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# Computer Security

## 17 : Number Theory — Exponentiation and Totient

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# Outline

- 1 Modular Exponentiation
- 2 Repeated Squaring
- 3 Euler's Totient Function
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# Modular Exponentiation

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# Modular Exponentiation Tables

- The next two slides have modular exponentiation tables for
  - $Z_{10}$ ,  $x^y \bmod 10$ .
  - $Z_{13}$ ,  $x^y \bmod 13$ .
- Elements in  $Z_n$  that have some power equal to 1 have been highlighted.



$$\mathbb{Z}_{10}, x^y \bmod 10$$

	y								
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
$1^y$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$2^y$	2	4	8	6	2	4	8	6	2
$3^y$	3	9	7	1	3	9	7	1	3
$4^y$	4	6	4	6	4	6	4	6	4
$5^y$	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
$6^y$	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	6
$7^y$	7	9	3	1	7	9	3	1	7
$8^y$	8	4	2	6	8	4	2	6	8
$9^y$	9	1	9	1	9	1	9	1	9

# $\mathbb{Z}_{13}, x^y \bmod 13$

	y											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$1^y$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
$2^y$	2	4	8	3	6	12	11	9	5	10	7	1
$3^y$	3	9	1	3	9	1	3	9	1	3	9	1
$4^y$	4	3	12	9	10	1	4	3	12	9	10	1
$5^y$	5	12	8	1	5	12	8	1	5	12	8	1
$6^y$	6	10	8	9	2	12	7	3	5	4	11	1
$7^y$	7	10	5	9	11	12	6	3	8	4	2	1
$8^y$	8	12	5	1	8	12	5	1	8	12	5	1
$9^y$	9	3	1	9	3	1	9	3	1	9	3	1
$10^y$	10	9	12	3	4	1	10	9	12	3	4	1
$11^y$	11	4	5	3	7	12	2	9	8	10	6	1
$12^y$	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1

# Exercise

- Create the modular exponentiation table for  $Z_5$ ,  $x^y \bmod 5$ . Highlight the ones.

	$y$			
	1	2	3	4
$1^y$				
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# Repeated Squaring...

- Compute  $g^n \bmod p$ :

```
function modexp(int g, int n, int p)
  int q ← 1
  int m ← n
  int square ← g
  while m ≥ 1 do
    if odd(m) then
      g ← q · square mod p
    square ← square · square mod p
    m ← ⌊m/2⌋
```



# Exercise: Repeated Squaring

Assume that you have already computed

$$3^1 = 3$$

$$3^2 = 3 \cdot 3$$

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- In general,  $Z_n^* = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  if  $n$  is prime

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- In general, if  $n$  is prime,  
 $Z_n^* = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\} \Rightarrow \phi(n) = n-1.$

# Exercise

Compute  $Z_n^*$ :

- $|Z_3^*| =$

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- $|Z_3^*| = 2$
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- $|Z_5^*| =$

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- $|Z_8^*| = 4$

- $|Z_9^*| = 6$

# Euler's Totient Function Values

$n$	$\phi(n)$	List of Divisors
1	1	1
2	1	1, 2
3	2	1, 3
4	2	1, 2, 4
5	4	1, 5
6	2	1, 2, 3, 6
7	6	1, 7
8	4	1, 2, 4, 8
9	6	1, 3, 9
10	4	1, 2, 5, 10
11	10	1, 11
12	4	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 12
13	12	1, 13
14	6	1, 2, 7, 14
15	8	1, 3, 5, 15
16	8	1, 2, 4, 8, 16
17	16	1, 17
18	6	1, 2, 3, 6, 9, 18

$n$	$\phi(n)$	List of Divisors
19	18	1, 19
20	8	1, 2, 4, 5, 10, 20
21	12	1, 3, 7, 21
22	10	1, 2, 11, 22
23	22	1, 23
24	8	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 24
25	20	1, 5, 25
26	12	1, 2, 13, 26
27	18	1, 3, 9, 27
28	12	1, 2, 4, 7, 14, 28
29	28	1, 29
30	8	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15, 30
31	30	1, 31
32	16	1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32
33	20	1, 3, 11, 33
34	16	1, 2, 17, 34
35	24	1, 5, 7, 35
36	12	1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 36

# Euler's Totient Function...

- You can calculate  $\phi(n)$  as

$$\phi(n) = n(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}) \cdots (1 - \frac{1}{p_m})$$

where  $p_1, \dots, p_m$  are the prime factors of  $n$ .

- Example:

$$\textcircled{1} \quad \phi(35) = 35(1 - \frac{1}{5})(1 - \frac{1}{7}) = 35 \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{6}{7} = 24$$



# Exercises

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- ②  $\phi(38) =$

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- ①  $\phi(37) = \phi(37) = 36$  since 37 is prime.
- ②  $\phi(38) = 38 = 19 \times 2 \Rightarrow \phi(38) =$   
 $38(1 - \frac{1}{19})(1 - \frac{1}{2}) = 38 \cdot \frac{18}{19} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = 18$

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