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Great Theoretical Ideas in Computer Science

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Number Theory, Cryptography and RSA

Lecture 14 (October 08, 2008)



$$a^{p-1} \equiv_p 1$$

The reduced system modulo n :

$$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$$

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

$$a \oplus b = (a+b \bmod n)$$

$$a \otimes b = (a*b \bmod n)$$

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$+_n$ and $*_n$ are
commutative and associative
binary operators
from $\mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n$

The reduced system
 $\mathbb{Z}_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$

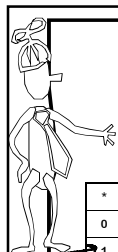
+	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

An operator has
the permutation
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row and each
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permutation of
the elements.

For every n , $+_n$ on $\mathbb{Z}_n$ has the
permutation property

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0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
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3	3	4	5	0	1	2
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What about multiplication?
Does $\cdot_6$ on $\mathbb{Z}_6$ have the permutation property? No

*	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

An operator has the permutation property if each row and each column has a permutation of the elements.



Fundamental lemma of plus, minus, and times modulo 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) $x \cdot a \equiv_n y \cdot b$



Is there a fundamental lemma of division modulo n?

$$cx \equiv_n cy \Rightarrow x \equiv_n y ?$$

No!



$cx \equiv_n cy \stackrel{??}{\Rightarrow} x \equiv_n y$

When can't I divide by c?

If $\text{GCD}(c, n) > 1$ then you can't always divide by c.

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

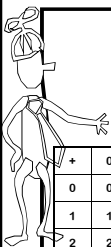
So
Consider the set
 $\mathbb{Z}_n^* = \{x \in \mathbb{Z}_n \mid \text{GCD}(x, n) = 1\}$

Multiplication over this set $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$ will have the cancellation property.



Euler Phi Function $\phi(n)$

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



$Z_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
 $Z_6^* = \{1, 5\}$ $\phi(6) = 2$

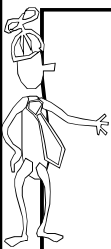
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$Z_{12}^* = \{0 \leq x < 12 \mid \gcd(x, 12) = 1\}$
 $= \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$ $\phi(12) = 4$

* 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



$Z_5^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ $= Z_5 \setminus \{0\}$

* 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

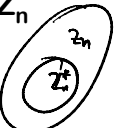
For all primes p , $Z_p^* = Z_p \setminus \{0\}$,
since all $0 < x < p$ satisfy $\gcd(x, p) = 1$

If p prime
 then $\phi(p) = (p-1)$

If p, q distinct primes
 then $\phi(pq) = (p-1)(q-1)$

If p prime
 then $\phi(p^2) = ?$ $p(p-1)$

What are the properties of Z_n^*



For $*$ _{n} on Z_n^* the following properties hold

[Closure]
 $x, y \in Z_n \Rightarrow x * _n y \in Z_n$

[Associativity]
 $x, y, z \in Z_n \Rightarrow (x * _n y) * _n z = x * _n (y * _n z)$

[Commutativity]
 $x, y \in Z_n \Rightarrow x * _n y = y * _n x$



The additive inverse of $a \in Z_n$
 is the unique $b \in Z_n$ such that
 $a + _n b \equiv_n 0$.

We denote this inverse by “ $-a$ ”.

It is trivial to calculate:
 “ $-a$ ” = $(n-a)$.



Efficient algorithm to find multiplicative inverse a^{-1} from a and n .

Extended Euclidean Algorithm(a, n)

Get r, s such that $ra + sn = \gcd(a, n) = 1$

So $ra \equiv_n 1$

Output: r is the multiplicative inverse of a



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Define $+_n$ and $*_n$:
 $a +_n b = (a+b \bmod n)$
 $a *_n b = (a*b \bmod n)$

$\langle Z_n, +_n \rangle$

1. Closed
2. Associative
3. 0 is identity
4. Additive Inverses
5. Cancellation
6. Commutative

$\langle Z_n^*, *_n \rangle$

1. Closed
2. Associative
3. 1 is identity
4. Multiplicative Inverses
5. Cancellation
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$c *_n (a +_n b) \equiv_n (c *_n a) +_n (c *_n b)$

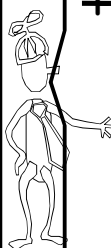
new stuff starts here...

Fundamental Lemmas until now

For x, y, a, b in Z_n , $(x \equiv_n y)$ and $(a \equiv_n b)$.
 Then

- 1) $x + a \equiv_n y + b$
- 2) $x - a \equiv_n y - b$
- 3) $x *_n a \equiv_n y *_n b$

For a, b, c in Z_n^*
 then $ca \equiv_n cb \Rightarrow a \equiv_n b$



~~Fundamental lemma of powers?~~

If $(a \equiv_n b)$ $a \equiv_n b$
 Then $x^a \equiv_n x^b$? $x \in Z_n^*$
 $\Rightarrow x^a \equiv_n x^b$

NO!

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



By the permutation property, two names for the same set:

$Z_n^* = aZ_n^*$
 where
 $\rightarrow aZ_n^* = \{a *_n x \mid x \in Z_n^*\}, a \in Z_n^*$

Example:
 Z_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



Two products on the same set:

$$\checkmark Z_n^* = aZ_n^*$$

$$\checkmark aZ_n^* = \{a \cdot_n x \mid x \in Z_n^*\}, a \in Z_n^*$$

$$\prod x \equiv_n \prod ax \text{ [as } x \text{ ranges over } Z_n^*]$$
~~$$\prod x \equiv_n \left(\prod x \right) (a^{\text{size of } Z_n^*}) \text{ [Commutativity]}$$~~

$$1 =_n a^{\text{size of } Z_n^*} \text{ [Cancellation]}$$

$$a^{\phi(n)} =_n 1$$


Euler's Theorem

$$a \in Z_n^*, a^{\phi(n)} \equiv_n 1$$

Fermat's Little Theorem

$$p \text{ prime}, a \in Z_p^* \Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv_p 1$$


(Correct) Fundamental lemma of powers.

Suppose $x \in Z_n^*$, and a, b, n are naturals.

If $a \equiv_{\phi(n)} b$ Then $x^a \equiv_n x^b$

Equivalently,

~~$$= x^{\frac{a \cdot \phi(n) + 1}{\phi(n)}} = x^{a \cdot \frac{\phi(n)}{\phi(n)} + 1} = x^{a \cdot 1 + 1} = x^{a+1}$$~~

$$x^a \equiv_n x^{a \bmod \phi(n)}$$


Defining negative powers

Suppose $x \in Z_n^*$, and a, n are naturals.

x^{-a} is defined to be the multiplicative inverse of x^a

$$x^{-a} = (x^a)^{-1}$$


Rule of integer exponents

Suppose $x, y \in Z_n^*$, and a, b are integers.

$$(xy)^{-1} \equiv_n x^{-1} y^{-1}$$

$$x^a x^b \equiv_n x^{a+b}$$

~~Can use Lecture 13 to do fast exponentiation!~~

A note about exponentiation

[illegible]

**Suppose $x \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$, and a, n
are naturals.**

$$x^a \equiv_n x^a \bmod \Phi(n)$$

Time to compute

To compute $a^x \pmod{n}$ for $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$
first, get $x' = x \pmod{\Phi(n)}$

By Euler's theorem: $a^x = a^{x'} \pmod{n}$

Hence, we can calculate $a^{x'}$ where $x' \leq n$.

But still that might take $x'-1 \approx n$ steps
if we calculate $a, a^2, a^3, a^4, \dots, a^{x'}$

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Faster exponentiation

How do you compute $a^{x'}$ fast?

Suppose $x' = 2^k$ Suppose $2^k \leq x' < 2^{k+1}$

a	a
$\rightarrow a^2 \pmod n$	$\rightarrow a^2 \pmod n$
$\rightarrow a^4 \pmod n$	$\rightarrow a^4 \pmod n$
...	...
$\rightarrow a^{2^{k-1}} \pmod n$	$\rightarrow a^{2^{k-1}} \pmod n$
$\rightarrow a^{2^k} \pmod n$	$\rightarrow a^{2^k} \pmod n$

} multiply together the appropriate powers

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

a	a	 multiply together the appropriate powers
$\rightarrow a^2 \pmod n$	$\rightarrow a^2 \pmod n$	
$\rightarrow a^4 \pmod n$	$\rightarrow a^4 \pmod n$	
...	...	
$\rightarrow a^{2^{k-1}} \pmod n$	$\rightarrow a^{2^{k-1}} \pmod n$	
$\rightarrow a^{2^k} \pmod n$	$\rightarrow a^{2^k} \pmod n$	

How much time did this take?

Only $2 \log x'$ multiplications

Instead of $(x'-1)$ multiplications

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Ok, back to number theory

Agreeing on a secret

Random R

$$(m \oplus R) \oplus (m' \oplus R) = m \oplus m'$$

Alice and Bob have never talked before
but they want to agree on a secret...

How can they do this?

Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange

Alice:

Picks prime p , and a value g in $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$

Picks random a in $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$

Sends over $(p, g, g^a \pmod p)$

$$a(g^b)^c = g^{abc}$$

Bob:

Picks random b in $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$, and sends over $(g^b \pmod p)$

$$b(g^a)^c = g^{abc}$$

Now both can compute $g^{ab} \pmod p$

Eve knows p, g, g^a, g^b

What about Eve?

Alice:

Picks prime p , and a value g in $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$

Picks random a in $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$

Sends over $p, g, g^a \pmod p$

Bob:

Picks random b in $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$, and sends over $g^b \pmod p$

Now both can compute $g^{ab} \pmod p$

If Eve's just listening in, she sees p, g, g^a, g^b

It's believed that computing $g^{ab} \pmod p$ from just this information is not easy...

btw, discrete logarithms seem hard

Discrete-Log:

Given $p, g, g^a \pmod p$, compute a

$\uparrow \uparrow \uparrow$

How fast can you do this?

If you can do discrete-logs fast,
you can solve the Diffie-Hellman problem fast.

How about the other way? If you can break the DH
key exchange protocol, do discrete logs fast?

The RSA Cryptosystem

Our dramatis personae



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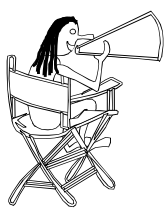
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Euler



Fermat



Pick secret, random large primes: p, q
 Multiply $n = p \cdot q$
 "Publish": n
 $\phi(n) = \phi(p) \phi(q) = (p-1)(q-1)$
 Pick random $e \in \mathbb{Z}_{\phi(n)}^*$ ← *could be nonrandom...*
 "Publish": e
 Compute $d = \text{inverse of } e \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_{\phi(n)}^*$
 Hence, $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$
 "Private Key": d



p, q random primes
 $e \text{ random} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\phi(n)}^*$
 $n = p \cdot q$
 $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$

n, e is my public key.
 Use it to send me a message.



p, q prime, $e \text{ random} \in \mathbb{Z}_{\phi(n)}^*$
 $n = p \cdot q$
 $e \cdot d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$

n, e

message m

$m^e \pmod{n}$

$(m^e)^d \equiv_n m$

$m^ed \equiv_n m^{ed \pmod{\phi(n)}} \equiv_n m$

Alice

$p=11$
 $q=3$
 $n=33$
 $e=3$
 $\phi(p)=20$
 $d=3^{-1} \pmod{20} = 7$

Message

$n=33$
 $e=3$

Bob

$m=7$

$7^3 \pmod{33} = 7^3 \equiv_n 13$

$(13)^d \equiv 13^7 \pmod{33}$
 $\equiv 13^3 \cdot 13^3 \cdot 13$
 $\equiv (2197) \cdot 13 \equiv 19 \cdot 13 \equiv 4693 \equiv 7$

How hard is cracking RSA?

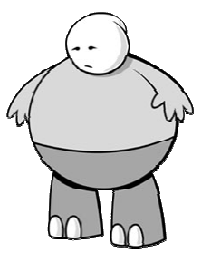
If we can factor products of two large primes, can we crack RSA?

$n, \phi(n)$

If we know $\phi(n)$, can we crack RSA?

How about the other way? Does cracking RSA mean we must do one of these two?

We don't know..



Here's What You Need to Know...

- Fundamental lemma of powers
- Euler phi function $\phi(n) = |\mathbb{Z}_n^*|$
- Euler's theorem
- Fermat's little theorem
- Fast exponentiation
- Diffie-Hellman Key Exchange
- RSA algorithm