

## Number Theory

① Bezout, theorem proof and Example:

Inverse of 101 mod 46020.

Soln:

Bezout's identity states that if  $a$  and  $b$  are integers with a greatest common divisor  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ , then there exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $ax + by = d$ .

Proof:

Consider the set  $S$  of all linear combinations of  $a$  and  $b$  that result in a positive integer:

$$S = \{ma + nb \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, ma + nb > 0\}$$

Since at least one of  $a$  or  $b$  is non-zero, the set  $S$  is not empty. For example, if  $a \neq 0$ , then  $|a| = (\pm 1)a + 0b$  will be in  $S$ .

Let's call this smallest element  $d$ .

Because  $d$  is in the  $S$ , there exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that, ~~ax + by =~~  
 $ax + by = d$ .

Now our goal is to show that  $d$  is indeed the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ ; we need to show two things:

1.  $d$  is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ .

Suppose  $d$  doesn't divide  $a$ . Then by the Division Algorithm, we can write  $a = qd + r$ , where  $q$  is the quotient and  $r$  is the remainder with  $0 < r < d$ .

Substituting  $d = ax + by$ , into this equation we get,

$$\pi = a - ad = a - a(ax + by) = a(1 - ax) + b(-ay). \pi \text{ is positive}$$

A linear combination of  $a$  and  $a$  smaller than  $d$ , which is a contradiction.

2. Any common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  also divides  $d$ .

Let,  $c$  be any common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ . This means that there exist integers  $k$  and  $l$  such that  $a = kc$  and  $b = lc$ . Substituting these into the equation  $d = ax + by$ , we get,

$$d = (kc)x + (lc)y = c(kx + ly)$$



Since,  $kx + ky$  is an integer, this equation shows that  $c$  divides  $d$ ,

Therefore,  $d = \gcd(a, b)$

This completes the proof of Bezout's identity

Find the inverse of  $101 \pmod{4620}$ .

We want to find  $x$  such that,

$$101x \equiv 1 \pmod{4620}$$

This means we need to solve:  $101x + 4620y = 1$

Using Bezout's theorem,

Step 1: Apply the Euclidean Algorithm, we divide until the remainder is 0:

$$4620 = 45 \times 101 + 75 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$101 = 1 \times 75 + 26 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$75 = 4 \times 26 + 23 \quad \text{--- (3)}$$

$$26 = 1 \times 23 + 3 \quad \text{--- (4)}$$

$$23 = 7 \times 3 + 2 \quad \text{--- (5)}$$

$$3 = 1 \times 2 + 1 \quad \text{--- (6)}$$

$$2 = 2 \times 1 + 0 \quad \text{--- Done}$$

So,  $\gcd(101, 4620) = 1$ , so, inverse exists.

Setp 2: Back-substitute to express 1 as a combination of 101 and 4620

from step (6):  $1 = 3 - 1 \cdot 2$

from step (5):  $23 = 23 - 7 \cdot 3$

from step (4):  $1 = 3 - 1(23 - 7 \cdot 3) = 8 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 23$

$3 = 26 - 1 \cdot 23$

$1 = 8(26 - 1 \cdot 23) - 1 \cdot 23$   
 $= 8 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot 23$

from step (3):

$23 = 75 - 2 \cdot 26$

$1 = 8 \cdot 26 - 9(75 - 2 \cdot 26)$

$= 8 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot 75 + 18 \cdot 26$

$= (8 + 18) \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot 75$

$= 26 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot 75$

from step (2):

$26 = 101 - 1 \cdot 75$

$1 = 26(101 - 1 \cdot 75) - 9 \cdot 75$

$= 26 \cdot 101 - (26 + 9) \cdot 75$

$= 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot 75$



From step (1):  $75 = 4620 - 45 \cdot 101$

$$1 = 26 \cdot 101 - 35(4620 - 45 \cdot 101) \\ = 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot 4620 + 1575 \cdot 101$$

$$= (26 + 1575) \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot 4620 \\ = 1601 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot 4620$$

final result:  $1 = 1601 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot 4620$

So, the inverse of  $101 \pmod{4620}$  is

$$101^{-1} \equiv 1601 \pmod{4620}$$

Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT):-

Statement:

Let,  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  be pairwise coprime integers and  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , Then the system,

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1}$$

$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2}$$

$$\vdots \\ x \equiv a_k \pmod{n_k}$$

Proof Sketch: (1)  $a_i \not\equiv 0 \pmod{n_i}$

Let,  $N = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$ , for each  $i$ , define:

$N_i = \frac{N}{n_i}$ , and find  $M_i$  such that

$$N_i M_i \equiv 1 \pmod{n_i}$$

Then, define the solution:

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i M_i N_i \pmod{N}$$

Each term  $a_i N_i M_i \equiv a_i \pmod{n_i}$  and  $\equiv 0 \pmod{n_j}$

for,  $j \neq i$ .

Fermat's Little Theorem:

If  $p$  is a prime number, and  $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

then,  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Proof:

Let,  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , The set  $\{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$  forms a multiplicative group modulo  $p$

Then, multiplication by  $a$  permutes this set:  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{p-1}$

$$a^{p-1} \cdot (p-1)! \equiv (p-1)! \pmod{p}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Example: Compute,  $7^{222} \pmod{11}$

use Fermat's little theorem,

$$7^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{11} \text{ (since 11 is prime)}$$

Now,

$$222 = 10 \cdot 22 + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 7^{222} = (7^{10})^{22} \cdot 7^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 7^{222} &= 1^{22} \cdot 7^2 = 49 \pmod{11} \\ &= 49 - 4 \cdot 11 \\ &= 49 - 44 = 5. \end{aligned}$$