

Great Theoretical Ideas In Computer Science		
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Modular Arithmetic and the RSA Cryptosystem



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



$$\text{MAX}(a,b) + \text{MIN}(a,b) = a+b$$



$n|m$ means that m is an integer multiple of n .

We say that " n divides m ".

True: $5|25$ $2|-66$ $7|35$,
False: $4|5$ $8|2$



Greatest Common Divisor:

$$\text{GCD}(x,y) = \text{greatest } k \geq 1 \text{ s.t. } k|x \text{ and } k|y.$$

GCD: Greatest Common Divisor

What is the GCD of 12 and 18?

$$12 = 2^2 * 3 \quad 16 = 2 * 3^2$$

Common factors: 2^1 and 3^1

Answer: 6



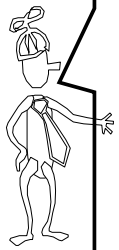
Least Common Multiple:

$$\text{LCM}(x,y) = \text{smallest } k \geq 1 \text{ s.t. } x|k \text{ and } y|k..$$

Prop:

$$\text{GCD}(x,y) = xy / \text{LCM}(x,y)$$

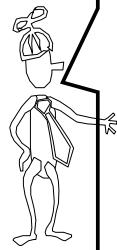
$$\text{LCM}(x,y) = xy / \text{GCD}(x,y)$$



$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCD}(x,y) &= xy/\text{LCM}(x,y) \\ \text{LCM}(x,y) &= xy/\text{GCD}(x,y) \end{aligned}$$

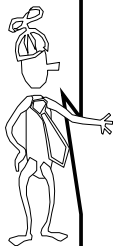
$$x = 2^2 \cdot 3 = 12; y = 3^2 \cdot 5 = 45$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCD}(12,45) &= 3 \\ \text{LCM}(12,45) &= 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 = 180 \\ x \cdot y &= 540 \end{aligned}$$



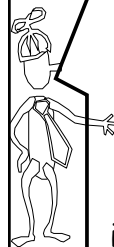
$$\text{GCD}(x,y) * \text{LCM}(x,y) = xy$$

$$\text{MAX}(a,b) + \text{MIN}(a,b) = a+b$$



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

If $ad + r = n$, $0 \leq r < n$
Then $r = (a \bmod n)$
and $d = (a \text{ div } n)$



Modular equivalence of integers a and b :

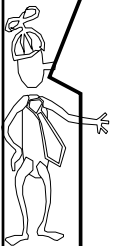
$$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

$$a \equiv_n b$$

" a and b are equivalent modulo n "

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

iff $n \mid (a-b)$



31 equals 81 modulo 2

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

$$31 \equiv_2 81$$

$$(31 \bmod 2) = 1 = (81 \bmod 2)$$

$$2 \mid (31 - 81)$$

$\equiv_n$ is an equivalence relation

In other words,

Reflexive:

$$a \equiv_n a$$

Symmetric:

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

Transitive:

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



$$a \equiv_n b \leftrightarrow n|(a-b)$$
 "a and b are equivalent modulo n"
 $\equiv_n$ induces a natural partition of the integers into n classes:
 a and b are said to be in the same "residue class" or "congruence class" exactly when $a \equiv_n b$.



$$a \equiv_n b \leftrightarrow n|(a-b)$$
 "a and b are equivalent modulo n"
 Define the residue class [i] to be the set of all integers that are congruent to i modulo n.



Residue Classes Mod 3:
 $[0] = \{ \dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots \}$
 $[1] = \{ \dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots \}$
 $[2] = \{ \dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots \}$
 $[-6] = \{ \dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots \}$
 $[7] = \{ \dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots \}$
 $[-1] = \{ \dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots \}$



Equivalence mod n implies equivalence mod any divisor of n.
 If $(x \equiv_n y)$ and $(k|n)$
 Then: $x \equiv_k y$
 Example: $10 \equiv_6 16 \Rightarrow 10 \equiv_3 16$



If $(x \equiv_n y)$ and $(k|n)$
 Then: $x \equiv_k y$
Proof:
 Recall, $x \equiv_n y \Leftrightarrow n|(x-y)$
 $k|n$ and $n|(x-y)$
 Hence, $k|(x-y)$
 Of course, $k|(x-y) \Rightarrow x \equiv_k y$



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) $xa \equiv_n yb$

Equivalently,

If $n|(x-y)$ and $n|(a-b)$ Then:

- 1) $n|(x-y + a-b)$
- 2) $n|(x-y - [a-b])$
- 3) $n|(xa-yb)$

Proof of 3:

$$xa-yb = a(x-y) - y(b-a)$$

$$n|a(x-y) \text{ and } n|y(b-a)$$

Fundamental lemma of plus minus, and times modulo n:

When doing plus, minus, and time modulo n, I can at any time in the calculation replace a number with a number in the same residue class modulo n

Please calculate in your head:

$$329 * 666 \text{ mod } 331$$

$$-2 * 4 = -8 = 323$$

A Unique Representation System Modulo n:

We pick exactly one representative from each residue class. We do all our calculations using the representatives.

Unique representation system modulo 3

Finite set $S = \{0, 1, 2\}$

+ and * defined on S:

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

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

Unique representation system modulo 3

Finite set $S = \{0, 1, -1\}$

+ and * defined on S:

+	0	1	-1
0	0	1	-1
1	1	-1	0
-1	-1	0	1

*	0	1	-1
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	-1
-1	0	-1	1



The reduced system modulo n :

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

Define $+_n$ and $*_n$:

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

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


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

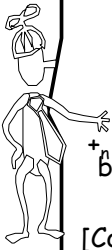
$$a +_n b = (a+b \bmod n) \quad a *_n b = (a*b \bmod n)$$

$+_n$ and $*_n$ are associative binary operators from $Z_n \times Z_n \rightarrow Z_n$:

When $\heartsuit = +_n$ or $*_n$:

[Closure] $x, y \in Z_n \Rightarrow x \heartsuit y \in Z_n$

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



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

$$a +_n b = (a+b \bmod n) \quad a *_n b = (a*b \bmod n)$$

$+_n$ and $*_n$ are commutative, associative binary operators from $Z_n \times Z_n \rightarrow Z_n$:

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



The reduced system modulo 3

$$Z_3 = \{0, 1, 2\}$$

Two binary, associative operators on Z_3 :

$+_3$	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	1

$*_3$	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1



The reduced system modulo 2

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

Two binary, associative operators on Z_2 :

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

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



The Boolean interpretation of $Z_2 = \{0, 1\}$

0 means FALSE 1 means TRUE

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

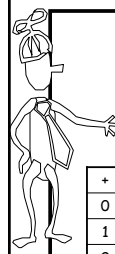
$*_2$ AND	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1



The reduced system $Z_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$

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

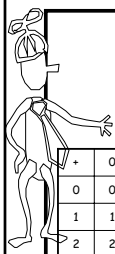
*	0	1	2	3
0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3
2	0	2	0	2
3	0	3	2	1



The reduced system $Z_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

+	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

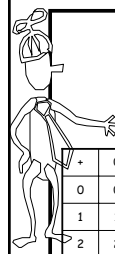
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1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	1	3
3	0	3	1	4	2
4	0	4	3	2	1



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

+	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

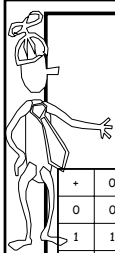
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2	0	2	4	0	2	4
3	0	3	0	3	0	3
4	0	4	2	0	4	2
5	0	5	4	3	2	1



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

+	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

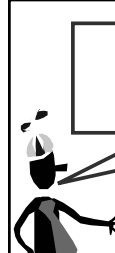
An operator has the permutation property if each row and each column has a permutation of the elements.



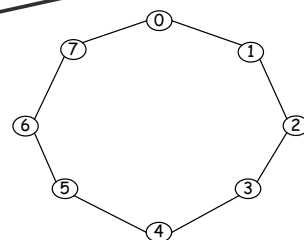
For every n , $+_n$ on Z_n has the permutation property

+	0	1	2	3	4	5
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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
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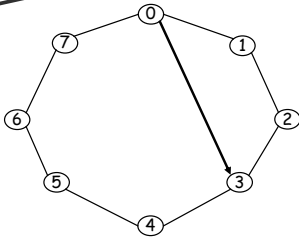
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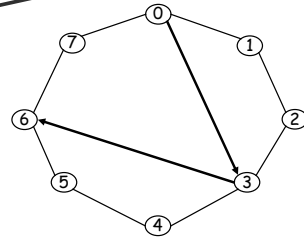
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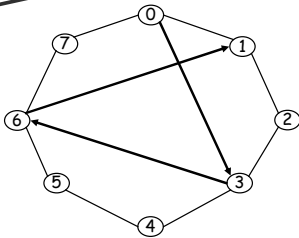
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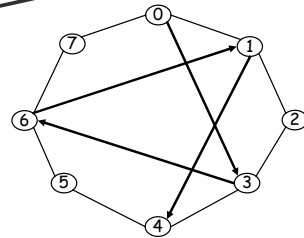
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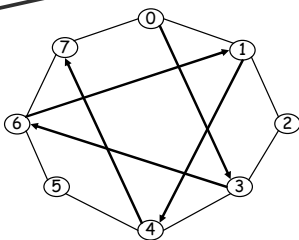
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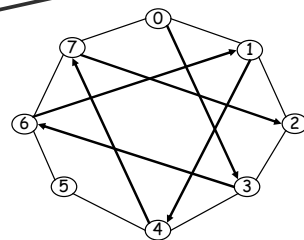
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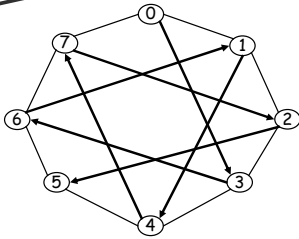
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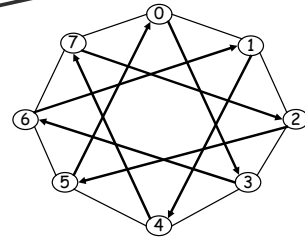
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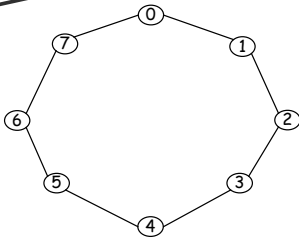
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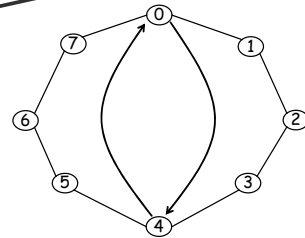
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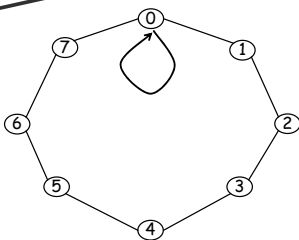
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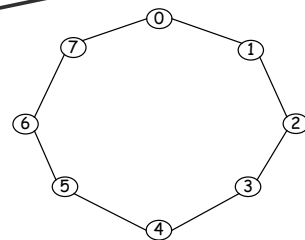
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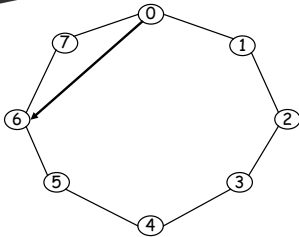
There is exactly 1 distinct multiple of 8 modulo 8



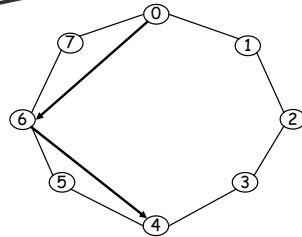
There are exactly 4 distinct multiples of 6 modulo 8



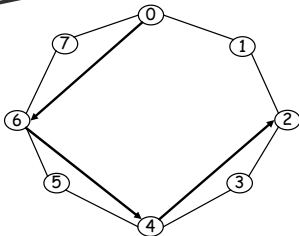
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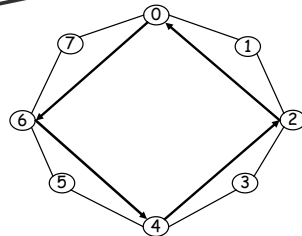
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There are exactly ? distinct
multiples of ? modulo ?

Can you see the general rule?

There are exactly $\text{LCM}(n,c)/c$ distinct
multiples of c modulo n

There are exactly $\text{LCM}(n,c)/c$ distinct multiples of c modulo n

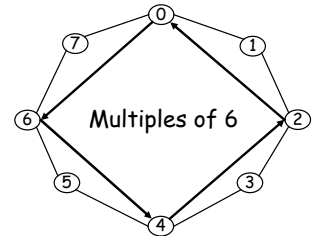
There are exactly $n/(\text{LCM}(n,c))$ distinct multiples of c modulo n

There are exactly $n/\text{GCD}(c,n)$ distinct multiples of c modulo n



The multiples of c modulo n is the set:

$$\{0, c, c +_n c, c +_n c +_n c, \dots\} \\ = \{kc \bmod n \mid 0 \leq k \leq \frac{n}{\text{GCD}(c,n)} - 1\}$$



Theorem: There are exactly $k = n/\text{GCD}(c,n) = \text{LCM}(c,n)/c$ distinct multiples of c modulo n : $\{c*i \bmod n \mid 0 \leq i < k\}$

Clearly, $c/\text{GCD}(c,n) \geq 1$ is a whole number
 $ck = n [c/\text{GCD}(c,n)] \equiv_n 0$

There are $\leq k$ distinct multiples of $c \bmod n$:

$$c*0, c*1, c*2, \dots, c*(k-1)$$

k is all the factors of n missing from c

$$cx \equiv_n cy \Leftrightarrow n | c(x-y) \Rightarrow k | (x-y) \Rightarrow x-y \geq k$$

There are $\geq k$ multiples of c



Is there a fundamental lemma of division modulo n ?

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



Is there a fundamental lemma of division modulo n ?

$$cx \equiv_n cy \Rightarrow x \equiv_n y ? \text{ NO!}$$

If $c \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, $cx \equiv_n cy$ for any x and y . Canceling the c is like dividing by zero.



Repaired fundamental lemma of division modulo n ?

$$c \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n}, cx \equiv_n cy \Rightarrow x \equiv_n y ?$$

$$2*2 \equiv_6 2*5, \text{ but not } 2 \equiv_6 5.$$

$$6*3 \equiv_{10} 6*8, \text{ but not } 3 \equiv_{10} 8.$$



When can I divide by c ?

Theorem: There are exactly $n/\text{GCD}(c,n)$ distinct multiples of c modulo n .

Corollary: If $\text{GCD}(c,n) > 1$, then the number of multiples of c is less than n .

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

Proof: There must exist distinct $x, y < n$ such that $c \cdot x = c \cdot y$ (but $x \neq y$)

Fundamental lemma of division modulo n .

$$\text{GCD}(c,n)=1, ca \equiv_n cb \Rightarrow a \equiv_n b$$

$$ab = ac \pmod n$$

$$n \mid (ab - ac)$$

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

$$n \mid b - c$$

$$b = c \pmod n$$

since $(a, n) = 1$

Corollary for general c :

$$cx \equiv_n cy \Rightarrow x \equiv_{n/\text{GCD}(c,n)} y$$

$$cx \equiv_n cy$$

$$\Rightarrow cx \equiv_{n/(c,n)} cy \text{ and } (c, n/\text{gcd}(c,n)) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv_{n/(c,n)} y$$

Fundamental lemma of division modulo n .

$$\text{GCD}(c,n)=1, ca \equiv_n cb \Rightarrow a \equiv_n b$$

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

Multiplication over Z_n^* will have 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

Suppose $\text{GCD}(x,n) = 1$ and $\text{GCD}(y,n) = 1$

Let $z = xy$ and $z' = (xy \pmod n)$

It is obvious that $\text{GCD}(z,n) = 1$

It requires a moment to convince ourselves that $\text{GCD}(z',n) = 1$

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

$\star_n$ is an associative, binary operator. In particular, Z_n^* is closed under $\star_n$:

$$x,y \in Z_n^* \Rightarrow x \star_n y \in Z_n^*.$$

Proof: Let $z = xy$. Let $z' = z \bmod n$. $z = z' + kn$.

Suppose there exists a prime $p > 1$ $p \mid z'$ and $p \mid n$.

z is the sum of two multiples of p , so $p \mid z$.

$p \mid z \Rightarrow$ that $p \mid x$ or $p \mid y$. Contradiction of $x,y \in Z_n^*$

$$Z_{12}^* = \{1,5,7,11\}$$

$\star_{12}$	1	5	7	11
1	1	5	7	11
5	5	1	11	7
7	7	11	1	5
11	11	7	5	1

$$Z_{15}^*$$

*	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
1	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
2	2	4	8	14	1	7	11	13
4	4	8	1	13	2	14	7	11
7	7	14	13	4	11	2	1	8
8	8	1	2	11	4	13	14	7
11	11	7	14	2	13	1	8	4
13	13	11	7	1	14	8	4	2
14	14	13	11	8	7	4	2	1

The column permutation property is equivalent to the right cancellation property:

$$[b \star a = c \star a] \Rightarrow b=c$$

*	1	2	a	4
b	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
c	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1

The row permutation property is equivalent to the left cancellation property:

$$[a \star b = a \star c] \Rightarrow b=c$$

*	b	2	c	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
a	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1

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

$\star_5$	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
3	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1



Euler Phi Function

$$\Phi(n) = \text{size of } Z_n^*$$

= number of $1 \leq k < n$ that are relatively prime to n .

p prime $\Rightarrow Z_p^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$
 $\Rightarrow \Phi(p) = p-1$



$Z_{12}^* = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$
 $\phi(12) = 4$

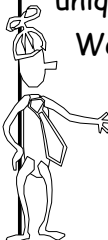
$*_{12}$	1	5	7	11
1	1	5	7	11
5	5	1	11	7
7	7	11	1	5
11	11	7	5	1

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

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

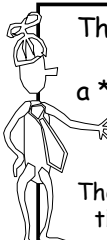
$$\phi(pq) = pq - p - q + 1 = (p-1)(q-1)$$


Let's consider how we do arithmetic in Z_n and in Z_n^*



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:
 $-a = (n-a)$.



The multiplicative inverse of $a \in Z_n^*$ is the unique $b \in Z_n^*$ such that $a *_n b \equiv_n 1$. We denote this inverse by " a^{-1} " or " $1/a$ ".

The unique inverse of a must exist because the a row contains a permutation of the elements and hence contains a unique 1.

$*$	1	b	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
a	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1



$Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$
 $Z_n^* = \{x \in Z_n \mid \text{GCD}(x, n) = 1\}$

Define $+_n$ and $*_n$:

$$a +_n b = (a+b \bmod n) \quad a *_n b = (a*b \bmod n)$$

$$c *_n (a +_n b) \equiv_n (c *_n a) +_n (c *_n b)$$

$\langle Z_n, +_n \rangle$	$\langle Z_n^*, *_n \rangle$
1. Closed	1. Closed
2. Associative	2. Associative
3. 0 is identity	3. 1 is identity
4. Additive Inverses	4. Multiplicative Inverses
5. Cancellation	5. Cancellation
6. Commutative	6. Commutative

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Efficient algorithm to compute a^{-1} from a and n .



Execute the Extended Euclid Algorithm on a and n (previous lecture). It will give two integers r and s such that:

$$ra + sn = \text{GCD}(a, n) = 1$$

Taking both sides mod n , we obtain:

$$ra \equiv_n 1$$

Output r , which is the inverse of a



Fundamental lemma of powers?

If $(a \equiv_n b)$
Then $x^a \equiv_n x^b$?



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NO!

$(16 \equiv_{15} 1)$, but it is not the case that: $2^1 \equiv_{15} 2^{16}$



Calculate $a^b \bmod n$:

Except for b , work in a reduced mod system to keep all intermediate results less than $\lfloor \log_2(n) \rfloor + 1$ bits long.

Phase I (Repeated Multiplication)

For $\lfloor \log b \rfloor$ steps

multiply largest so far by a
($a, a^2, a^4, \dots$)

Phase II (Make a^b from bits and pieces)

Expand n in binary to see how n is the sum powers of 2. Assemble a^b by multiplying together appropriate powers of a .



Two names for the same set:

$$Z_n^* = Z_n^a$$

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

*	b	2	4
1	1	2	4
2	2	4	1
a	3	1	2
4	4	3	2



Two products on the same set:

$$Z_n^a = \{a \star_n x \mid x \in Z_n^*\}, a \in Z_n^*$$

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

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

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

$$a^{\Phi(n)} = 1$$


Euler's Theorem

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

Fermat's Little Theorem

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


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,

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


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.

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

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

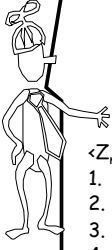

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Equivalently,

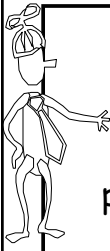
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Quick raising to power.

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Euler Phi Function

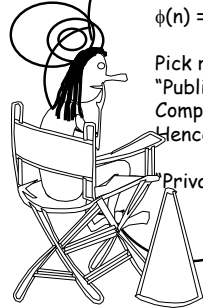
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The RSA Cryptosystem

Rivest, Shamir, and Adelman (1978)

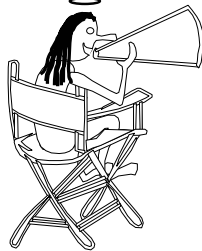
RSA is one of the most used cryptographic protocols on the net. Your browser uses it to establish a secure session with a site.



Pick secret, random k -bit primes: p, q
 "Publish": $n = p * q$
 $\phi(n) = \phi(p) \phi(q) = (p-1)(q-1)$

Pick random $e \in Z_{\phi(n)}^*$
 "Publish": e
 Compute $d = \text{inverse of } e \text{ in } Z_{\phi(n)}^*$
 Hence, $e * d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$

Private Key": d



p, q random primes, e random $\in Z_{\phi(n)}^*$
 $n = p * q$
 $e * d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$

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



p, q prime, e random $\in Z_{\phi(n)}^*$
 $n = p * q$
 $e * d = 1 \pmod{\phi(n)}$

n, e

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