

Information Systems Security

Exercices Series 1 Correction - Modular

Arithmetics Reminders

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1. Compute :

- $4 + 3 \pmod{7} = 0$
- $4 - 3 \pmod{7} = 1$
- $4 * 3 \pmod{7} = 12 \pmod{7} = 5$
- $5 * 3 * 1 \pmod{8} = 7$
- $-44 \equiv -2 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$

2. In \mathbb{Z}_7 , compute :

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
2	2	3	4	5	6	0	1
3	3	4	5	6	0	1	2
4	4	5	6	0	1	2	3
5	5	6	0	1	2	3	4
6	6	0	1	2	3	4	5

*	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	0	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	0	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	0	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	0	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	0	6	5	4	3	2	1

number	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
additive inverse	0	6	5	4	3	2	1

number	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
multiplicative inverse	none	1	4	5	2	3	6

3. $(\mathbb{Z}_7, +)$ is a group : addition is associative, neutral element is 0, closure is respected (see exercise 2, additive table), and they all have an inverse (see exercise 2, additive inverse)).
4. $(\mathbb{Z}_8, *)$ is not a group, as some numbers do not have a multiplicative inverse : 0, 2, 4 and 6.
5. $(\mathbb{Z}_8^*, *)$ is a group : multiplication is associative, neutral element is 1, closure is respected, and they all have a multiplicative inverse.

6. $(\mathbb{Z}_n^*, *)$ is a group : multiplication is associative, neutral element is 1, closure is respected (as the product of two elements that do not divide n cannot produce an element that divides n).

The only tricky part is the inverse. But we know it exists : As \mathbb{Z}_n^* is the set of $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $\text{pgdc}(a, n) = 1$, then by Euler's theorem, $a^{\Phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod n$, which can be written as $a \cdot a^{\Phi(n)-1} \equiv 1 \pmod n$.

So "a" does indeed have an inverse : $a^{-1} = a^{\Phi(n)-1} \pmod n$ (and since closure is respected, $a^{\Phi(n)-1}$ is in this set as it is just the product of "a" many times).

7. Give the order of :

- $2^1 = 2 \pmod 7$
 $2^2 = 4 \pmod 7$
 $2^3 = 8 \pmod 7 = 1$
 So $\text{ord}_7(2) = 3$.

- With the successive powers of 3, we have : 3, then $3^2 \pmod 7 = 2$, then 6, then 4, then 5, and finally $3^6 \pmod 7 = 1$. So the order of 3 $\pmod 7$ is : $\text{ord}_7(3) = 6$.

- Same reasoning : We have 3, then 9, then 7, then 1, which gives us $\text{ord}_{10}(3) = 4$.

8. Thanks to the previous exercise, we know that 3 is a primitive root modulo 7 (generator of \mathbb{Z}_7^*).

9. 1 is not (obviously). 2 is a primitive root modulo 11 (as its successive powers modulo 11 are : 2-4-8-5-10-9-7-3-6-1). 3 is not (3-9-5-4-1). 4 is not (4-5-9-3-1). 5 is not (5-3-4-9-1). 6 is a primitive root (6-3-7-9-10-5-8-4-2-1). 7 is also one (7-5-2-3-10-4-6-9-8-1), as well as 8 (8-9-6-4-10-3-2-5-7-1). Finally, 9 is not a primitive root (9-4-3-5-1), and 10 is not one either (10-1).

The primitive roots modulo 11 (generators of \mathbb{Z}_{11}^*) are 2, 6, 7 and 8.

10. First, we need to find the elements that are co-prime with 12. These elements are 1, 5, 7 and 11 (as 2,3,4,6,8,9,10 all divide 12).

Then 1 is obviously not a primitive root. Neither is 5 (successive powers are 5-1). Idem for 7 (7-1) and 11 (11-1).

So there is no primitive root modulo 12.