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In [1]: # Styling notebook
from IPython.core.display import HTML
def css_styling():
    styles = open("./styles/custom.css", "r").read()
    return HTML(styles)
css_styling()
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Out[1]:

## Modular operations addition, multiplication

Addition and multiplication mod  $m$  are theoretically easy, but practically a little tricky. The main complication come from the fact that we intend to use modular arithmetic to limit the danger of overflows. The result of an operation "mod  $m$ " is known to be between 0 and  $m - 1$ , but before the mod is taken an overflow *in the arguments* can actually have occurred.

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In [2]: # modular addition/multiplication (trivial, but a little dangerous - why??)
def addModNotGood(a,b,m) :
    return (a + b)%m

def multModNotGood(a,b,m) :
    return (a*b)%m

print(multModNotGood(34,25,11))
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Apparently the expressions  $a + b$  and  $a \times b$  can overflow before the remainder mod  $m$  is taken. So we use the idea of replacing every operand  $o$  with another value that's congruent to  $o$ . Well,  $o \bmod m$  is probably the safest choice here!

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In [3]: # modular addition/multiplication (better)
def addMod(a,b,m) :
    return (a%m + b%m)%m

def multMod(a,b,m) :
    return ((a%m)*(b%m))%m
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In [4]: multMod(34,25,11)
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Out[4]: 3

All good? No!

Our **multMod** has a weird little problem: It's perfectly possible that the sub-expression  $(a \bmod m) \times (b \bmod m)$  overflows if  $m$  is in the area of  $1/2 \times$  maximal Integer. If that happens, we really need to make sure that we break up this function into one that  $a$  is safe(r) and  $b$  is still fast.

Here's one that uses addition (considered safe enough) and limited multiplication (by 2) paying for that with a slightly slower runtime:

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In [5]: def multModSafe(a,b,m) :
        res = 0
        a = a % m
        while b > 0 :
            # If b is odd, add a to result
            if b%2 == 1 :
                res = (res + a) % m

            # In any case: double a
            a = (a + a) % m

            # Compensate by halving b
            b = b//2
        return res % m
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In [6]: multModSafe(34,25,11)
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Out[6]: 3
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## Invariance under congruence mod $m$

One of the most important properties of any modular operation is the fact that whenever the modulus is fixed (say  $m$ ) any operand can be replaced by one that's congruent mod  $m$  without changing the result. So, whenever  $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$  and  $b \equiv d \pmod{m}$  :

- $(a + b) \bmod m = (c + d) \bmod m$
- $(a \times b) \bmod m = (c \times d) \bmod m$
- $a^b \bmod m = c^d \bmod m$

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In [7]: # Demonstrate we can replace any operand with one that's congruent mod m (a multi
        # Here just for multiplication!
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print(multModSafe(34,36,11))    # 25 + 11
print(multModSafe(23,25,11))    # 34 - 11
print(multModSafe(23,36,11))    # both
print(multModSafe(-10,135,11))  # 34 - 44, 36 + 99
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## Exponentiation mod $m$

Watch it! This is probably the most important operation we need. The problem is to compute  $a^n \bmod m$  quickly and safely.

Now for safety we use the main idea (as always):  $a^n \bmod m = (a \bmod m)^n \bmod m$ .

1. Recursively (to demonstrate the principle)
2. Principal iterative version with exponential speed-up

## 3. How it's actually used

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In [8]: # Just for demonstration - there are better ways to compute that
def expModRec(a,n,m) :
    if n == 0 : return 1
    else      : return (a%m)*expModRec(a,n-1,m) % m
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In [9]: expModRec(123,456,987)
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Out[9]: 267
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Fast (?) algorithm for exponentiation mod  $m$  -  $a^b \bmod p$

The calls to "multModSafe" are necessary to avoid the potential overflows in these statements:

1.  $res = (res * a) \% p$
2.  $a = (a * a) \% p$

Fast if the standard exponentiation algorithm doesn't use binary speedup

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In [10]: def fastExpModManual(a,b,p) :
    res = 1;
    a = a % p;

    if a == 0 : return 0;

    while b > 0 :
        # If b is odd, multiply a with result
        if b % 2 == 1 :
            res = multModSafe(res,a,p); # res = (res*a) mod p
        # b must be even now
        b = b // 2;
        a = multModSafe(a,a,p);          # a = (a*a) mod p
    return res;
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In [11]: fastExpModManual(123,456,987)
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Out[11]: 267
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## The Python pow method has binary speed-up

That's what we're going to use

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In [12]: def fastExpMod(x, e, m) :    # Just to make code "portable"
    return pow(x,e,m)                # Well, this thing uses binary templates and is A LOT
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In [13]: fastExpMod(123,456,987)
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Out[13]: 267
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## Inverting multiplication (lenoethv)

**Inverting multiplication (congruency)**

Ok, we started out trying to find something that can replace floating-point arithmetic without all the problems. We're trying to find out if and when we can **divide** in modular arithmetic. That's made a little easier if we look at a special case of division first, namely at  $1/a \bmod m$ .

Solve:  $a \times_m x = 1$ , calling  $x$  the *multiplicative inverse of  $a \bmod m$*  written (little sloppy)  $a^{-1}$  or  $1/a$ .

Two questions arise, of course:

- Does this exist?
- If yes, how can we compute it?

**Fact 1:** The multiplicative inverse of  $a \bmod m$  exists only if  $\text{GCD}(a,m) = 1$ , i.e. they are “relatively prime”

Now that sounds a little weird, but it's actually the case. There's a deeper reason for this which we will find out in a while. First, let's look at two examples:

- $a = 2, m = 4$ , i.e. not relatively prime  
There are just four possible values and we can try them all out:  $2 \times 0 = 0, 2 \times 1 = 2, 2 \times 2 = 0, 2 \times 3 = 2$  (all mod 4). Apparently none leads to a product of 1.
- $a = 3, m = 4$ , i.e. relatively prime  
 $3 \times 0 = 0, 3 \times 1 = 3, 3 \times 2 = 2, 3 \times 3 = 1$ , and we see that 3 is its own inverse!

**Fact 2:** If a solution to  $a \times_m x = 1$  exists, then all numbers congruent  $x \bmod m$  are also solutions! The above example shows that we either have no or solutions or infinitely many:

- $a = 3, m = 4$ : ..., -9, -5, -1, 3, 7, 11, 15, ...
- Example:  $3 \times 15 = 45 = 44 + 1 = 11 \times 4 + 1$  etc.

Ok, how do we find one solution assuming it exists? Here's where *Bézout's identity* comes back in.

So, given  $a$  and  $m$  there are integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $as + mt = \text{gcd}(a, m)$ . Now since  $a$  and  $m$  are relatively prime (else no inverse!) we have:

$$\begin{aligned} as + mt &= \text{gcd}(a, m) = 1 \\ \rightarrow as &= 1 - mt \\ \rightarrow as &\equiv 1 \pmod{m} \\ \rightarrow a \times_m s &= 1 \\ \rightarrow s &\text{ is a modular inverse of } a \end{aligned}$$

We just need to use the *Extended Euclidian Algorithm* and take one final remainder mod  $m$  to make sure the result is really in the range of remainders mod  $m$ .

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In [14]: from Numbers import xgcd

# Solves (a*x) = 1 mod m for x
def modInverse(a,m) :
    _, s, _ = xgcd(a,m)
    return s%m

modInverse(3,4)
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Out[14]: 3

Now you can use the modular inverse if it exists, to divide mod a number that's relative prime to the divisor:

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In [15]: # Compute (a/b) mod p for p relative prime to be (usually p is a prime)
# We're not testing that
# USE AT YOUR OWN RISK!
def divMod(a,b,p) :
    return multMod(a,modInverse(b,p),p)
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In [16]: divMod(12,11,17)
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Out[16]: 15
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In [17]: # Check
multModSafe(11,15,17)
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Out[17]: 12
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### Discrete Logarithm: Solve $y = a^b \bmod p$ for $b$

It's named in analogy to the (well-known?) continuous logarithm defined to be the solution  $x$  to  $a^x = b$ . This discrete analogon is one of the interesting "trap door" functions that protect specific cryptographic methods - here specifically the *Diffie-Helman Key Exchange*.

Now, that's tricky! There is at the moment no efficient algorithm to do that, so here we "brute force" it, by trying exponentiation  $y = a^b \bmod p$  with  $b = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$  until it solves

Only good for small  $p$ , of course!

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In [18]: def dLog(a,p,y) :
b = 0
while fastExpMod(a,b,p) != y : # brute force
    b += 1
return b
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In [23]: y = 17
print(y)
print(dLog(23,19,y))
print(fastExpMod(23,5,19))
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