



Intro. Number Theory

Arithmetic algorithms



Representing bignums

Representing an n -bit integer (e.g. $n=2048$) on a 64-bit machine



Note: some processors have 128-bit registers (or more) and support multiplication on them

Arithmetic

Given: two n -bit integers

- **Addition and subtraction:** linear time $O(n)$
- **Multiplication:** naively $O(n^2)$. Karatsuba (1960): $O(n^{1.585})$
Basic idea: $(2^b x_2 + x_1) \times (2^b y_2 + y_1)$ with 3 mults. $\log_2 3$
 \Rightarrow Best (asymptotic) algorithm: about $\tilde{O}(n \cdot \log n)$.
- **Division with remainder:** $O(n^2)$.

Exponentiation

Finite cyclic group G (for example $G = \mathbb{Z}_p^*$)

$$G = \{1, g, g^2, g^3, \dots, g^{p-1}\}$$

Goal: given g in G and x compute g^x

$$g \cdot g \cdot g = g^3$$

Example: suppose $x = 53 = (110101)_2 = 32 + 16 + 4 + 1$

$$\text{Then: } g^{53} = g^{32+16+4+1} = g^{32} \cdot g^{16} \cdot g^4 \cdot g^1$$

$$g^1 \rightarrow g^2 \rightarrow g^4 \rightarrow g^8 \rightarrow g^{16} \rightarrow g^{32} \rightarrow g^{53}$$

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 g^{53}

The repeated squaring alg.

Input: g in G and $x > 0$; Output: g^x

write $x = (x_n x_{n-1} \dots x_2 x_1 x_0)_2$

$y \leftarrow g$, $z \leftarrow 1$

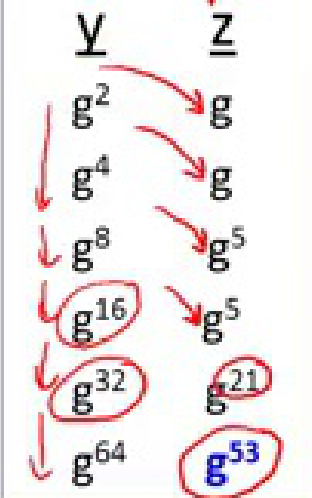
for $i = 0$ to n do:

if $(x[i] == 1)$: $z \leftarrow z \cdot y$

$y \leftarrow y^2$

output z

example: g^{53}



Running times

Given n -bit int. N :

- **Addition and subtraction in Z_N :** linear time $T_+ = \underline{O(n)}$
- **Modular multiplication in Z_N :** naively $T_x = \underline{O(n^2)}$
- **Modular exponentiation in Z_N (g^x):**

$$O(\underbrace{(\log x)}_{\text{red}} \cdot \underbrace{T_x}_{\text{red}}) \leq O(\underbrace{(\log x)}_{\text{red}} \cdot \underbrace{n^2}_{\text{red}}) \leq \overset{2}{O(n^3)}$$

$x < N$

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