

- (Multiplicative Modular Dynamic)

Let  $m$  be a modulus, and  $a \in \underline{\Phi}(m)$ . Consider

$$\boxed{\bullet a \bmod m} : \underline{\Phi}(m) \longrightarrow \underline{\Phi}(m)$$

$$\overline{x} \longmapsto \overline{x \cdot a}$$

Prop. Let  $m$  be a modulus, and  $a \in \underline{\Phi}(m)$ . Then the dynamics of  $\boxed{\bullet a \bmod m}$  consists of cycles of the same length.

Notation:  $\ell_m(a)$  the length of each cycle in the dynamics of

$$\boxed{\bullet a \bmod m} : \underline{\Phi}(m) \longrightarrow \underline{\Phi}(m)$$

$$\text{Coro: } \ell_m(a) \mid \varphi(m)$$

## Thm (Euler - Fermat)

Let  $m$  be a modulus, and  $a \in \mathbb{F}(m)$ . Then

$$a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

Proof. By prop. the dynamics of  $\bullet a \pmod{m}$  consists of cycles of the same length  $l(a)$ . Hence  $l(a) \mid \varphi(m)$ .

Say  $\varphi(m) = d \cdot l(a)$ . Then

$$a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv (a^{l(a)})^d \pmod{m}$$

$$\equiv (1)^d \pmod{m}$$

$$\equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

Ex. 2. Find natural representation of  $2^{2022} \bmod 9$ .

$$\varphi(9) = 6 \quad \Phi(9) = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$$

By Euler-Fermat,  $2^6 \equiv 1 \bmod 9$ .

$$("2022 \div 6") \quad 2022 \equiv 0 \bmod 6$$

$$2^{2022} \equiv 2^0 \bmod 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} &2000 + 22 \\ &\quad \parallel \\ &3 \cdot 600 + 200 \\ &\quad \parallel \\ &3 \cdot 60 + 20 \\ &\quad \parallel \\ &3 \cdot 6 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

← If you use the fact that  $N$  is divided by 3 iff its sum of digits is divided by 3, then you see immediately.

What about  $3^6 \bmod 9$   $\varphi(9) = 6$

$$3^6 = 3^{2 \cdot 3} = (3^2)^3 = 9^3 \equiv 0^3 = 0 \bmod 9$$

Not the expected  $a^6 \equiv 1 \bmod 9$ .

Coro. (Fermat's little theorem)

If  $p$  is a prime number. Then for any  $a \in \Phi(p)$ ,

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}. \quad (a \text{ is coprime to } p)$$

Another formulation:

If  $p$  is a prime number. Then for any integer  $a$ ,

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

Proof: Apply the theorem to  $p$  and notice that  $\varphi(p) = p-1$ .

Application: Primality Testing.

Given a number  $N$ , determine whether  $N$  is a prime.

- Try to check all  $1 < x < N$  if there is one  $x \mid N$ .
- Just check  $1 < x \leq \sqrt{N}$ . If no such  $x$  divides  $N$ , then  $N$  is prime.  
(Sieve Method)

If  $N$  is composite, say  $N = a \cdot b$ . We may assume  $a \leq b$

$$a^2 \leq a \cdot b = N \Rightarrow a \leq \sqrt{N} \text{ and } a \mid N.$$

- If there is some  $1 < x < N$  s.t.  $x^{N-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ , then

$N$  cannot be prime. (By Fermat's little theorem)  $N$  is NOT prime

This number  $x$  is called a **Fermat witness** for the **compositeness** of  $N$

Otherwise (i.e.  $x^{N-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$ ),  $x$  is called a **Fermat liar**.

E.g.  $N = 91$

$$a = 2$$

$$2^{90}$$

?

looks difficult!

$N$  is prime  
maybe

(Pingala's Algorithm)

$$90 = (1011010)_2 = 1 \cdot 2^6 + 0 \cdot 2^5 + 1 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^3 + 0 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 + 0 \cdot 2^0$$

$$2^{90} \equiv (2^{2^6}) \cdot (2^{2^4}) \cdot (2^{2^3}) \cdot (2^2) \pmod{91}$$

16      16      (-17)      4

16 · 16 = -17  
-17 · 16 = 64

A composite!  
 $\equiv 64 \pmod{91}$

Handwritten notes showing the sequence of squares of 2 modulo 91:

$2^1 \xrightarrow{\text{square}} 2^2 \xrightarrow{\text{square}} 2^4 \xrightarrow{\text{square}} 2^8 \xrightarrow{\text{square}} 2^{16} \xrightarrow{\text{square}} 2^{32} \xrightarrow{\text{square}} 2^{64} \pmod{91}$

Below the sequence, the values are listed:

2      4      16      256      289      -17      16

Below these values, the calculations for the modular inverses are shown:

$2 \cdot 91 + \underline{74} = 273$   
 $3 \cdot 91 + \underline{16} = 273$

An arrow points from the circled 16 to the circled -17.

$$n = 91$$

$a = 3$  is a witness or not?

$$90 = (1011010)_2$$

$$3^{90} \equiv (3^{2^6}) \cdot (3^{2^4}) \cdot (3^{2^3}) \cdot (3^2) \pmod{91}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel & & \parallel \\ -10 & & -10 & & 9 & & 9 \\ \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}} & \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}} & \underbrace{\hspace{1cm}} & & & & \\ 9 & & -10 & & -90 & & \end{array} \equiv 1 \pmod{91}$$

a prime
liar!

$3$	$3^2$	$3^{2^2}$	$3^{2^3}$	$3^{2^4}$	$3^{2^5}$	$3^{2^6}$	$\pmod{91}$
$3$	$9$	$81$	$100$	$-10$	$9$	$-10$	
		$\parallel$ $-10$	$\parallel$ $9$				

Dynamics on  $N$ :  $f(n) = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2} & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ n-1 & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

"collapse": the dynamics of  $f$  always stop after finite step.

Apply it to  $N-1$ , get: (e.g.  $N=91$ )

$$s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n = 1.$$

$$90, 45, 44, 22, 11, 10, 5, 4, 2, 1$$

and then reversely Apply  $\begin{cases} \text{Square} & \text{if previous } s_i \text{ is even} \\ \text{multiply by } \bar{a} & \text{if } \dots s_i \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$

to  $\bar{a}^{s_i}$  (e.g.  $a=3$ ) Then finally, you get N.R. of  $\bar{a}^{N-1} \bmod N$ .

$$90, 45, 44, 22, 11, 10, 5, 4, 2, 1$$

$$1 \quad 27 \quad \overset{9}{\cancel{100}} \quad -10 \quad -30 \quad \overset{-10}{\cancel{900}} \quad -30 \quad \overset{-10}{\cancel{81}} \quad 9 \quad 3$$



- Advantage:

Fermat's Primality Testing (with Pollard's Algorithm) is faster than Sieve Method.

$O(k \cdot \log^2 n)$   $k$  times

$\uparrow O(n \log \log n)$

- Disadvantage:

There are **Fermat liars**!

But we have:

So run it  $k$  times and not meet a witness  $\sim (\frac{1}{2})^k$

Theorem: If there is a Fermat witness, then half of  $\mathbb{Z}(n)$  are Fermat witness!

Caution: There are composite number  $n$  (e.g. 561) s.t.

$$x^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

for all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}(n)$ .

They are called "Fermat pseudoprime"

## After-class reading

- About how **Pingala's algorithm** implements the idea that computing modular exponential by squares and simple multiplications:
  1. You may notice that, to generate a table showing natural representatives of  $a^{2^*} \bmod N$ , one only needs to repeat the process “square modulo  $N$ ”, whose dynamics finally falls into a cycle.
  2. By replace each  $a^{2^*}$  appearing in the decomposition of  $a^{N-1}$  with its natural representatives modulo  $N$ , one still need to do the multiplication cleverly: pairing the same factors to use the results from “square modulo  $N$ ”.
  3. The Pingala's algorithm packages these ideas into a systematic algorithm. One can show that they are essentially doing the same computation.
- You can read pp. 160–163 for more on primality testings.
- [This webpage](#) provides an animated illustration of modular dynamics.
- We will discuss **primitive root theorem** (but not its proof) and its application to **cryptography** next time. Please read the rest of **chapter 6** for preparing.