MATHEMATICS OF CRYPTOGRAPHY PART III

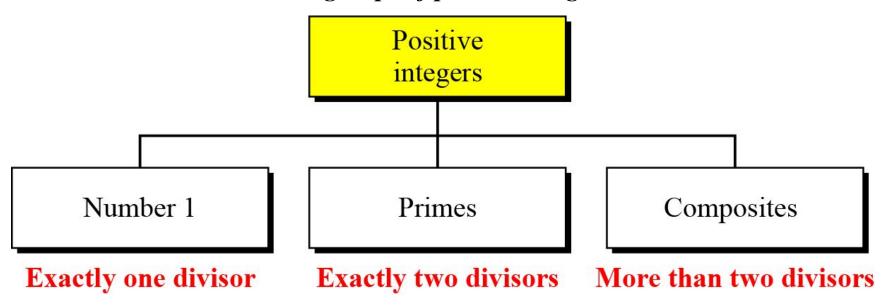
Primes and Related Congruence Equations

Objectives

- To introduce prime numbers and their applications in cryptography
- To discuss some primality test algorithms and their efficiencies.
- To discuss factorization algorithms and their applications in cryptography
- To discuss the Chinese remainder theorem and its application
- To introduce modular exponentiation and algorithm

Primes

Three groups of positive integers



A prime is divisible only by itself and 1. The smallest prime????

Primes(cont.)

Number of Primes

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[n/(\ln n)] < \pi(n) < [n/(\ln n - 1.08366)]
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- E.g. Find the number of primes less than 1,000,000.
 - The approximation gives the range 72,383 to 78,543. The actual number of primes is 78,498

Checking for Primeness

- Given a number n, how can we determine if n is a prime?
 - The answer is that we need to see if the number is divisible by primes less than √n
- Is 97 a prime?
 - The floor of $\sqrt{97} = 9$. The primes less than 9 are 2, 3, 5, and 7. We need to see if 97 is divisible by any of these numbers. It is not, so 97 is a prime.

Checking for Primeness(cont.)

- Is 301 a prime?
 - The floor of v301 = 17. We need to check 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, and 13. The numbers 2, 3, and 5 do not divide 301, but 7 does. Therefore 301 is not a prime.

Euler's Phi-Function

- Euler's phi-function, φ (n), which is sometimes called the Euler's totient function plays a very important role in cryptography.
- The function finds the number of integers that are both smaller than n and relatively prime to n
- The followings helps to find the value of φ (n).
 - 1. $\phi(1) = 0$.
 - 2. $\phi(p) = p 1$ if p is a prime.
 - 3. $\phi(m \times n) = \phi(m) \times \phi(n)$ if m and n are relatively prime.
 - 4. $\phi(p^e) = p^e p^{e-1}$ if *p* is a prime.

Euler's Phi-Function(cont.)

• We can combine all four rules to find the value of ϕ (n). For example, if n can be factored as

$$n = p_1^{e1} \times p_2^{e2} \times ... \times p_k^{ek}$$

 Then we combine the third and the fourth rule to find

$$\phi(n) = (p_1^{e_1} - p_1^{e_1-1}) \times (p_2^{e_2} - p_2^{e_2-1}) \times \cdots \times (p_k^{e_k} - p_k^{e_k-1})$$

• The value of φ (n) for large composites can be found only if the number n can be factored into primes.

The difficulty of finding $\varphi(n)$ depends on the difficulty of finding the factorization of n. "n can be factored into primes"

Euler's Phi-Function(cont)

Example 1

- 3. $\phi(m \times n) = \phi(m) \times \phi(n)$ if m and n are relatively prime.
- What is the value of $\varphi(13)$?
- 4. $\phi(p^e) = p^e p^{e-1}$ if p is a prime.

2. $\phi(p) = p - 1$ if p is a prime.

- Solution
 - Because 13 is a prime, φ(13) = (13 1) = 12.
- Example 2
 - What is the value of $\varphi(10)$?
- Solution
 - We can use the third rule: $\varphi(10) = \varphi(2) \times \varphi(5) = 1$ \times 4 = 4, because 2 and 5 are primes.

Euler's Phi-Function(cont)

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- Example 3
 - What is the value of $\varphi(240)$?
- Solution
 - We can write $240 = 2^4 \times 3^1 \times 5^1$. Then φ (240) = (2⁴ -2³) × (3¹ - 3⁰) × (5¹ - 5⁰) = 64
- Example 4
 - Can we say that φ (49) = φ (7) × φ (7) = 6 × 6 = 36????
- Solution
 - No. The third rule applies when m and n are relatively prime. Here 49 = 7^2 . We need to use the fourth rule: φ (49) = $7^2 - 7^1 = 42$.

Euler's Phi-Function(cont.)

• Example 5

- What is the number of elements in Z_{14}^* ?

Solution

- The answer is $\phi(14) = \phi(7) \times \phi(2) = 6 \times 1 = 6$. The members are 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, and 13.

Interesting point: If n > 2, the value of $\varphi(n)$ is even.

Examples

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If n = 2020, then \Phi(n) is A. 200
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B. 400

C. 600

D. 800

prime factorization of 2,020 is $2^2 \times 5 \times 101$ *Accepted Answers:* **D.**

Fermat's Little Theorem

- It plays important role in cryptography. It has two versions.
- First Version
 - If p is a prime and a is an integer such that p does not divide a, then

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \mod p$$

- Second Version
 - Removes the condition on a
 - It says that if p is prime and a is an integer,

$$a^p \equiv a \ mod \ p$$

Fermat's Little Theorem(cont.)

- Application- <exponentiation> it is helpful for quickly finding a solution to some exponentiation.
- Example 1

- Find the result of 6^{10} mod 11.

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \mod p$$

 $a^p \equiv a \mod p$

- Solution
 - We have 6^{10} mod 11 = 1. This is the first version of Fermat's little theorem where p = 11.
- Example 2
 - Find the result of 3¹² mod 11.
- Solution
 - Here the exponent (12) and the modulus (11) are not the same.
 With substitution this can be solved using Fermat's little theorem.

 $3^{12} \mod 11 = (3^{11} \times 3) \mod 11 = (3^{11} \mod 11) (3 \mod 11) = (3 \times 3) \mod 11 = 9$

Fermat's Little Theorem(cont.)

- Application- Multiplicative Inverses <if modulus is prime>
- If p is a prime and a is an integer such that p does not divide a.

$$a^{-1} \mod p = a^{p-2} \mod p$$

- The answers to multiplicative inverses modulo a prime can be found without using the extended Euclidean algorithm:
 - a. $8^{-1} \mod 17 = 8^{17-2} \mod 17 = 8^{15} \mod 17 = 15 \mod 17$
 - b. $5^{-1} \mod 23 = 5^{23-2} \mod 23 = 5^{21} \mod 23 = 14 \mod 23$
 - c. $60^{-1} \mod 101 = 60^{101-2} \mod 101 = 60^{99} \mod 101 = 32 \mod 101$
 - d. $22^{-1} \mod 211 = 22^{211-2} \mod 211 = 22^{209} \mod 211 = 48 \mod 211$

Euler's Theorem

- It is the generalization of Fermat's little theorem. The modulus in Euler's theorem is an integer not prime.
- First Version
 - If a and n are coprime,

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

- Second Version
 - Removes the condition that a and n should be coprime. If n=p×q, a<n, and k is integer, then

$$a^{k \times \varphi(n) + 1} \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

The second version of Euler's theorem is used in the RSA cryptosystem

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Euler's Theorem(cont.)

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

- Application- Exponentiation
- $a^{k \times \varphi(n) + 1} \equiv a \pmod{n}$

- Example 1
 - Find the result of 6^{24} mod 35.
- Solution
 - We have $6^{24} \mod 35 = 6^{\varphi (35)} \mod 35 = 1$.
- Example 2
 - Find the result of 20^{62} mod 77.
- Solution

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If we let k = 1 on the second version, we have 20^{62} \mod 77 = (20 \mod 77) (20^{\varphi(77)+1} \mod 77) \mod 77 = (20)(20) \mod 77 = 15.
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Euler's Theorem(cont.)

- Application-Multiplicative Inverses
 - Euler's theorem can be used to find multiplicative inverses modulo a composite. If n and a are coprime, then

$$a^{-1} \mod n = a^{\varphi(n)-1} \mod n$$

Euler's Theorem(cont.)

$a^{-1} \bmod n = a^{\varphi(n)-1} \bmod n$

Example

 The answers to multiplicative inverses modulo a composite can be found without using the extended Euclidean algorithm.

a.
$$8^{-1} \mod 77 = 8^{\phi(77)-1} \mod 77 = 8^{59} \mod 77 = 29 \mod 77$$

b.
$$7^{-1} \mod 15 = 7^{\phi(15)-1} \mod 15 = 7^7 \mod 15 = 13 \mod 15$$

c.
$$60^{-1} \mod 187 = 60^{\phi(187)-1} \mod 187 = 60^{159} \mod 187 = 53 \mod 187$$

d.
$$71^{-1} \mod 100 = 71^{\phi(100)-1} \mod 100 = 71^{39} \mod 100 = 31 \mod 100$$

Generating Primes

• Mersenne Primes- $\mathbf{M}_p = 2^p - 1$

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If p in the above formula is a prime, then M_p was thought to be prime.

$$M_2 = 2^2 - 1 = 3$$
 $M_3 = 2^3 - 1 = 7$
 $M_5 = 2^5 - 1 = 31$
 $M_7 = 2^7 - 1 = 127$
 $M_{11} = 2^{11} - 1 = 2047$
 $M_{13} = 2^{13} - 1 = 8191$
 $M_{17} = 2^{17} - 1 = 131071$
Not a prime (2047 = 23 × 89)

A number in the form $M_p = 2^p - 1$ is called a Mersenne number and may or may not be a prime.

Generating Primes(cont.)

• Fermat Primes
$$\mathbf{F}_n = 2^{2^n} + 1$$

$$F_0 = 3$$
 $F_1 = 5$ $F_2 = 17$ $F_3 = 257$ $F_4 = 65537$ $F_5 = 4294967297 = 641 \times 6700417$ Not a prime

Primality Testing

- Finding an algorithm to correctly and efficiently test a very large integer and output a prime or a composite has always been a challenge in number theory.
- Two types
 - Deterministic Algorithms < gives correct answer>
 - Probabilistic Algorithms < gives an answer that is correct most of the time, but not all of time>

Deterministic Algorithms

Divisibility Algorithm

Algorithm 9.1 Pseudocode for the divisibility test

Probabilistic Algorithms

Fermat Test

If *n* is a prime, then $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \mod n$.

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If n is a prime, a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \mod n
If n is a composite, it is possible that a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \mod n
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- Example
 - Does the number 561 pass the Fermat test?

Probabilistic Algorithms(cont.)

- Example
 - Does the number 561 pass the Fermat test?
- Solution
 - Use base 2

$$2^{561-1} = 1 \bmod 561$$

- The number passes the Fermat test, but it is not a prime, because $561 = 33 \times 17$.

FACTORIZATION

Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

$$n = p_1^{e1} \times p_2^{e2} \times \cdots \times p_k^{ek}$$

Greatest Common Divisor

$$a = p_1^{a_1} \times p_2^{a_2} \times \cdots \times p_k^{a_k}$$

$$b = p_1^{b_1} \times p_2^{b_2} \times \cdots \times p_k^{b_k}$$

$$\gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min(a_1, b_1)} \times p_2^{\min(a_2, b_2)} \times \cdots \times p_k^{\min(a_k, b_k)}$$

• Least Common Multiplier- smallest integer that is multiple of both a&b

$$a = p_1^{a1} \times p_2^{a2} \times \cdots \times p_k^{ak}$$

$$b = p_1^{b1} \times p_2^{b2} \times \cdots \times p_k^{bk}$$

$$\operatorname{lcm}(a, b) = p_1^{\max(a_1, b_1)} \times p_2^{\max(a_2, b_2)} \times \cdots \times p_k^{\max(a_k, b_k)}$$

Example- GCD & LCIVI of 16 and 64

$$lcm(a, b) \times gcd(a, b) = a \times b$$

CHINESE REMAINDER THEOREM

 Used to solve a set of congruent equations with one variable but different moduli, which are relatively prime

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

 $x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$
...
 $x \equiv a_k \pmod{m_k}$

 The above equations have a unique solution if the moduli are relatively prime

Example

— The following is an example of a set of equations with different moduli:

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x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}
x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}
x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}
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- The solution to this set of equations is given in the next section; for the moment, note that the answer to this set of equations is x = 23. This value satisfies all equations: $23 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$, $23 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$, and $23 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$.

- Solution To Chinese Remainder Theorem
 - Find $M = m_1 \times m_2 \times ... \times m_k$. This is the common modulus.
 - Find $M_1 = M/m_1$, $M_2 = M/m_2$, ..., $M_k = M/m_k$.
 - Find the multiplicative inverse of M_1 , M_2 , ..., M_k using the corresponding moduli $(m_1, m_2, ..., m_k)$. Call the inverses M_1^{-1} , M_2^{-1} , ..., M_k^{-1} .
 - The solution to the simultaneous equations is

$$x = (a_1 \times M_1 \times M_1^{-1} + a_2 \times M_2 \times M_2^{-1} + \cdots + a_k \times M_k \times M_k^{-1}) \mod M$$

- Example
 - Find the solution to the simultaneous equations:

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

Solution: We follow the four steps.

1.
$$M = 3 \times 5 \times 7 = 105$$

2.
$$M_1 = 105 / 3 = 35$$
, $M_2 = 105 / 5 = 21$, $M_3 = 105 / 7 = 15$

3. The inverses are
$$M_1^{-1} = 2$$
, $M_2^{-1} = 1$, $M_3^{-1} = 1$

4.
$$x = (2 \times 35 \times 2 + 3 \times 21 \times 1 + 2 \times 15 \times 1) \mod 105 = 23 \mod 105$$

- Example
 - Find an integer that has a remainder of 3 when divided by 7 and 13, but is divisible by 12.
- Solution ????

Example

 Find an integer that has a remainder of 3 when divided by 7 and 13, but is divisible by 12.

Solution

 This is a CRT problem. We can form three equations and solve them to find the value of x.

 $x \equiv 3 \mod 7$

 $x \equiv 3 \mod 13$

 $x \equiv 0 \mod 12$

- If we follow the four steps, we find x = 276. We can check that

 $276 \equiv 3 \mod 7$, $276 \equiv 3 \mod 13$ and 276 is divisible by 12 (the quotient is 23 and the remainder is zero).

• Assume we need to calculate z = x + y where x = 123 and y = 334. These numbers can be represented as follows:

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x \equiv 24 \pmod{99} y \equiv 37 \pmod{99}

x \equiv 25 \pmod{98} y \equiv 40 \pmod{98}

x \equiv 26 \pmod{97} y \equiv 43 \pmod{97}
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 Adding each congruence in x with the corresponding congruence in y gives

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x + y \equiv 61 \pmod{99} \rightarrow z \equiv 61 \pmod{99}

x + y \equiv 65 \pmod{98} \rightarrow z \equiv 65 \pmod{98}

x + y \equiv 69 \pmod{97} \rightarrow z \equiv 69 \pmod{97}
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• Now three equations can be solved using the Chinese remainder theorem to find z. One of the acceptable answers is z = 457.

Secret Sharing scheme in cryptography aims to distribute and later recover secret S among n parties. Secret S is distributed in form of shares which are generated from secret. Without cooperation of k no. of parties, the secret cannot be reconstructed from shares directly. Consider the following example:

Say our secret is S. The shares for n=4 no. of parties are generated taking modulus 11,13,17 and 19. They are respectively 1,12,2 and 3 and given by following equations:

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S = 1 mod 11,
S = 12 mod 13,
S = 2 mod 17,
S = 3 mod 19.
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Now, from four possible sets of k=3 shares (as k shares are necessary to reconstruct the secret), consider one possible set {1, 12, 2} and recover the secret S from it.

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Solution: The problem can be solved by Chinese remainder theorem.
For the set {1,12,2}, the equations available are,
     S \equiv 1 \mod 11,
     S \equiv 12 \mod 13,
     S \equiv 2 \mod 17,
Now solving this equation using CRT, M=11 *13*17 = 2431,
M1 = 2431/11 = 221.
M2 = 2431/13=187,
M3=2431/17=143
M1<sup>-1</sup>, M2<sup>-1</sup> and M3<sup>-1</sup> can be calculated using Extended Euclidean Algorithm.
M1^{-1} = 1
M2^{-1} = 8
M3^{-1}=5
Now, secret S= ((1*221*1) + (12*187*8) + (2*143*5)) mod 2431
              S = 155 \mod 2431
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EXPONENTIATION AND LOGARITHM

EXPONENTIATION AND LOGARITHM

- •Exponentiation and logarithm are inverses of each other.
- •a is called the base of the exponentiation or logarithm

Exponentiation: $y = a^x \rightarrow \text{Logarithm: } x = \log_a y$

EXPONENTIATION

• In cryptography, a common modular operation is **exponentiation.** That is we often need to calculate.

$$y = a^x \mod n$$

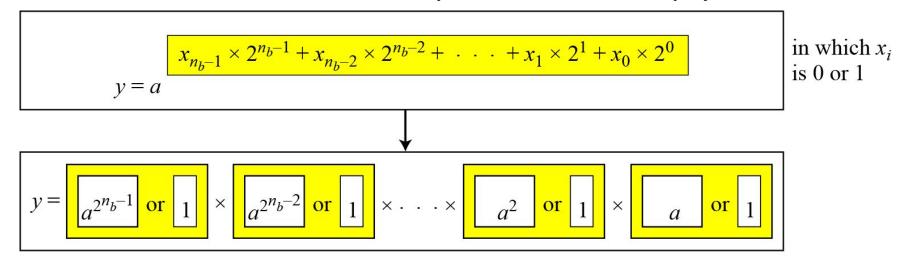
- The RSA cryptosystem, which uses exponentiation for both encryption and decryption with very large exponents.
- Unfortunately, most computer languages have no operator that can efficiently compute exponentiation, particularly when the exponent is very large.
- To make this type of calculation, we need more efficient algorithms.

EXPONENTIATION

- Fast Exponentiation
 - The idea behind the <u>square-and-multiply method</u>
- In traditional algorithms only *multiplication* is used to simulate exponentiation, but the fast exponentiation uses both *squaring* and *multiplication*.
- <u>square-and-multiply method</u> treat the exponent as a binary number of n_b bits $(x_0$ to $x_{nb-1})$

Exponentiation

- Fast Exponentiation
 - The idea behind the square-and-multiply method



Example:

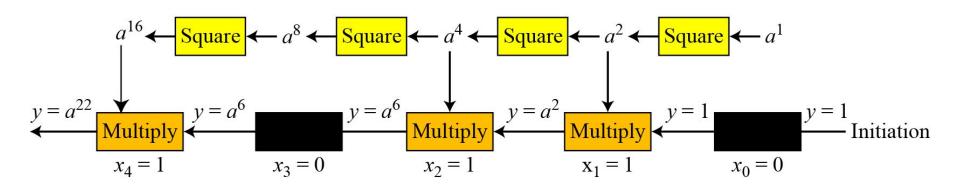
$$y = a^9 = a^{1001} = a^8 \times 1 \times 1 \times a$$

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Algorithm 9.7 Pseudocode for square-and-multiply algorithm

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- The process for calculating y = a^x
- In this case, $x = 22 = (10110)_2$ in binary.



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Table 9.3 *Calculation of 17*²² *mod 21*

i	x_i	Multiplication (Initialization: $y = 1$)	Squaring (Initialization: $a = 17$)
0	0	\rightarrow	$a = 17^2 \mod 21 = 16$
1	1	$y = 1 \times 16 \mod 21 = 16 \longrightarrow$	$a = 16^2 \mod 21 = 4$
2	1	$y = 16 \times 4 \mod 21 = 1 \longrightarrow$	$a = 4^2 \mod 21 = 16$
3	0	\rightarrow	$a = 16^2 \mod 21 = 4$
4	1	$y = 1 \times 4 \mod 21 = 4 \longrightarrow$	

Logarithm

- In cryptography we need to discuss modular logarithm.
- If we use exponentiation to encrypt or decrypt, the adversary can use logarithm to attack.
- We need to know how hard it is to reverse the exponentiation.

- Order of the Group.
- Example:
 - What is the order of group $G = \langle Z_{21} *, \times \rangle$?
 - $|G| = \phi$ (21) = ϕ (3) × ϕ (7) = 2 × 6 =12. There are 12 elements in this group: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 19, and 20. All are relatively prime with 21.

 Order of an element: The order of an element is the order of the cyclic group it generates.

• Example:

- Find the order of all elements in $G = \langle Z_{10} *, \times \rangle$.
- This group has only $\varphi(10) = 4$ elements: 1, 3, 7, 9.
- Lagrange Theorem- The order of an element divides the order of the group. The only integers that divide 4 are 1, 2, and 4, which means in each case we need to check only these powers to find the order of the element.

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a. 1^1 \equiv 1 \mod (10) \rightarrow \text{ord}(1) = 1.
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b.
$$3^4 \equiv 1 \mod (10) \rightarrow \text{ord}(3) = 4$$
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c.
$$7^4 \equiv 1 \mod (10) \rightarrow \text{ord}(7) = 4$$
.

d.
$$9^2 \equiv 1 \mod (10) \rightarrow \text{ord}(9) = 2$$
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Primitive roots

- In the group $G = \langle Z_n *, \times \rangle$, when the order of an element is the same as $\varphi(n)$, that element is called the primitive root of the group.
- Example
 - There are no primitive roots in $G = \langle Z_8 *, \times \rangle$ because no element has the order equal to $\phi(8) = 4$.

Example

- the result of $a^i \equiv x \pmod{7}$ for the group $G = \langle Z_7 *, \times \rangle$. In this group, $\phi(7) = 6$.

Table 9.5 *Example 9.50*

		i = 1	i = 2	i = 3	i = 4	i = 5	i = 6
	<i>a</i> = 1	<i>x</i> : 1	x: 1	<i>x</i> : 1	x: 1	x: 1	x: 1
	a = 2	<i>x</i> : 2	<i>x</i> : 4	<i>x</i> : 1	x: 2	x: 4	<i>x</i> : 1
imitive root \rightarrow	a = 3	<i>x</i> : 3	x: 2	<i>x</i> : 6	x: 4	<i>x</i> : 5	<i>x</i> : 1
	a = 4	x: 4	<i>x</i> : 2	<i>x</i> : 1	x: 4	<i>x</i> : 2	<i>x</i> : 1
imitive root \rightarrow	<i>a</i> = 5	x: 5	<i>x</i> : 4	x: 6	x: 2	<i>x</i> : 3	<i>x</i> : 1
	<i>a</i> = 6	x: 6	<i>x</i> : 1	x: 6	x: 1	x: 6	x: 1

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The group $G = \langle Z_n^*, \times \rangle$ has primitive roots only if n is 2, 4, p^t , or $2p^t$. $\langle p$ is an odd prime (not 2) and t is an integer>

For which value of n, does the group $G = \langle Z_n *, \times \rangle$ have primitive roots: 17, 20, 38, and 50?

Solution

- a. $G = \langle Z_{17} *, \times \rangle$ has primitive roots, 17 is a prime.
- b. $G = \langle Z_{20} *, \times \rangle$ has no primitive roots.
- c. $G = \langle Z_{38} *, \times \rangle$ has primitive roots, $38 = 2 \times 19$ prime.
- d. $G = \langle Z_{50} \rangle *$, $\times > has primitive roots, <math>50 = 2 \times 5^2$ and 5 is a prime.

If the group $G = \langle Z_n^*, \times \rangle$ has any primitive root, the number of primitive roots is $\varphi(\varphi(n))$.

Cyclic Group If g is a primitive root in the group, we can generate the set Z_n^* as $Z_n^* = \{g^1, g^2, g^3, ..., g^{\varphi(n)}\}$

The group $G = \langle Z_{10}^*, \times \rangle$ has two primitive roots because $\varphi(10) = 4$ and $\varphi(\varphi(10)) = 2$. It can be found that the primitive roots are 3 and 7. The following shows how we can create the whole set Z_{10}^* using each primitive root.

$$g = 3 \rightarrow g^1 \mod 10 = 3$$
 $g^2 \mod 10 = 9$ $g^3 \mod 10 = 7$ $g^4 \mod 10 = 1$ $g = 7 \rightarrow g^1 \mod 10 = 7$ $g^2 \mod 10 = 9$ $g^3 \mod 10 = 3$ $g^4 \mod 10 = 1$

The group $G = \langle Z_n^*, \times \rangle$ is a cyclic group if it has primitive roots. The group $G = \langle Z_p^*, \times \rangle$ is always cyclic.

The idea of Discrete Logarithm

Properties of G =
$$\langle Z_p^*, \times \rangle$$
:

- 1. Its elements include all integers from 1 to p-1.
- 2. It always has primitive roots.
- 3. It is cyclic. The elements can be created using g^x where x is an integer from 1 to $\varphi(n) = p 1$.
- 4. The primitive roots can be thought as the base of logarithm.

Solution to Modular Logarithm Using Discrete Logs Tabulation of Discrete Logarithms

Table 9.6 Discrete logarithm for $G = \langle \mathbb{Z}_7^*, \times \rangle$

у	1	2	3	4	5	6
$x = L_3 y$	6	2	1	4	5	3
$x = L_5 y$	6	4	5	2	1	3

Find x in each of the following cases:

a.
$$4 = 3^x \pmod{7}$$
.

b.
$$6 = 5^x \pmod{7}$$
.

Solution

We can easily use the tabulation of the discrete logarithm:

a.
$$4 = 3^x \mod 7 \rightarrow x = L_3 4 \mod 7 = 4 \mod 7$$

b.
$$6 = 5^x \mod 7 \rightarrow x = L_5^6 \mod 7 = 3 \mod 7$$