

**Foundation of Cryptography**

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# Number Theory

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- Fermat's theorem is one of the most important theorems in cryptography.
- It is also known as Fermat's Little theorem.
- It is useful in public key encryption techniques and primality testing

# Fermat's Little Theorem

Fermat's theorem states that if  $p$  is a prime number and  $n$  is a positive integer number which is not divisible by  $p$  *i.e.*  $GCD(n, p) = 1$ , then

$$n^p = n \bmod p$$

Therefore,  $n^{p-1} = 1 \bmod p$

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where  $p$  is prime and  $GCD(n, p) = 1$

Fermat's theorem  $n^{p-1} \bmod p = 1$

Suppose, the prime number  $p = 7$  and a positive integer number  $n = 3$  then find the value of  $3^6 \bmod 7$ .

We apply Modularity Theorem:

$$3^6 \bmod 7 = (3^2)^3$$

$$= (9 \bmod 7)^3 \bmod 7$$

$$= 2^3 \bmod 7$$

$$= 8 \bmod 7$$

$$= 1$$

We know that  $\text{GCD}(7, 3) = 1$

So, We can apply Fermat's Little theorem:  $n^{p-1} \bmod p = 1$

$n = 3$  and  $p = 7$  therefore

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$$= 1$$



Find the smallest positive residue  $y$  in the following congruence.

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By substituting the values of  $n$  and  $p$  and rewrite the equation:

$$7^{(23-1)} \text{ mod } 23 = 1$$

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$$= (1)^3 * 7^3 \text{ mod } 23$$

$$= 343 \text{ mod } 23 = 21$$

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we have to find out the value of “n” such that

$$(4n) \pmod{11} = 1$$

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$$(\text{As } 4 * 3 = 12 \pmod{11} = 1)$$



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3.  $4x = 8 \pmod{11}$  can be rewritten as  $x = 8 \times 4^{-1} \pmod{11}$

$$x = 8 * 3 \pmod{11}$$

$$x = 2 \pmod{11}$$

All the solutions of the given congruence is  $x = 2 \pmod{11}$ .

Compute the value of  $12345^{23456789} \bmod 101$ .

By Fermat's Little theorem  $n^{p-1} = 1 \pmod{p}$

where  $n = 12345$  and  $p = 101$ .

$$12345^{(101-1)} \pmod{101} = 1$$

$$12345^{100} \pmod{101} = 1$$

Therefore,  $12345^{23456789} \pmod{101}$

$$= (12345^{100})^{234567} * 12345^{89} \pmod{101}$$

$$= 1 * 12345^{89} \pmod{101}$$

$$= 12345^{89} \pmod{101}$$

But

$$12345 \bmod 101 = 23$$

Therefore,  $23^{89} \bmod 101$

$$23 \bmod 101 = 23$$

$$23^2 \bmod 101 = 24$$

$$23^3 \bmod 101 = 47$$

$$23^4 \bmod 101 = 71$$

$$23^5 \bmod 101 = 17$$

$$23^7 \bmod 101 = 4$$

$$\begin{aligned} 23^{89} \bmod 101 &= (23^7)^{12} 23^5 \bmod 101 \\ &= 4^{12} * 17 \bmod 101 \\ &= 5 * 17 \bmod 101 \\ &= 85 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the value of  $12345^{23456789} \bmod 101 = 85$ .