



# CS215 DISCRETE MATH

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RSA 公钥加密机制

- At one point, the largest employer of mathematicians in the United States, and probably the world, was the **National Security Agency (NSA)**. The NSA is the largest spy agency in the US (bigger than CIA, Central Intelligence Agency), and has the responsibility for code design and breaking.

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**Answer:** Count the number of integers such that  $0 < kd \leq n$ . Therefore, there are  $\lfloor n/d \rfloor$  such positive integers.

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Proof. (1)  $a|b$   $a|c$

$$b = ak_1 \quad c = ak_2$$

$$b+c = a(k_1+k_2)$$

(2)  $a|b$   $b = ak$

$$bc = a(kc)$$

(3)  $b = ak_1$

$$c = bk_2$$

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**Proof.** By part (ii) and part (i) of Properties.

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- ◊  $-1 \equiv 11 \pmod{6}$

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$$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow m \mid a - b$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid (q_1 - q_2)m + r_1 - r_2$$

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$$14 \equiv 8 \pmod{6} \text{ but } 7 \not\equiv 4 \pmod{6}$$

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- 单位元(幺元)**  
 $0 +_m a = a$   
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根据π中顺序重排P

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- If the group operation is referred to as *addition* (*multiplication*), then the group also allows for *subtraction* (*division*).

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$$n = a_k b^k + a_{k-1} b^{k-1} + \cdots + a_1 b + a_0,$$
 where  $k$  is nonnegative,  $a_i$ 's are nonnegative integers less than  $b$ . The representation of  $n$  is called *the base- $b$  expansion of  $n$*  and is denoted by  $(a_k a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_b$ .  
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- $a_1$  is the second digit from the right. Continue by successively dividing the quotients by  $b$  until **the quotient is 0**

# Algorithm: Constructing Base- $b$ Expansions

```
procedure base  $b$  expansion( $n, b$ : positive integers with  $b > 1$ )  
     $q := n$   
     $k := 0$   
    while ( $q \neq 0$ )  
         $a_k := q \text{ mod } b$   
         $q := q \text{ div } b$   
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return( $a_{k-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0$ )  
{ $(a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_b$  is base  $b$  expansion of  $n$ }
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$k \times O(q \div b)$   
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$$3 = 8 \cdot 0 + 3$$

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**while** *r* ≥ *d*

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**if** *a* < 0 and *r* > 0 **then**

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# Next Lecture

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