# A Concrete Introduction to Number Theory and Algebra – Chapter 3-4

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#### Some notations.

- $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  iff  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , a = km + b.
- $\bullet \ (a \bmod m) = (b \bmod m)$

# Congruence—例.

### Example

$$26 \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$
 and  $6 \equiv 55 \pmod{7}$ ,

since

$$9|(26-8)$$
 and  $7|(6-55)$ ,

or, equivalenty:

$$8 = 26 - 2 * 9$$
 and  $55 = 6 + 7 * 7$ .

### Properties of Congruence.

#### Lemma

If 
$$a_1 \equiv b_1 \pmod{m}$$
 and  $a_2 \equiv b_2 \pmod{m}$ , then

$$a_1 \pm a_2 \equiv b_1 \pm b_2 \; (\textit{mod } m)$$

and

$$a_1 a_2 \equiv b_1 b_2 \pmod{m}$$

# Modular Arithmetic(模算术).

### Examples

Since 
$$10000 \equiv 1 \pmod 3$$
 and  $998 \equiv 2 \pmod 3$ , then 
$$10000*998 \equiv 2 \pmod 3$$

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#### Intuition.

Consider that the negative of x is the number x' such that x + x' = 0, that is:

$$x + x' \equiv 0 \mod n$$
.

Since x < n, hence x' = n - x.

# Two's Complement (二进制补码)

#### Two's Complement

A signed number represented in n bits. The range of the numbers is  $[-2^{n-1}, 2^{n-1} - 1]$ , and the rule is described as follows:

- Positive integers, in the range 0 to  $2^{n-1}-1$ , are stored in regular binary form. The sign bit is set to 0.
- Negative integers -x, with  $1 \le x \le 2^{n-1}$ , are calculated by first constructing x in binary, then inverting all the bits of x and finally adding 1. The sign bit is set to 1.

# Two's Complement

#### Another way to remember two's complement.

The negative of 
$$x$$
 equals  $2^n - x$ . Since  $2^n - x = \underbrace{111\cdots 11}_n + 1 - x$ , and  $\underbrace{111\cdots 11}_n - x$  is the same as inverting all the bits of  $x$ .

### Cancellation Law.

#### Theorem

Cancellation Law. If gcd(c, m) = 1 and

$$ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$$
,

then

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$
.

Where gcd shorts for the greatest common divisor.

### Cancellation Law.

#### Proof.

By definition of congruence, we have m|(ac-bc), equivalently, m|(a-b)c. Since gcd(c,m)=1, it follows that  $m\mid (a-b)$ , so as claimed.

### Cancellation Law.

#### Another perspective.

If gcd(c, m) = 1 then  $\exists r, s \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$rc + sm = 1$$

both sides of the equation modulo m, we have:

$$rc \equiv 1 \mod m$$

means r is the multiplicative inverse(乘法逆元) of  $c \mod m$ , let it be  $c^{-1}$ .

### Partially solve the congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .

### Example

To solve  $3x \equiv 2 \pmod{11}$ .

Firstly, by using egcd algorithm, to compute that  $3^{-1} = 4$ , because  $3 * 4 \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$ . Multiply 4 to the equation and obtain

$$x \equiv 8 \pmod{11}$$
.

### Properties of Congruence.

#### Lemma

For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , congruence modulo n forms an equivalence relation(等 价关系) of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

#### Proof.

It is easy to check that:

- 1. Reflexive(自反性).  $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$
- 2. Symmetric(对称性). If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  then  $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$
- 3. Transitive(传递性). If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$  then
- $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$

### Equivalence relation and equivalence classes.

#### **Definition**

When a set  $\mathbb S$  has an equivalence relation on it, then the equivalence relation partitions the set  $\mathbb S$  into disjoint subsets, called equivalence classes (等价类), defined by the property that two elements are in the same equivalence class if they are equivalent.

### Congruence classes modulo m.

The set of congruence classes modulo m is denoted by  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ . There are exactly m congruence classes in  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ . That is :

$$\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} = \{[0]_m, [1]_m, \cdots, [m-1]_m\}.$$

#### Example

When m=2,  $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}=\{[0]_2,[1]_2\}$ . The congruence class  $[1]_2$  is the set of all integers congruent to 1 modulo 2. Thus  $[1]_2$  is the set of all odd integers. Similarly, the congruence class  $[0]_2$  is the set of all even integers.

# Proposition of Congruence.

#### Proposition

If 
$$[a_1]_m = [a_2]_m$$
 and  $[b_1]_m = [b_2]_m$ , then

$$[a_1 \pm b_1]_m = [a_2 \pm b_2]_m,$$
 and  $[a_1 b_1]_m = [a_2 b_2]_m.$ 

#### Proof.

It is easy. Transform the form  $[a]_m = [b]_m$  to  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and use Proposition 2.2.

### Notations of Congruence classes modulo *m*.

- Any element b of a congruence class  $[a]_m$  is called a representative of that class.
- The set of all the least nonnegative representative of  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers  $\{0,1,2,\cdots,m-1\}$ , that is called the *least residue system* modulo m.
- Any set of *m* integers, no two of which are congruent modulo *m*, is called a *complete residue system* modulo *m*.

#### Example

Let m=7, the least residue system modulo m is the set  $\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6\}$ , and a complete residue system modulo m may be the set  $\{14,8,23,46,61,13\}$ .



### Mod Exponentiation.

In this section, we focus on modular exponentiation which is an important arithmetic primitive. Its task is that given integers x, y and m to compute

 $x^y \mod m$ .

### Mod Exponentiation.

#### Example

To compute  $2^{16} \mod 11$ . We compute:

$$2^2 \mod 11 = 4$$

$$2^4 \mod 11 = 4 * 4 \mod 11 = 5$$

$$2^8 \mod 11 = 5 * 5 \mod 11 = 3$$

$$2^{16} \mod 11 = 3 * 3 \mod 11 = 9$$

### Mod Exponentiation.

The process can be expressed as a recursive form, by that, we sharply improve the efficiency from performing O(y) multiplications to O(log(y)).

$$x^{y} = \begin{cases} (x^{\lfloor y/2 \rfloor})^{2} & \text{if } y \text{ is even;} \\ x \cdot (x^{\lfloor y/2 \rfloor})^{2} & \text{if } y \text{ is odd.} \end{cases}$$
 (1)

# Mod Exponentiation(Recusive Version).

#### Listing 1: Recursive Modular Exponentiation

```
# Recursive Function to calculate

# (x^y)%p in O(log y)

def rec_mod_exp(x, y, p):

if (y == 0): return 1

z = rec_mod_exp(x, y/2, p)

if ((y & 1) == 0): #y is an even number

return z*z % p

else: #y is an odd number

return x*z*z %p
```

### Mod Exponentiation: from recursive to iterative.

We describe how to transform the recursive algorithm to an iterative algorithm as follows. Firstly, we treat integer y as a polynomial (or a bianry string):

$$y = y_{n-1}2^{n-1} + y_{n-1}2^{n-1} + \dots + y_12 + y_0,$$

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Finally, start with x and repeatedly square modulo m, multiply the terms with  $y_i = 1$  and get the result.

# Mod Exponentiation: Example.

#### Example

Let x = 7, y = 10, m = 11, to compute  $x^y \mod m$ . The bianry string of y is 1010, thus we compute:

$$y_0 = 0$$
,  $x^{2^0} \equiv 7 \mod m$   
 $y_1 = 1$ ,  $x^{2^1} \equiv 5 \mod m$   
 $y_2 = 0$ ,  $x^{2^2} \equiv 3 \mod m$   
 $y_3 = 1$ ,  $x^{2^3} \equiv 9 \mod m$ 

Then , multiply the terms with  $y_i = 1$ , we have  $x^y = (5*9) \mod 11 = 1$ 

# Mod Exponentiation (Iterative version).

Because the white board is too narrow to show the code, so it is your home work.

# Some topics using modular arithmetic.

Our following job is to play with number using modular arithmetic, and find some patterns or rules.

### Find the patterns.

Let p=7, and for very  $1 \le a < p$ , compute  $a^i \mod p$ , where  $1 \le i < p$ . We have:

| а | $a^2$ | $a^3$ | $a^4$ | $a^5$ | $a^6$ |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1 | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     |
| 2 | 4     | 1     | 2     | 4     | 1     |
| 3 | 2     | 6     | 4     | 5     | 1     |
| 4 | 2     | 1     | 4     | 2     | 1     |
| 5 | 4     | 6     | 2     | 3     | 1     |
| 6 | 1     | 6     | 1     | 6     | 1     |

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| 4 | 2     | 1     | 4     | 2     | 1     |
| 5 | 4     | 6     | 2     | 3     | 1     |
| 6 | 1     | 6     | 1     | 6     | 1     |

May you find some patterns?

### More data to find the patterns.

Let p = 11, and for very  $1 \le a < p$ , compute  $a^i \mod p$ , where  $1 \le i < p$ . We have:

| а  | $a^2$ | $a^3$ | $a^4$ | $a^5$ | $a^6$ | a <sup>7</sup> | <b>a</b> <sup>8</sup> | $a^9$ | $a^{10}$ |
|----|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-----------------------|-------|----------|
| 1  | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1     | 1              | 1                     | 1     | 1        |
| 2  | 4     | 8     | 5     | 10    | 9     | 7              | 3                     | 6     | 1        |
| 3  | 9     | 5     | 4     | 1     | 3     | 9              | 5                     | 4     | 1        |
| 4  | 5     | 9     | 3     | 1     | 4     | 5              | 9                     | 3     | 1        |
| 5  | 3     | 4     | 9     | 1     | 5     | 3              | 4                     | 9     | 1        |
| 6  | 3     | 7     | 9     | 10    | 5     | 8              | 4                     | 2     | 1        |
| 7  | 5     | 2     | 3     | 10    | 4     | 6              | 9                     | 8     | 1        |
| 8  | 9     | 6     | 4     | 10    | 3     | 2              | 5                     | 7     | 1        |
| 9  | 4     | 3     | 5     | 1     | 9     | 4              | 3                     | 5     | 1        |
| 10 | 1     | 10    | 1     | 10    | 1     | 10             | 1                     | 10    | 1        |

### Conjecture.

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

### Another computation.

 $\forall 1 < a < p$ , compute  $a * i \mod p$ , for  $1 \le i < p$ . For example, let a = 2, p = 7, we have:

| a * i | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a=1   | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| a=2   | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
|       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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| a=3   | 3 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
|       |   |   |   |   |   |   |
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|       |   |   |   |   |   |   |

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| 2.1. 1 | 1 | 2 | 3        | 1 | 5 | 6 |
|--------|---|---|----------|---|---|---|
| a * i  | 1 |   | <u> </u> | 4 | ) | U |
| a=1    | 1 | 2 | 3        | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| a=2    | 2 | 4 | 6        | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| a=3    | 3 | 6 | 2        | 5 | 1 | 4 |
|        |   |   |          |   |   |   |
|        |   |   |          |   |   |   |
|        |   |   |          |   |   |   |

Have a decision?

# Another computation.

### Finally!

| a*i | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
|-----|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a=1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| a=2 | 2 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| a=3 | 3 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 4 |
| a=4 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 3 |
| a=5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| a=6 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

The trick is, p is a prime number! We conjecture: if p is a prime,  $\forall a$  which is not divided by p,  $a*i \mod p$ , for  $1 \le i < p$ , is a permutation of numbers from 1 to p-1.

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$$\mathbb{S} = \{ a * i \bmod p, 1 \le i$$

is also called a complete system of residues modulo p.



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#### Proof.

Proof by contradiction (informal and incomplete). If we are wrong, then there exist i and j such that,

$$a * i \equiv a * j \pmod{p}$$

where  $i \neq j$ . However, then we can cancel the *a* from the equation! (Cancellation Low.)

# Do a simple job!

Multiply all  $1 \le i < p$ , and all  $a * i \mod p$ , we have:

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Cancel the big number, we have:

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

### Fermat's little theorem.

#### **Theorem**

(Fermat's little theorem.) Let p be a prime number, and let a be any number with  $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then

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

# An Exercise using Fermat's little theorem.

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Let p=17 be a prime number, and let  $\mathit{a}=3$  , what is  $\mathit{a}^{2018}\pmod{\mathit{p}}$ ?

$$3^{2018} \equiv 3^{65*16+2} \equiv 3^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{17}$$
.

# More computation.

If the modulus is a composite number, then our trick will fail! For example, let  $\emph{n}=6$ ,

| a * i        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>a</b> = 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| a=2          | 2 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| a=3          | 3 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| a=4          | 4 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 2 |
| a=5          | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

# One more computation.

Let n = 9,

| a * i        | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
|--------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| <b>a</b> = 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| a=2          | 2 | 4 | 6 | 8 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| a=3          | 3 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 3 | 6 |
| a=4          | 4 | 8 | 3 | 7 | 2 | 6 | 1 | 5 |
| a=5          | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 4 |
| a=6          | 6 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 6 | 3 |
| a = 7        | 7 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 8 | 6 | 4 | 2 |
| a = 8        | 8 | 7 | 6 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |

#### Conjecture.

If n is a composite number, the numbers

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except that...a is relatively prime to n, namely, gcd(a, n) = 1.

## Check the observation.

Let 
$$n = 9$$
,

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|-------|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| a = 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 7 | 8 |
| a=2   | 2 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| a=4   | 4 | 8 | 7 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| a=5   | 5 | 1 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 4 |
| a = 7 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 8 | 4 | 2 |
| a = 8 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 4 | 2 | 1 |

We conjecture: Let n be a composite number, denotes

$$S = \{b : 1 \le b < n \text{ and } gcd(b, n) = 1\}$$

Then  $\forall a$  with gcd(a, n) = 1, denotes

$$S' = a * S \pmod{n}$$

we have:

$$S = S'$$

## Notation.

#### Euler's phi function.

Define:

$$\phi(n) = |\{b : 1 \le b < n \text{ and } gcd(b, n) = 1\}|$$

The function  $\phi$  is called *Euler's phi function*.

#### Notation.

Then:

$$S = \{b_1, b_2, \cdots, b_{\phi(n)}: 1 \le b_i < n \text{ and } gcd(b_i, n) = 1\}$$

$$\mathcal{S}' = \{ \mathit{a} * \mathit{b}_1, \mathit{a} * \mathit{b}_2, \cdots, \mathit{a} * \mathit{b}_{\phi(\mathit{n})} \pmod{\mathit{n}} : \ \mathit{b}_\mathit{i} \in \mathit{S} \ \mathsf{and} \ \mathit{gcd}(\mathit{a}, \mathit{n}) = 1 \}$$

### Proof.

To prove

$$S = S'$$

Check that if there exist:

$$a * b_i \equiv a * b_j \pmod{n}$$

where  $b_i \neq b_j$ . Then by Cancellation Law,

$$b_i \equiv b_j \pmod{n}$$
.

Contradiction!



## Do a similar simple job!

Multiply all the numbers in S and S', we have:

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} b_i = \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} (a * b_i \bmod n)$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} b_i \equiv \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} a * b_i \pmod n$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} b_i \equiv a^{\phi(n)} \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} b_i \pmod n$$

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## Euler's Theorem.

## (Euler's Theorem.)

Let n be a positive composite number, a be a positive integer with  $\gcd(a,n)=1$ , then:

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

#### Definition

Euler's Phi Function. Define:

$$\phi(n) = |\{b : 1 \le b < n \text{ and } \gcd(b, n) = 1\}|$$

The function  $\phi$  is called Euler's phi function.

#### Observations

 $\phi(p) = p - 1$ , where p is a prime.

$$\phi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}$$
, where p is a prime.

#### Question.

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#### A related question.

How to compute  $\phi(mn)$  where gcd(m, n) = 1.

### Compute $\phi(mn)$

Display the positive integers not exceeding *mn* in the following way.

$$m \quad 2m \quad 3m \quad \cdots \quad mn$$

#### Basic idea.

Find all the elements which are relatively prime to both n and m, then it is relatively prime to mn. Formally:

$$\forall a, gcd(a, n) == 1 \text{ and } gcd(a, m) == 1 \implies gcd(a, mn) == 1.$$

### Counting

- How many rows satisfy  $\gcd(r,m)=1$ ? Ans :  $\phi(m)$ . Note that, if  $\gcd(r,m)=1$  then  $\gcd(km+r,m)=1$ , for  $k\in[0..n-1]$ .
- At rth row, how many integers have gcd(km+r,n)=1, for  $k \in [0..n-1]$ ? Ans:  $\phi(n)$ . Note that, we have gcd(n,m)=1.
- Hence, there are  $\phi(m)$  rows, each containing  $\phi(n)$  integers relatively prime to mn.

#### Remark

(Why the conclusion holds?) If gcd(a, m) == 1 and gcd(a, n) == 1 then gcd(a, mn) == 1.

#### Remark

(Why the second item holds?) The elements in rth row are: r, m+r,  $\cdots$ , (n-1)m+r with gcd(m,n)=1.  $\forall k_i\neq k_j$ ,  $k_im+r\not\equiv k_jm+r\pmod{n}$ . Otherswise,  $k_i=k_j$  by our Golden Law(Cancellation Law), contradiction! It means the n elements in rth row form "a complete system of residues modulo n", that is  $\{r,m+r,\cdots,(n-1)m+r\}\pmod{n}=\{0,1,2,\cdots,n-1\}$ . Hence, exactly  $\phi(n)$  of these integers are relatively prime to n.

#### **Theorem**

Let m and n be relatively prime positive integers. Then  $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)$ .

### Some easy generizations.

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### Exercise.

Prove the following theorem.

#### Theorem

(Euler's Phi Function.)  
Let 
$$m = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \cdots p_k^{a_k}$$
, then  
 $\phi(m) = m(1 - 1/p_1)(1 - 1/p_2) \cdots (1 - 1/p_k)$ .

## What is a Concrete Introdution?

- Play with numbers.
- Find the patterns, find the fun.
- Programming is a good way to play.

### What have been covered?

- Congruence.
- Fermat's little theorem.
- Euler's theorem.

### What have been omitted?

- Fast multiplication.
- Powers: how to do fast power.

# What is the next step?

- From a new perspective to view Fermat's and Euler's theorems.
- From arithmetic go to algebra.

### Homework.

- Prove if gcd(c, m) = 1, then exists a unique  $c^{-1}$  such that  $cc^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .
- Write a Python program that solves the congruence

$$ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$$
.

Given a, b, m as input, return all solutions or an alert tells why the congruence has no solution.

- Prove Wilson's Theorem which says that p is prime iff  $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .
- Prove Theorem of Euler's Phi Function.
- Write a Python program to compute Eurler's phi function. That is, given an integer n, return  $\phi(n)$ .

