

# Chapter 2

## Introduction to Number Theory

# Divisibility

- We say that a nonzero  $b$  **divides**  $a$  if  $a = mb$  for some  $m$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $m$  are integers
- $b$  divides  $a$  if there is no remainder on division
- The notation  $b \mid a$  is commonly used to mean  $b$  divides  $a$
- If  $b \mid a$  we say that  $b$  is a **divisor** of  $a$

The positive divisors of 24 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, and 24  
 $13 \mid 182$ ;  $-5 \mid 30$ ;  $17 \mid 289$ ;  $-3 \mid 33$ ;  $17 \mid 0$

# Properties of Divisibility

- If  $a \mid 1$ , then  $a = \pm 1$
- If  $a \mid b$  and  $b \mid a$ , then  $a = \pm b$
- Any  $b \neq 0$  divides 0
- If  $a \mid b$  and  $b \mid c$ , then  $a \mid c$
- If  $b \mid g$  and  $b \mid h$ , then  $b \mid (mg + nh)$  for arbitrary integers  $m$  and  $n$

$$11 \mid 66 \text{ and } 66 \mid 198 = 11 \mid 198$$

# Properties of Divisibility

- To see this last point, note that:
  - If  $b \mid g$ , then  $g$  is of the form  $g = b * g_1$  for some integer  $g_1$
  - If  $b \mid h$ , then  $h$  is of the form  $h = b * h_1$  for some integer  $h_1$
- So:
  - $mg + nh = mbg_1 + nbh_1 = b * (mg_1 + nh_1)$   
and therefore  $b$  divides  $mg + nh$

$$b = 7; g = 14; h = 63; m = 3; n = 2$$

$$7 \mid 14 \text{ and } 7 \mid 63.$$

$$\text{To show } 7 \mid (3 * 14 + 2 * 63),$$

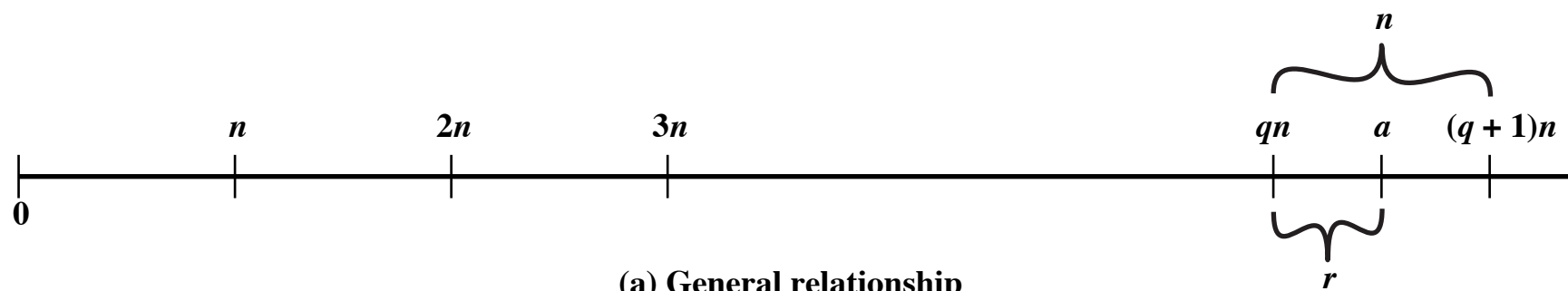
$$\text{we have } (3 * 14 + 2 * 63) = 7(3 * 2 + 2 * 9),$$

$$\text{and it is obvious that } 7 \mid (7(3 * 2 + 2 * 9)).$$

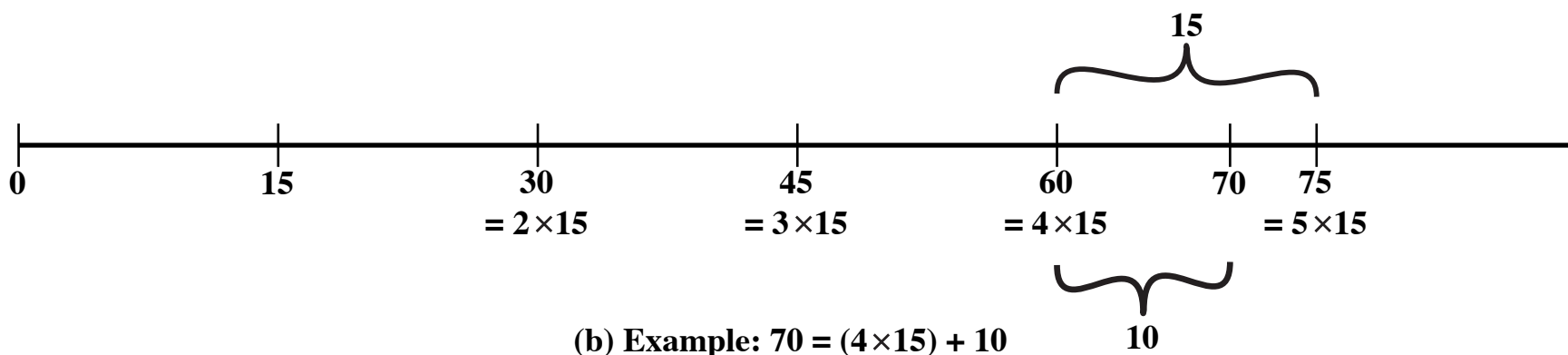
# Division Algorithm

- Given any positive integer  $n$  and any nonnegative integer  $a$ , if we divide  $a$  by  $n$  we get an integer quotient  $q$  and an integer remainder  $r$  that obey the following relationship:

$$a = qn + r \qquad 0 \leq r < n; q = \lfloor a/n \rfloor$$



(a) General relationship



(b) Example:  $70 = (4 \times 15) + 10$

**Figure 2.1** The Relationship  $a = qn + r$ ;  $0 \leq r < n$

# Greatest Common Divisor (GCD)

- The greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  is the largest integer that divides both  $a$  and  $b$
- We can use the notation  $\gcd(a,b)$  to mean the **greatest common divisor** of  $a$  and  $b$
- We also define  $\gcd(0,0) = 0$
- Positive integer  $c$  is said to be the gcd of  $a$  and  $b$  if:
  - $c$  is a divisor of  $a$  and  $b$
  - Any divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  is a divisor of  $c$
- An equivalent definition is:

$$\gcd(a,b) = \max[k, \text{ such that } k \mid a \text{ and } k \mid b]$$

# Modular Arithmetic

- The modulus

- If  $a$  is an integer and  $n$  is a positive integer, we define  $a \bmod n$  to be the remainder when  $a$  is divided by  $n$ ; the integer  $n$  is called the **modulus**

- Thus, for any integer  $a$ :

$$a = qn + r \quad 0 \leq r < n; \quad q = [a/n]$$

$$a = [a/n] * n + (a \bmod n)$$

$$11 \bmod 7 = 4; \quad -11 \bmod 7 = 3$$



# Modular Arithmetic

- Congruent modulo  $n$ 
  - Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are said to be **congruent modulo  $n$**  if  $(a \bmod n) = (b \bmod n)$
  - This is written as  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$
  - Note that if  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ , then  $n \mid a$

$$73 \equiv 4 \pmod{23}; \quad 21 \equiv -9 \pmod{10}$$

# Properties of Congruences

- Congruences have the following properties:
  1.  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if  $n \mid (a - b)$
  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  $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$
- To demonstrate the first point, if  $n \mid (a - b)$ , then  $(a - b) = kn$  for some  $k$ 
  - So we can write  $a = b + kn$
  - Therefore,  $(a \bmod n) = (\text{remainder when } b + kn \text{ is divided by } n) = (\text{remainder when } b \text{ is divided by } n) = (b \bmod n)$

$$\begin{aligned} 23 &\equiv 8 \pmod{5} \text{ because } 23 - 8 = 15 = 5 * 3 \\ -11 &\equiv 5 \pmod{8} \text{ because } -11 - 5 = -16 = 8 * (-2) \\ 81 &\equiv 0 \pmod{27} \text{ because } 81 - 0 = 81 = 27 * 3 \end{aligned}$$

# Modular Arithmetic

- Modular arithmetic exhibits the following properties:
  1.  $[(a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a + b) \bmod n$
  2.  $[(a \bmod n) - (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a - b) \bmod n$
  3.  $[(a \bmod n) * (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a * b) \bmod n$
- We demonstrate the first property:
  - Define  $(a \bmod n) = r_a$  and  $(b \bmod n) = r_b$ . Then we can write  $a = r_a + jn$  for some integer  $j$  and  $b = r_b + kn$  for some integer  $k$
  - Then:
$$\begin{aligned}(a + b) \bmod n &= (r_a + jn + r_b + kn) \bmod n \\&= (r_a + r_b + (k + j)n) \bmod n \\&= (r_a + r_b) \bmod n \\&= [(a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n)] \bmod n\end{aligned}$$

# Remaining Properties:

- Examples of the three remaining properties:

$$11 \bmod 8 = 3; \quad 15 \bmod 8 = 7$$

$$[(11 \bmod 8) + (15 \bmod 8)] \bmod 8 = 10 \bmod 8 = 2$$

$$(11 + 15) \bmod 8 = 26 \bmod 8 = 2$$

$$[(11 \bmod 8) - (15 \bmod 8)] \bmod 8 = -4 \bmod 8 = 4$$

$$(11 - 15) \bmod 8 = -4 \bmod 8 = 4$$

$$[(11 \bmod 8) * (15 \bmod 8)] \bmod 8 = 21 \bmod 8 = 5$$

$$(11 * 15) \bmod 8 = 165 \bmod 8 = 5$$

# Exponentiation: by repeated multiplication

To find  $11^7 \bmod 13$ , we can proceed as follows:

$$11^2 = 121 \equiv 4 \pmod{13}$$

$$11^4 = (11^2)^2 \equiv 4^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$$

$$11^7 = 11 \times 11^2 \times 11^4$$

$$11^7 \equiv 11 \times 4 \times 3 \equiv 132 \equiv 2 \pmod{13}$$

Table 2.2(a)  
Arithmetic Modulo 8

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

Table 2.2(b)

# Multiplication Modulo 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	4	6	0	2	4	6
3	0	3	6	1	4	7	2	5
4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4
5	0	5	2	7	4	1	6	3
6	0	6	4	2	0	6	4	2
7	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Table 2.2(c)

Additive  
and  
Multiplicative  
Inverse  
Modulo 8

	$w$	$-w$	$w^{-1}$
0	0	0	—
1	1	7	1
2	2	6	—
3	3	5	3
4	4	4	—
5	5	3	5
6	6	2	—
7	7	1	7



# Table 2.3

## Properties of Modular Arithmetic for Integers in $Z_n$

Property	Expression
Commutative Laws	$(w + x) \bmod n = (x + w) \bmod n$ $(w \times x) \bmod n = (x \times w) \bmod n$
Associative Laws	$[(w + x) + y] \bmod n = [w + (x + y)] \bmod n$ $[(w \times x) \times y] \bmod n = [w \times (x \times y)] \bmod n$
Distributive Law	$[w \times (x + y)] \bmod n = [(w \times x) + (w \times y)] \bmod n$
Identities	$(0 + w) \bmod n = w \bmod n$ $(1 \times w) \bmod n = w \bmod n$
Additive Inverse $(-w)$	For each $w \in Z_n$ , there exists a $z$ such that $w + z \equiv 0 \bmod n$

# GCD

- Because we require that the greatest common divisor be positive,  
 $\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(a,-b) = \gcd(-a,b) = \gcd(-a,-b)$
- In general,  $\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(|a|, |b|)$

$$\gcd(60, 24) = \gcd(60, -24) = 12$$

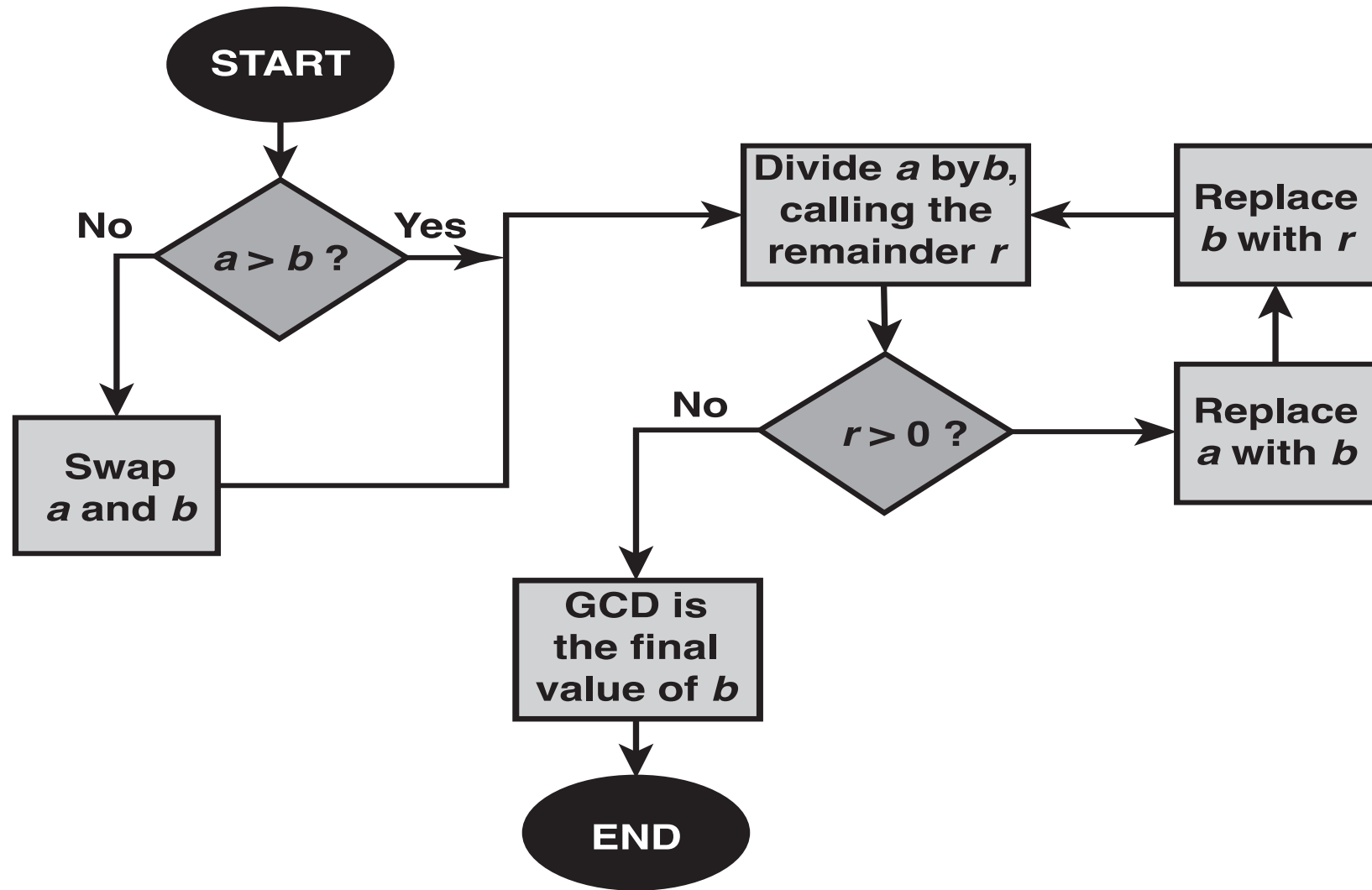
- Also, because all nonzero integers divide 0, we have  $\gcd(a,0) = |a|$
- We stated that two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime if their only common positive integer factor is 1; this is equivalent to saying that  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime if  $\gcd(a,b) = 1$

8 and 15 are relatively prime because the positive divisors of 8 are 1, 2, 4, and 8, and the positive divisors of 15 are 1, 3, 5, and 15. So 1 is the only integer on both lists.

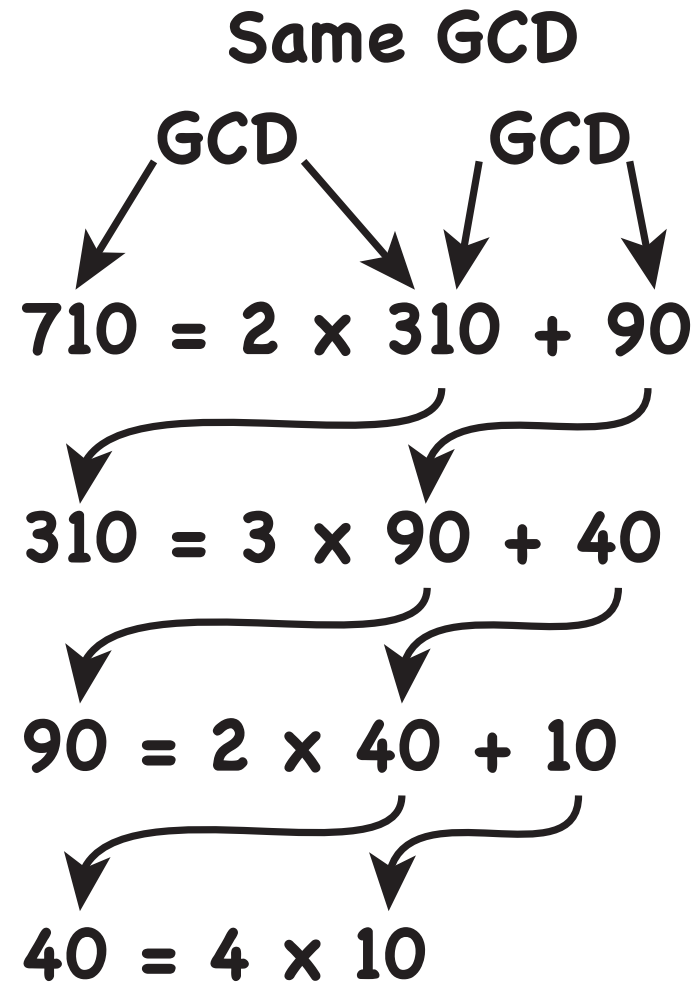
# Euclidean Algorithm



- One of the basic techniques of number theory
- Procedure for determining the greatest common divisor of two positive integers
- Two integers are **relatively prime** if their only common positive integer factor is 1



**Figure 2.2 Euclidean Algorithm**



**Figure 2.3 Euclidean Algorithm Example:  $\text{gcd}(710, 310)$**

To find $d = \gcd(a, b) = \gcd(1160718174, 316258250)$		
$a = q_1b + r_1$	$1160718174 = 3 \times 316258250 + 211943424$	$d = \gcd(316258250, 211943424)$
$b = q_2r_1 + r_2$	$316258250 = 1 \times 211943424 + 104314826$	$d = \gcd(211943424, 104314826)$
$r_1 = q_3r_2 + r_3$	$211943424 = 2 \times 104314826 + 3313772$	$d = \gcd(104314826, 3313772)$
$r_2 = q_4r_3 + r_4$	$104314826 = 31 \times 3313772 + 1587894$	$d = \gcd(3313772, 1587894)$
$r_3 = q_5r_4 + r_5$	$3313772 = 2 \times 1587894 + 137984$	$d = \gcd(1587894, 137984)$
$r_4 = q_6r_5 + r_6$	$1587894 = 11 \times 137984 + 70070$	$d = \gcd(137984, 70070)$
$r_5 = q_7r_6 + r_7$	$137984 = 1 \times 70070 + 67914$	$d = \gcd(70070, 67914)$
$r_6 = q_8r_7 + r_8$	$70070 = 1 \times 67914 + 2156$	$d = \gcd(67914, 2156)$
$r_7 = q_9r_8 + r_9$	$67914 = 31 \times 2156 + 1078$	$d = \gcd(2156, 1078)$
$r_8 = q_{10}r_9 + r_{10}$	$2156 = 2 \times 1078 + 0$	$d = \gcd(1078, 0) = 1078$
Therefore, $d = \gcd(1160718174, 316258250) = 1078$		

Euclidean Algorithm	
Calculate	Which satisfies
$r_1 = a \bmod b$	$a = q_1 b + r_1$
$r_2 = b \bmod r_1$	$b = q_2 r_1 + r_2$
$r_3 = r_1 \bmod r_2$	$r_1 = q_3 r_2 + r_3$
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$r_n = r_{n-2} \bmod r_{n-1}$	$r_{n-2} = q_n r_{n-1} + r_n$
$r_{n+1} = r_{n-1} \bmod r_n = 0$	$r_{n-1} = q_{n+1} r_n + 0$ $d = \gcd(a, b) = r_n$

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Euclid(a,b)
  if (b=0) then return a;
  else return Euclid(b, a mod b);

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# Table 2.1

## Euclidean Algorithm Example

Dividend	Divisor	Quotient	Remainder
$a = 1160718174$	$b = 316258250$	$q_1 = 3$	$r_1 = 211943424$
$b = 316258250$	$r_1 = 211943424$	$q_2 = 1$	$r_2 = 104314826$
$r_1 = 211943424$	$r_2 = 104314826$	$q_3 = 2$	$r_3 = 3313772$
$r_2 = 104314826$	$r_3 = 3313772$	$q_4 = 31$	$r_4 = 1587894$
$r_3 = 3313772$	$r_4 = 1587894$	$q_5 = 2$	$r_5 = 137984$
$r_4 = 1587894$	$r_5 = 137984$	$q_6 = 11$	$r_6 = 70070$
$r_5 = 137984$	$r_6 = 70070$	$q_7 = 1$	$r_7 = 67914$
$r_6 = 70070$	$r_7 = 67914$	$q_8 = 1$	$r_8 = 2156$
$r_7 = 67914$	$r_8 = 2156$	$q_9 = 31$	$r_9 = 1078$
$r_8 = 2156$	$r_9 = 1078$	$q_{10} = 2$	$r_{10} = 0$



$$ax + by = d = \gcd(a, b)$$

Extended Euclidean Algorithm			
Calculate	Which satisfies	Calculate	Which satisfies
$r_{-1} = a$		$x_{-1} = 1; y_{-1} = 0$	$a = ax_{-1} + by_{-1}$
$r_0 = b$		$x_0 = 0; y_0 = 1$	$b = ax_0 + by_0$
$r_1 = a \bmod b$ $q_1 = \lfloor a/b \rfloor$	$a = q_1b + r_1$	$x_1 = x_{-1} - q_1x_0 = 1$ $y_1 = y_{-1} - q_1y_0 = -q_1$	$r_1 = ax_1 + by_1$
$r_2 = b \bmod r_1$ $q_2 = \lfloor b/r_1 \rfloor$	$b = q_2r_1 + r_2$	$x_2 = x_0 - q_2x_1$ $y_2 = y_0 - q_2y_1$	$r_2 = ax_2 + by_2$
$r_3 = r_1 \bmod r_2$ $q_3 = \lfloor r_1/r_2 \rfloor$	$r_1 = q_3r_2 + r_3$	$x_3 = x_1 - q_3x_2$ $y_3 = y_1 - q_3y_2$	$r_3 = ax_3 + by_3$
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$r_n = r_{n-2} \bmod r_{n-1}$ $q_n = \lfloor r_{n-2}/r_{n-1} \rfloor$	$r_{n-2} = q_nr_{n-1} + r_n$	$x_n = x_{n-2} - q_nx_{n-1}$ $y_n = y_{n-2} - q_ny_{n-1}$	$r_n = ax_n + by_n$
$r_{n+1} = r_{n-1} \bmod r_n = 0$ $q_{n+1} = \lfloor r_{n-1}/r_n \rfloor$	$r_{n-1} = q_{n+1}r_n + 0$		$d = \gcd(a, b) = r_n$ $x = x_n; y = y_n$

# Table 2.4

## Extended Euclidean Algorithm Example

$$1759x + 550y = \gcd(1759, 550)$$

$i$	$r_i$	$q_i$	$x_i$	$Y_i$
-1	1759		1	0
0	550		0	1
1	109	3	1	-3
2	5	5	-5	16
3	4	21	106	-339
4	1	1	-111	355
5	0	4		

Result:  $d = 1$ ;  $x = -111$ ;  $y = 355$

# Prime Numbers

- Prime numbers only have divisors of 1 and itself
  - They cannot be written as a product of other numbers
- Prime numbers are central to number theory
- Any integer  $a > 1$  can be factored in a unique way as

$$a = p_1^{a_1} * p_2^{a_2} * \dots * p_t^{a_t}$$

where  $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_t$  are prime numbers and where each  $a_i$  is a positive integer

- This is known as the fundamental theorem of arithmetic

### Table 2.5 Primes Under 2000

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# Fermat's Theorem

- States the following:
  - If  $p$  is prime and  $a$  is a positive integer not divisible by  $p$  then

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

- An alternate form is:
  - If  $p$  is prime and  $a$  is a positive integer then

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

# Table 2.6

Some Values of Euler's Totient Function  $\phi(n)$

$n$	$\phi(n)$
1	1
2	1
3	2
4	2
5	4
6	2
7	6
8	4
9	6
10	4

$n$	$\phi(n)$
11	10
12	4
13	12
14	6
15	8
16	8
17	16
18	6
19	18
20	8

$n$	$\phi(n)$
21	12
22	10
23	22
24	8
25	20
26	12
27	18
28	12
29	28
30	8

# Euler's Theorem

- States that for every  $a$  and  $n$  that are relatively prime:

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

- An alternative form is:

$$a^{\phi(n)+1} \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

# Miller-Rabin Algorithm

- Typically used to test a large number for primality
- Algorithm is:

TEST ( $n$ )

1.

- Find integers  $k, q$ , with  $k > 0$ ,  $q$  odd, so that  $(n - 1) = 2^k q$  ;

2.

- Select a random integer  $a$ ,  $1 < a < n - 1$  ;

3.

- **if**  $a^q \bmod n = 1$  **then** return ("inconclusive") ;

4.

- **for**  $j = 0$  **to**  $k - 1$  **do**

5.

- **if**  $(a^{2^j q} \bmod n = n - 1)$  **then** return ("inconclusive") ;

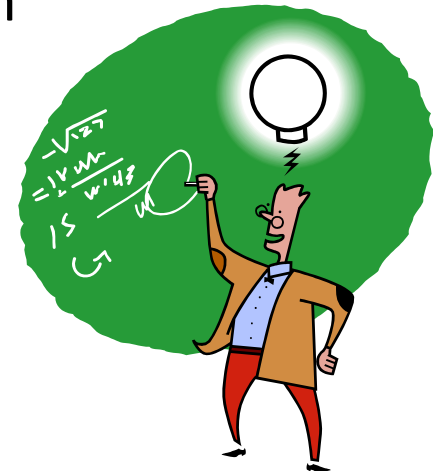
6.

- return ("composite") ;



# Deterministic Primality Algorithm

- Prior to 2002 there was no known method of efficiently proving the primality of very large numbers
- All of the algorithms in use produced a probabilistic result
- In 2002 Agrawal, Kayal, and Saxena developed an algorithm that efficiently determines whether a given large number is prime
  - Known as the AKS algorithm
  - Does not appear to be as efficient as the Miller-Rabin algorithm



# Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

- Believed to have been discovered by the Chinese mathematician Sun-Tsu in around 100 A.D.
- One of the most useful results of number theory
- Says it is possible to reconstruct integers in a certain range from their residues modulo a set of pairwise relatively prime moduli
- Can be stated in several ways

Provides a way to manipulate (potentially very large) numbers mod  $M$  in terms of tuples of smaller numbers

- This can be useful when  $M$  is 150 digits or more
- However, it is necessary to know beforehand the factorization of  $M$



The 10 integers in  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$ , that is the integers 0 through 9, can be reconstructed from their two residues modulo 2 and 5 (the relatively prime factors of 10). Say the known residues of a decimal digit  $x$  are  $r_2 = 0$  and  $r_5 = 3$ ; that is,  $x \bmod 2 = 0$  and  $x \bmod 5 = 3$ . Therefore,  $x$  is an even integer in  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$  whose remainder, on division by 5, is 3. The unique solution is  $x = 8$ .

# Properties of Logarithms

$$y = x^{\log_x(y)}$$

$$\log_x(1) = 0$$

$$\log_x(x) = 1$$

$$\log_x(yz) = \log_x(y) + \log_x(z)$$

$$\log_x(y^r) = r \times \log_x(y)$$

# Discrete Logarithm

$$b \equiv a^i \pmod{p} \quad \text{where } 0 \leq i \leq (p - 1)$$

- This exponent  $i$  is referred to as the **discrete logarithm** of the number  $b$  for the base  $a \pmod{p}$

Here is an example using a nonprime modulus,  $n = 9$ . Here  $\phi(n) = 6$  and  $a = 2$  is a primitive root. We compute the various powers of  $a$  and find

$$\begin{aligned} 2^0 &= 1 & 2^4 &\equiv 7 \pmod{9} \\ 2^1 &= 2 & 2^5 &\equiv 5 \pmod{9} \\ 2^2 &= 4 & 2^6 &\equiv 1 \pmod{9} \\ 2^3 &= 8 \end{aligned}$$

This gives us the following table of the numbers with given discrete logarithms  $\pmod{9}$  for the root  $a = 2$ :

Logarithm	0	1	2	3	4	5
Number	1	2	4	8	7	5

To make it easy to obtain the discrete logarithms of a given number, we rearrange the table:

Number	1	2	4	5	7	8
Logarithm	0	1	2	5	4	3

## Table 2.7

### Powers of Integers, Modulo 19

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# Table 2.8

## Tables of Discrete Logarithms, Modulo 19

### (a) Discrete logarithms to the base 2, modulo 19

$a$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{2,19}(a)$	18	1	13	2	16	14	6	3	8	17	12	15	5	7	11	4	10	9

### (b) Discrete logarithms to the base 3, modulo 19

$a$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{3,19}(a)$	18	7	1	14	4	8	6	3	2	11	12	15	17	13	5	10	16	9

### (c) Discrete logarithms to the base 10, modulo 19

$a$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{10,19}(a)$	18	17	5	16	2	4	12	15	10	1	6	3	13	11	7	14	8	9

### (d) Discrete logarithms to the base 13, modulo 19

$a$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{13,19}(a)$	18	11	17	4	14	10	12	15	16	7	6	3	1	5	13	8	2	9

### (e) Discrete logarithms to the base 14, modulo 19

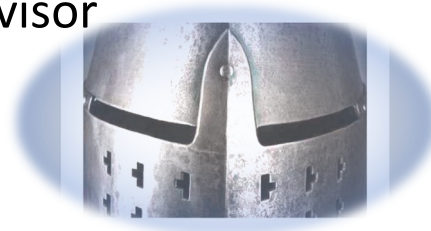
$a$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{14,19}(a)$	18	13	7	8	10	2	6	3	14	5	12	15	11	1	17	16	4	9

### (f) Discrete logarithms to the base 15, modulo 19

$a$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{15,19}(a)$	18	5	11	10	8	16	12	15	4	13	6	3	7	17	1	2	14	9

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