_n

+	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	0	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

+	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

For multiplication, some rows and columns are permutation of Z_n , while others aren't...

*	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	1	3
3	0	3	1	4	2
4	0	4	3	2	1

*	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	0	2	4	0	2	4
3	0	3	0	3	0	3
4	0	4	2	0	4	2
5	0	5	4	3	2	1

what's happening here?

For addition, the permutation property means you can solve, say,

$$4 + x = 1 \pmod{6}$$

Subtraction mod n is well-defined

Each row has a 0, hence $-a$ is that element such that $a + (-a) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = a + (-b)$$

+	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

For multiplication, if a row has a permutation you can solve, say,

$$5 * x = 4 \pmod{6}$$

$$3 * x = 4 \pmod{6}$$

no solutions!

$$3 * x = 3 \pmod{6}$$

multiple solutions!

*	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	0	2	4	0	2	4
3	0	3	0	3	0	3
4	0	4	2	0	4	2
5	0	5	4	3	2	1

Multiplicative Inverse

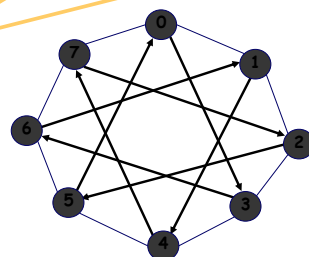
Definition. Let a in Z_n . An element b in Z_n is called a multiplicative inverse of a , if $a * b = 1 \pmod{n}$

A visual way to understand multiplication and the "permutation property".

Consider $*_8$ on Z_8

*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	0	2						
3	0	3	6	1	4	7	2	5
4	0	4						
5	0	5						
6	0	6						
7	0	7						

There are exactly 8 distinct multiples of 3 modulo 8.



$3k \pmod{8}$

hit all numbers \Leftrightarrow row 3 has the "permutation property"

There are exactly 2 distinct multiples of 4 modulo 8.

$4k \pmod 8$

row 4 does not have "permutation property" for \ast_8 on \mathbb{Z}_8

There are exactly 1 distinct multiples of 8 modulo 8.

$8k \pmod 8$

There are exactly 4 distinct multiples of 6 modulo 8.

$6k \pmod 8$

What's the pattern?

- exactly 8 distinct multiples of 3 modulo 8
- exactly 2 distinct multiples of 4 modulo 8
- exactly 1 distinct multiple of 8 modulo 8
- exactly 4 distinct multiples of 6 modulo 8

- exactly $\frac{y}{\text{GCD}(x,y)}$ distinct multiples of x modulo y

Theorem:

There are exactly $\frac{y}{\text{GCD}(x,y)}$ distinct multiples of x modulo y

Hence, only those values of x with $\text{GCD}(x,y) = 1$ have n distinct multiples (i.e., the permutation property for \ast_n on \mathbb{Z}_n)

Fundamental lemma of division (or cancelation) modulo n :
 if $\text{GCD}(c,n)=1$, then $ca \equiv_n cb \Rightarrow a \equiv_n b$

Proof:

$ca \equiv_n cb \Rightarrow n \mid (ca - cb) \Rightarrow n \mid c(a-b)$

But $\text{GCD}(n, c)=1$, thus $n \mid (a-b) \Rightarrow a \equiv_n b$

If you want to extend to general c and n

$$ca \equiv_n cb \Rightarrow a \equiv_{n/\gcd(c,n)} b$$

Fundamental lemmas mod n :

If $(x \equiv_n y)$ and $(a \equiv_n b)$. Then

- 1) $x + a \equiv_n y + b$
- 2) $x * a \equiv_n y * b$
- 3) $x - a \equiv_n y - b$
- 4) $cx \equiv_n cy \Rightarrow a \equiv_n b$

if $\gcd(c,n)=1$

New definition:

$$Z_n^* = \{x \in Z_n \mid \text{GCD}(x, n) = 1\}$$

Multiplication over this set Z_n^* has the cancellation property.

$$Z_6 = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$$

$$Z_6^* = \{1,5\}$$

+	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

*	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	0	2	4	0	2	4
3	0	3	0	3	0	3
4	0	4	2	0	4	2
5	0	5	4	3	2	1

We've got closure

Recall we proved that Z_n was "closed" under addition and multiplication?

What about Z_n^* under multiplication?

Fact: if a, b in Z_n^* , then $a*b$ in Z_n^*

Proof: if $\gcd(a,n) = \gcd(b,n) = 1$,
 then $\gcd(a*b, n) = 1$
 then $\gcd(a*b \text{ mod } n, n) = 1$

$$Z_{12}^* = \{0 \leq x < 12 \mid \gcd(x,12) = 1\}$$

$$= \{1,5,7,11\}$$

* ₁₂	1	5	7	11
1	1	5	7	11
5	5	1	11	7
7	7	11	1	5
11	11	7	5	1

$$\mathbb{Z}_5^* = \{1,2,3,4\} = \mathbb{Z}_5 \setminus \{0\}$$

\ast_5	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
3	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1

For prime p , the set $\mathbb{Z}_p^* = \mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$

Proof:

It just follows from the definition!

For prime p , all $0 < x < p$ satisfy $\gcd(x,p) = 1$

Euler Phi Function $\phi(n)$

$\phi(n)$ = size of \mathbb{Z}_n^*
 = number of $1 \leq k < n$ that are relatively prime to n .

p prime

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_p^* = \{1,2,3,\dots,p-1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi(p) = p-1$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{12}^* = \{0 \leq x < 12 \mid \gcd(x,12) = 1\}$$

$$= \{1,5,7,11\}$$

$$\phi(12) = 4$$

\ast_{12}	1	5	7	11
1	1	5	7	11
5	5	1	11	7
7	7	11	1	5
11	11	7	5	1

Theorem: if p,q distinct primes then

$$\phi(pq) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

pq = # of numbers from 1 to pq

p = # of multiples of q up to pq

q = # of multiples of p up to pq

1 = # of multiple of both p and q up to pq

$$\phi(pq) = pq - p - q + 1 = (p-1)(q-1)$$

$$\phi(15) = \phi(3 \cdot 5) = (3-1)(5-1) = 8$$

Multiplicative inverse of a mod n
 = number b such that $a \cdot b \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Remember,
 only defined for numbers a in \mathbb{Z}_n^*

What is the multiplicative inverse

of $a = 342952340$ in
 $\mathbb{Z}_{4230493243} = \mathbb{Z}_n^*$?

Answer: $a^{-1} = 583739113$

How do you find
multiplicative inverses
fast?

Theorem: given positive integers X, Y , there exist integers r, s such that

$$rX + sY = \gcd(X, Y)$$

and we can find these integers fast!

Extended Euclid Algorithm

Now take n , and a in \mathbb{Z}_n^*

$$\gcd(a, n) = 1 \quad a \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_n^* \Rightarrow \gcd(a, n) = 1$$

Thus, we can find r and s s.t. $r*a + s*n = 1$

$$\text{then } r*a =_n 1$$

$$\text{so, } r = a^{-1} \text{ mod } n$$

Euclid's Algorithm for GCD

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Euclid(A,B)
If B=0 then return A
else return Euclid(B, A mod B)
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Euclid(67,29)    67 - 2*29 = 67 mod 29 = 9
Euclid(29,9)    29 - 3*9 = 29 mod 9 = 2
Euclid(9,2)     9 - 4*2 = 9 mod 2 = 1
Euclid(2,1)    2 - 2*1 = 2 mod 1 = 0
Euclid(1,0) outputs 1
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Extended Euclid Algorithm

Let $\langle r, s \rangle$ denote the number $r*67 + s*29 = 1$.
Calculate all intermediate values in this representation.

$$67 = \langle 1, 0 \rangle \quad 29 = \langle 0, 1 \rangle$$

$$\text{Euclid}(67,29) \quad 9 = \langle 1, 0 \rangle - 2 \langle 0, 1 \rangle \quad 9 = \langle 1 - 2*0, 0 - 2*1 \rangle$$

$$\text{Euclid}(29,9) \quad 2 = \langle 0, 1 \rangle - 3 \langle 1, -2 \rangle \quad 2 = \langle 0 - 3, 1 + 6 \rangle$$

$$\text{Euclid}(9,2) \quad 1 = \langle 1, -2 \rangle - 4 \langle -3, 7 \rangle \quad 1 = \langle 13, -30 \rangle$$

$$\text{Euclid}(2,1) \quad 0 = \langle -3, 7 \rangle - 2 \langle 13, -30 \rangle \quad 0 = \langle -29, 67 \rangle$$

$$\text{Euclid}(1,0) \text{ outputs} \quad 1 = 13*67 - 30*29$$

Finally, a puzzle.



You have a 5 gallon bottle,
a 3 gallon bottle,
and lots of water.

Can you measure out
exactly 4 gallons?

Diophantine equation

Does the equality
 $3x + 5y = 4$
have a solution where x, y are integers?

New bottles of water puzzle

You have a 6 gallon bottle,
a 3 gallon bottle,
and lots of water.

How can you measure out
exactly 4 gallons?

Theorem

The linear equation

$$a x + b y = c$$

has an integer solution in x and y iff $\gcd(a,b)|c$

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has an integer solution in x and y iff $\gcd(a,b)|c$

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(a,b)|a \text{ and } \gcd(a,b)|b \Rightarrow \gcd(a,b)|(a x + b y)$$

$$\Leftarrow \gcd(a,b)|c \Rightarrow c = z * \gcd(a,b)$$

$$\text{On the other hand, } \gcd(a,b) = x_1 a + y_1 b$$

$$z \gcd(a,b) = z x_1 a + z y_1 b$$

$$c = z x_1 a + z y_1 b$$

Hilbert's 10th problem

Hilbert asked for a universal method of solving all
Diophantine equations

$$P(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) = 0$$

with any number of unknowns and integer
coefficients.

In 1970 Y. Matiyasevich proved that the
Diophantine problem is unsolvable.

Exponentiation



How do you compute...

5^8 using few multiplications?

First idea:

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 5^5 \cdot 5^6 \cdot 5^7 \cdot 5^8 \\ = 5 * 5 \\ = 5^2 * 5 \end{aligned}$$

How do you compute...

$$5^8$$

Better idea:

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \quad 5^2 \quad 5^4 \quad 5^8 \\ = 5 * 5 \\ = 5^2 * 5^2 \\ = 5^4 * 5^4 \end{aligned}$$

Used only 3 mults
instead of 7 !!!

Repeated squaring calculates
 a^{2^k}
in k multiply operations

compare with
 $(2^k - 1)$ multiply
operations
used by the naïve method

How do you compute...

$$5^{13}$$

Use repeated squaring again?

$$5 \quad 5^2 \quad 5^4 \quad 5^8$$

Note that $13 = 8 + 4 + 1$

$$13_{10} = (1101)_2$$

$$\text{So } a^{13} = a^8 * a^4 * a^1$$

Two more multiplies!

To compute a^m

Suppose $2^k \leq m < 2^{k+1}$

$$a \quad a^2 \quad a^4 \quad a^8 \quad \dots \quad a^{2^k}$$

This takes k multiplies

Now write m as a sum of distinct powers of 2

$$\text{say, } m = 2^k + 2^{i_1} + 2^{i_2} \dots + 2^{i_t}$$

$$a^m = a^{2^k} * a^{2^{i_1}} * \dots * a^{2^{i_t}}$$

at most k more multiplies

Hence, we can compute
 a^m
while performing at most

$$2 \lfloor \log_2 m \rfloor \text{ multiplies}$$

How do you compute...

$$5^{13} \pmod{11}$$

First idea: Compute 5^{13} using 5 multiplies

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \quad 5^2 \quad 5^4 \quad 5^8 \quad 5^{12} \quad 5^{13} &= 1 \ 220 \ 703 \ 125 \\ &= 5^8 * 5^4 = 5^{12} * 5 \end{aligned}$$

then take the answer mod 11

$$1220703125 \pmod{11} = 4$$

How do you compute...

$$5^{13} \pmod{11}$$

Better idea: keep reducing the answer mod 11

$$\begin{array}{cccccc} 5 & 5^2 & 5^4 & 5^8 & 5^{12} & 5^{13} \\ & \begin{array}{l} 25 \\ \equiv_{11} 3 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} 5^4 \\ \equiv_{11} 9 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} 5^8 \\ \equiv_{11} 81 \\ \equiv_{11} 4 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} 5^{12} \\ \equiv_{11} 36 \\ \equiv_{11} 3 \end{array} & \begin{array}{l} 5^{13} \\ \equiv_{11} 15 \\ \equiv_{11} 4 \end{array} \end{array}$$

Hence, we can compute $a^m \pmod{n}$ while performing at most $2 \lfloor \log_2 m \rfloor$ multiplies

where each time we multiply together numbers with $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$ bits

How do you compute...

$$5^{121242653} \pmod{11}$$

The current best idea would still need about 54 calculations

$$\text{answer} = 4$$

Can we exponentiate any faster?

OK, need a little more number theory for this one...

Fundamental lemma of powers?

If $x \equiv_n y$
Then $a^x \equiv_n a^y$?

NO!

$(2 \equiv_3 5)$, but it is not the case that: $2^2 \equiv_3 2^5$

(Correct) Fundamental lemma of powers.

If $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ and $x \equiv_{\phi(n)} y$ then $a^x \equiv_n a^y$

Equivalently,

for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$, $a^x \equiv_n a^{x \bmod \phi(n)}$

How do you compute...

$$5^{121242653} \pmod{11}$$

$$121242653 \pmod{10} = 3$$

$$5^3 \pmod{11} = 125 \pmod{11} = 4$$

for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$, $a^x \equiv_n a^{x \pmod{\phi(n)}}$

Why did we take mod 10?

for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$, $a^x \equiv_n a^{x \pmod{\phi(n)}}$

Hence, we can compute $a^m \pmod{n}$ while performing at most $2 \lfloor \log_2 \phi(n) \rfloor$ multiplies

where each time we multiply together numbers with $\lfloor \log_2 n \rfloor + 1$ bits

$$343280^{327847324} \pmod{39}$$

Step 1: reduce the base mod 39

Step 2: reduce the exponent mod $\phi(39) = 24$

you should check that $\gcd(343280, 39) = 1$ to use lemma of powers

Step 3: use repeated squaring to compute 2^4 , taking mods at each step

How do you prove the lemma for powers?
for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$, $a^x \equiv_n a^{x \pmod{\phi(n)}}$

Use Euler's Theorem

For $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$, $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv_n 1$

Corollary: Fermat's Little Theorem

For p prime, $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^* \Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv_p 1$

Proof of Euler's Theorem: for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$, $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv_n 1$

Define a $\mathbb{Z}_n^* = \{a \cdot x \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*\}$ for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$

By the permutation property, $\mathbb{Z}_n^* = a\mathbb{Z}_n^*$

$$\prod x \equiv_n \prod ax \quad [\text{as } x \text{ ranges over } \mathbb{Z}_n^*]$$

$$\prod x \equiv_n \prod x \quad (a^{\text{size of } \mathbb{Z}_n^*}) \quad [\text{Commutativity}]$$

$$1 \equiv_n a^{\text{size of } \mathbb{Z}_n^*} \quad [\text{Cancellation}]$$

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv_n 1$$



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Here's What You Need to Know...