



Competitive Programming

From Problem 2 Solution in $O(1)$

Number Theory

Modular multiplicative **inverse**

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Recall

- Mod distributed smoothly over $+$, $-$, $*$
 - $(a + b * c) \% n = (a \% n + (b \% n * c \% n) \% n) \% n$
- Multiplicative inverse (reciprocal)
 - Of number a : $1/a$ or $a^{-1} \Rightarrow$ then $a * (1/a) = 1$
 - Then for any $a * b = 1$, then $b = 1 / a = a^{-1}$
 - And $a / x \Rightarrow a * x^{-1}$
- Congruence: $a \equiv x (\% m) \Rightarrow a - x = qm$
 - $ax \equiv 1 (\% m) ?$
- what about $(a / x) \% n$? Should equal $a *$
Multiplicative inverse of x considering n

Modular multiplicative inverse

- $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$
 - Which means $ax \% m = 1 \% m$
 - $m = 11, a = 8, x = 7 \Rightarrow 8 * 7 = 1 \pmod{11}$
- Then, a is multiplicative inverse of x for $\% m$
- Also $a = 1 / x \pmod{m}$
- **Exists IFF $\gcd(a, m) = 1$**
- $(119 / 7) \% 11 \Rightarrow 17 \% 11 \Rightarrow 6$
 - Recall $8 * 7 = 1 \pmod{11}$... then $1 / 7 == 8$ $\% 11$
- $(119 * 8) \% 11 = (119 \% 11 * 8) \% 11 = 6$

Solution 1: Extended Euclidean

- $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$
- Then $(ax-1) \% m = 0$, then $ax-1 = qm$
 - $m = 11, a = 8, x = 7 \Rightarrow 8 * 7 = 1 \pmod{11}$
 - $56 - 1 = 5 * 11$
- Rearrange: $ax + m(-q) = 1$
- This is similar to $ax + my = \gcd(a, m) = 1$
- That is, the solution to extended (a, m) giving that $\gcd(a, m) = 1$
- So just 1 call to extended, x is the answer

Solution 1: Extended Euclidean

- $a = 17, m = 43$

- $-5 * 17 + 2 * 43 = 1$

- then $(1 / 17) \% 43 = -5 = 38$

- $a = 43, m = 17$

- $2 * 43 - 5 * 17 = 1$

- then $(1 / 43) \% 17 = 2$

- E.g. $(559 / 43) \% 17 = 13 \% 17 = 13$

- Same: $(559 * 2) \% 17 = 13$

Solution 1: Extended Euclidean

```
// ax == 1 %m  IFF a, m coprimes
// return -1 means NO answer
// handle case x may be -ve
ll modInversek(ll a, ll m) {
    ll x, y;

    ll d = extended_euclid(a, m, x, y);

    if(d == 1)
        return -1;

    return (x + m) % m;
}
```

Solution 2: Euler's theorem

- if $\gcd(a, m) = 1 \Rightarrow a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$
 - $\varphi(m)$ is Euler's totient function
- As a result (divide both sides by a)
 - $a^{\varphi(m)-1} \equiv a^{-1} \pmod{m}$.
 - $a^{-1} \equiv a^{m-2} \pmod{m}$. if m is prime
- Computations amount in GCD vs Euler?
- In addition, the theorem can be used to help reducing **large powers** evaluations

Solution 2: Euler's theorem

```
// (a^k) % m
ll pow(ll a, ll k, ll M) {
    if (k == 0)
        return 1;
    ll r = pow(a, k / 2, M);
    r = (r * r) % M;
    if (k % 2)
        r = (r * a) % M;
    return r;
}

//ax ==1 %p  IFF p primes
ll modInverse(ll a, ll p) {
    return pow(a, p-2, p);
}

//ax ==1 %m  IFF a, m coprimes
ll modInverse(ll a, ll m) { //IFF a, m coprimes
    return pow(a, phi(m) - 1, m);
}
```


Modinverse range for prime

- Given P, compute all mod inv for range 1 - (p-1)
- $p \% i = p - (p / i) * i \quad \Rightarrow \% \text{ equation}$
 - $(p \% i) \% p = p \% i$
 - $p \% p = 0$
- $p \% i = -(p / i) * i \pmod{p} \quad \Rightarrow \% P$
- Now, divide by $i * (p \% i)$
- $1 / i = -(p / i) * 1 / (p \% i) \quad \% p$
- $\text{inv}[i] = -(p / i) * \text{inv}[p \% i] \quad \% p$
- Add +p to convert to +ve
- $\text{inv}[i] = p - (p / i) * \text{inv}[p \% i] \quad \% p$

Modinverse range for prime

```
//  $p \% i = p - (p / i) * i$  : Mod Equ  
//  $p \% i = -(p / i) * i \pmod p$  :  $\%p$  2 sides  
// inv[i] = - (p / i) * inv[p % i] : / i * (p % i)  
vector<int> ModInvRange(int p)  
{  
    vector<int> inv(p-1, 1);  
  
    for (int i = 2; i < p; ++i)  
        inv[i] = (p - (p/i) * inv[p%i] % p) % p;  
  
    return inv;  
}
```

Euler's theorem and large powers

- $a^{\phi(m)} = 1$ and $a^{\phi(m)-1} = a^{-1}$ if $\gcd(a, m) = 1$
- $a^{p-1} = 1$ and $a^{p-2} = a^{-1}$ if p is prime
- number
- $7^{222} \% 10$.
 - $\gcd(7, 10) = 1$ and $\phi(10) = 4$
 - From Euler's theorem $7^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$
- $7^{222} \equiv 7^{4 \times 55 + 2} \equiv (7^4)^{55} \times 7^2 \equiv 1^{55} \times 7^2$
- $7^{222} \equiv 49 \equiv 9 \pmod{10}$
- Or shortly, $7^{222} \equiv 7^{222 \% 4} \equiv 7^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{10}$

Euler's theorem and large powers

- Compute $(1/a^m) \% p$.. where p is prime
 - Same as $((1/a) \% p)^m \% p$
 - $(a^{p-2} \% p)^m \% p$ use inverse modular
 - $a^{m(p-2)} \% p$
 - What about using euler to **reduce** the power?
 - $a^{(m(p-2)) \% (p-1)} \% p$ or $a^{(m \% (p-1) * (p-2) \% (p-1)) \% (p-1)} \% p$
 - Simil
- ```
ll modInverse_am(ll a, ll m, ll p) {
 //return pow(a, (m * (p - 2))%(p-1), p);
 return pow(a, (m%(p-1) * (p - 2)%(p-1))%(p-1), p);
}
```

# Euler's theorem and large powers

- Let's learn one more trick for previous issue
- $(p-2) \% (p-1) = -1$  [use -ve mode]
- It now turns to be:  $a^{-m\%(p-1)} \% p \dots$  recall:
  - if  $m$  is +ve, its mode:  $m \% a$
  - if  $m$  is +ve, then  $-m$  is:  $(a + (-m) \% a) \% a$
  - Or more directly  $a - m \% a$
- Then turns to be:  $a^{p-1-(m\%(p-1))} \% p$
- Moral of that, is we get rid of  $p-2$  with a constant  $-1$  .. this helps in some advanced problems

# Euler's theorem and large powers

- What about  $a^x \% n$  where  $\gcd(a, n) > 1$ ?
- Let's factorize  $a$  to  $p_1 * p_2 * p_3 \dots p_k$ 
  - e.g.  $12 = 2 * 2 * 3$  ( $p_1 = p_2 = 2$ )
  - Then answer =  $(p_1^x \% n * p_2^x \% n \dots) \% n$
- Our problem = new sub-problems:  $p^x \% n$ 
  - $p$  is a prime number
  - if  $\gcd(p, n) = 1$ , direct euler...otherwise  $m \% p = 0$
- Find largest  $g$  such that:  $p^g \% n = 0$ 
  - Then  $\gcd(p, t = n/p^g) = 1$  ... using euler rule
  - $p^{\phi(t)} = 1 \pmod{t}$  multiply all terms by  $p^g$
  - $p^g p^{\phi(t)} = p^g \pmod{n}$  and generally:  $p^g p^{k\phi(t)} = p^g \pmod{n}$

# Euler's theorem and large powers

- Now:  $p^g p^{k\phi(t)} = p^g \pmod{n}$ 
  - means multiple of has  $p^{\phi(t)}$  no effect
- Back to  $p^x$ 
  - if  $x \leq g$ , then it was actually small power. Forget euler
  - if  $x > g$ , let's embed it in equation:  $x = x - g + g$
  - $p^x = p^g p^{x-g}$  .... using modified euler
  - $p^x \pmod{n} = p^g p^{(x-g) \pmod{\phi(t)}} p^{k(x-g) \pmod{n}}$  [recall:  $d = qk + r$ ]
  - $p^x \pmod{n} = p^g p^{(x-g) \pmod{\phi(t)}} \pmod{n}$
- Your turn: use above to compute:  
 $(8^{2^{6^4^2^5^8^9}}) \% 10000$ 
  - Hint think:  $8^x \% 10000$  ... use recursion for the tower

# Finally

- In many problems it asks your for solution % prime (e.g.  $10^9+7$ ). They select it prime to allow some euler/inverse solutions
- Readings
  - Euler ([link 1](#), [link 2](#))
  - Fermat's little theorem
  - Carmichael function
  - [Discrete logarithm](#) problem (Practice [problem](#))



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# Problems

- UVA (11440, 11174), UVA (10692),  
LiveArchive ([3343 - Last Digits](#))