

## Lecture 2a: A Ring on Irreducible Polynomials

### LEARNING OUTCOME

By the end of the lesson the student will be able to:

- understand a concept of irreducible polynomial
- compute a greatest common divisor between two polynomials via Euclidean algorithm
- compute an inverse of polynomial  $a$  modulo irreducible polynomial  $b$  via an extended Euclidean algorithm.

A prime number is divisible by another positive integer. It cannot be factored into more than one integers greater than 1.

The prime number list is 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29, ... and so on.

Let us see a polynomial over finite field modulo 2,  $F_2$ .

Let us take a number,

$$P(x) = a_n \cdot x^n + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x^1 + a_0 x^0 \text{ written in little endian.}$$

A mathematical programmer will see the number in terms of big endian.

$$P(x) = a_0 x^0 + a_1 x^1 + a_2 x^2 + \dots + a_n \cdot x^n \text{ in an array } [a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n].$$

An index number system(10s):

$$\text{Let us take a number, } A = 8475_{10} = 8 \cdot 10^3 + 4 \cdot 10^2 + 7 \cdot 10^1 + 5 \cdot 10^0 = [8 \ 4 \ 7 \ 5].$$

$$B = 9362_{10} = 9 \cdot 10^3 + 3 \cdot 10^2 + 6 \cdot 10^1 + 2 \cdot 10^0 = [9 \ 3 \ 6 \ 2].$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let us add } A + B &= 17 \cdot 10^3 + 7 \cdot 10^2 + 13 \cdot 10^1 + 7 \cdot 10^0 = [17 \ 7 \ 13 \ 7]. \\ &= 1 \cdot 10^4 + 7 \cdot 10^3 + 8 \cdot 10^2 + 3 \cdot 10^1 + 7 \cdot 10^0 = [1 \ 7 \ 8 \ 3 \ 7]. \end{aligned}$$

This is called a carry problem. It is an inefficient process. Starting from 1980's, a polynomial in finite field has been introduced in cryptography.

A finite field  $F_2$  is an  $n$ -bit polynomial

$$P(x) = a_{n-1} \cdot x^{n-1} + \dots + a_2 x^2 + a_1 x^1 + a_0 x^0 = [a_{n-1}, \dots, a_2, a_1, a_0] \text{ written in little endian modulo 2.}$$

$i$	Binary	Polynomial
0	0	0
1	1	1
2	10	$x$
3	11	$x + 1$
4	100	$x^2$
5	101	$x^2 + 1$
6	110	$x^2 + x$
7	111	$x^2 + x + 1$
8	1000	$x^3$
9	1001	$x^3 + 1$
10	1010	$x^3 + x$
11	1011	$x^3 + x + 1$
12	1100	$x^3 + x^2$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let us take a number, } A = 299_{10} &= [100101011] = x^8 + x^5 + x^3 + x + 1. \\
B = 283_{10} &= [100011011] = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1. \\
\text{Let us add } A + B &= [200112022] = 2x^8 + x^5 + x^4 + 2x^3 + 2x + 2. \\
&= [110000] = x^5 + x^4 \pmod{2}
\end{aligned}$$

Similarly, an irreducible polynomial cannot be factored into the product of two polynomials. The property of irreducibility depends on the field or ring to which the coefficients are considered to belong.

A ring is a group with operations addition and multiplication. There must be also an identity for each operation. Traditionally, an identity for addition is a point zero. And an identity for multiplication is one.

Let  $x$  be a member of ring  $F_2$ ,  $x \in F_2$ . An additive identity  $e \in F_2$  so that

$$e + x = x + e = x.$$

An multiplicative identity  $i \in F_2$  so that  $i * x = x * i = x$ . A good counter example we have seen in ECC, the identity is a point at infinity  $(+\infty, +\infty)$ .

Then there is an additive inverse  $(-x) + x = x + (-x) = e$ . And there is a multiplicative inverse

$$x^{-1} \cdot x = x \cdot x^{-1} = i.$$

A ring modulo irreducible polynomial over an integer has been practically popular since 1985. It has been used in several modern cryptosystems,  
1. ECC (1985), 2. AES(2000), and 3. NTRU(2005).

We are in  $F_2$ . Let us review  $x^2 - 1 = (x+1) \cdot (x-1) \equiv x^2 + 1$  is not an irreducible polynomial.

Let us take another example  $P(x) = x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ . Let  $Q(x) = x - 1$ .

$$P(x) \cdot Q(x) = (x - 1) \cdot (x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) = x^5 - 1 \equiv x^5 + 1$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Let us see } (x - 1) \cdot (x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) &= x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x \\
&\quad - (x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1) \\
&= x^5 - 1 \text{ is not an irreducible polynomial.}
\end{aligned}$$

Today, a ring modulo irreducible polynomial over positive integer coefficients is useful when an addition operation is taken as an exclusive-or.

Now, let us see how to generate the irreducible polynomial.

Prime versus Irreducible Polynomial in  $F_2$

$i$	Binary	Polynomial
0	0	0
1	1	1
2	10	$x$
3	11	$x+1$
4	100	$x^2$
5	101	$x^2+1$
6	110	$x^2+x$
7	111	$x^2+x+1$
8	1000	$x^3$
9	1001	$x^3+1$
10	1010	$x^3+x$
11	1011	$x^3+x+1$
12	1100	$x^3+x^2$
13	1101	$x^3+x^2+1$

In this case of 5,  $x^2+1$  is divisible by  $x+1$ . Since  $x^2+1=(x+1)(x-1)=(x+1)(x+1)$

## A Ring in Finite Field

A ring consists of 2 operations, addition and multiplication.

The addition operation is exclusive-or.

$$a(x) = x^3+x+1 \text{ and } b(x) = x^2+x+1$$

$$a = 1011 \quad \text{and } b = 111$$

$$a(x) + b(x) = x^3+x+1 + x^2+x+1 = x^3+x^2$$

$$a \oplus b = \begin{array}{r} 1011+111 \\ \underline{111} \\ 1100 \end{array} = 1100$$

Let us see multiplication. In the future, you will see a concept convolution for multiplication. We want to set a multiplier on the left with smaller number of ones. On the right we will set a longer string with more ones. This abelian operation,

$$a \otimes b = \begin{array}{r} 1011 \otimes 111 \\ = 111 \otimes 1011 \\ = 1011 \\ \quad 1011 \\ \quad \quad 1011 \\ \hline = 112221 = 110001 = x^5+x^4+1. \end{array}$$

Let us take an example from S-box AES.

Let an irreducible polynomial  $m = 283_{10} = 256+16+8+2+1=100011011_2$   
 In polynomial term, this irreducible polynomial  $m(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$ .

Let review and take an element  $a = 42 = 32+8+2 = 101010_2$ ,  $a(x) = x^5 + x^3 + x$ .  
 We want to compute  $a^{-1}(x) \bmod m(x)$ .

Let us review on how to compute greatest common divisor(gcd) in integer division  
 We write and express  $b = a \cdot q + r$ .

Euclidean Algorithm			
$b =$	$a \cdot$	$q +$	$r$
283	42	6	31
42	31	1	11
31	11	2	9
11	9	1	2
9	2	4	1
2	1	2	0

The answer is  $g = \gcd(42, 283) = 1$ . When the gcd is 1, they are linearly independent.  
 42 and 283 are relatively prime or coprime. The element 42 is invertible modulo 283.  
 There is an inverse.

Let us see the Extended Euclidean Algorithm

Euclidean Algorithm				Extended		
$b =$	$a \cdot$	$q +$	$r$	$u$	$v$	$w = u - v \cdot q$
283	42	6	31	0	1	-6
42	31	1	11	1	-6	7
31	11	2	9	-6	7	-20
11	9	1	2	7	-20	27
9	2	4	1	-20	27	-128
2	1	2	0	27	-128	283

$$a^{-1} \bmod b = -128 + 283 = 155.$$

We always check  $a \cdot a^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$

$$42 \cdot 155 = 6510 = 23 \cdot 283 + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{283}$$

Let us go into another domain in finite field  $F_2$ .

Let  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be the polynomials respectively. In binary,  $a = 42 = 32+8+2 = 101010 = x^5+x^3+x$   
 And  $b = 283 = 256+16+8+2+1=100011011 = x^8+x^4+x^3+x+1$ .

Line	An Extended Euclidean Algorithm						
0	$b =$	$a \cdot$	$q +$	$r$	$u$	$v$	$w=u-v \cdot q$
1	100011011	101010	1010	11111	0	1	1010
2	101010	11111					

Line 1:      100011011    quotient  
              101010        1000  
              1001011  
              101010        1010  
              11111

Let us go back to school:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^3 + x \\
 \hline
 x^5 + x^3 + x \sqrt{x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1} \\
 x^8 + x^6 + x^4 \\
 \hline
 x^6 + x^3 + x + 1 \\
 x^6 + x^4 + x^2 \\
 \hline
 x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1
 \end{array}$$

Line	An Extended Euclidean Algorithm						
0	$b =$	$a \cdot q +$	$r$	$u$	$v$	$w = u - v \cdot q$	
1	100011011	101010	1010	11111	0	1	1010
2	101010	11111	11	1011	1	1010	11111
3	11111	1011	11	10	1010	11111	101011
4	1011	10	101	1	11111	101011	10011000

Line 2:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 101010 \\
 \underline{11111} \\
 10100 \\
 \underline{11111} \\
 1011
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{quotient} \\
 10 \\
 11
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 vq = 1 \cdot 1010 \\
 = 1010 \\
 \underline{1010} \\
 11110
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 u - vq = 11110 \\
 \underline{1} \\
 = 11111
 \end{array}$$

Line 3:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 11111 \\
 \underline{1011} \\
 1001 \\
 \underline{1011} \\
 10
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{quotient} \\
 10 \\
 11
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 vq = 11111 \cdot 11 \\
 11111 \\
 \underline{11111} \\
 100001
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 u - vq = 100001 \\
 \underline{1010} \\
 101011
 \end{array}$$

Line 4:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1011 \\
 10 \\
 11 \\
 \underline{10} \\
 1
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 \text{quotient} \\
 100 \\
 101
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 vq = 101011 \cdot 101 \\
 101011 \\
 \underline{101011} \\
 10000111
 \end{array}
 \quad
 \begin{array}{l}
 u - vq = 10000111 \\
 \underline{11111} \\
 = 10011000
 \end{array}$$

Let us check  $a(x) \cdot a^{-1}(x) = 1 \pmod{m(x)}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 101010 \cdot 10011000 \\
 = 10011000 \\
 10011000 \\
 \underline{100110000} \\
 1011011110000 \pmod{100011011} \\
 \underline{100011011} \\
 11101000000 \\
 \underline{100011011} \\
 1100101100 \\
 \underline{100011011} \\
 100011010 \\
 \underline{100011011} \\
 1
 \end{array}$$

Yes,  $a^{-1}(x) = x^7 + x^4 + x^3$  is in fact an inverse of  $a(x) = x^5 + x^3 + x$ . Now, let us continue with the S-box.  
From the  $a = 42_{10} = 101010_2 = 2A_{16}$ ,  
then  $a^{-1} = 152_{10} = 10011000_2 = 98_{16}$ .

This inverse will be plugged into an affine transform matrix.

One more time,

Let  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  be the polynomials respectively. In binary,  $a = 43_{10} = 32 + 8 + 2 + 1 = 101011 = x^5 + x^3 + x + 1$   
And  $b = 283_{10} = 256 + 16 + 8 + 2 + 1 = 100011011 = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$ .

Line	Euclidean Algorithm						
0	b=	a*	q+	r	u	v	w = u-vq
1	100011011	101011	1010	10101	0	1	1010
2	101011	10101	10	1	1	1010	10101
3							
4							

Line 1:

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1010 quotient
100011011
101011 1000
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1000011
101011 1010
-----
10101

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Line 2:

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10
101011
10101
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1

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$$\begin{aligned}
 w = u - vq &= 1 - (x^3 + x) \cdot x = 1 + (x^4 + x^2) \\
 &= 1 - (1010) \cdot 10 = 1 + 10100
 \end{aligned}$$

The Extended Euclidean algorithm will stop when  $r$  reaches 1. The inverse is given by  $w$ .

We always check  $a \cdot a^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{b}$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 101011 \cdot 10101 = \quad 101011 \\
 \quad \quad \quad 101011 \\
 \quad \quad \quad \underline{101011} \\
 1000110111 \pmod{100011011} \\
 \underline{100011011} \\
 1
 \end{array}$$

In AES algorithm, this irreducible polynomial is

$$m(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1 = 100011011_2 = \text{or } \{01\} \{1B\} \text{ in hexadecimal notation.}$$

In the S-box of AES, take the multiplicative inverse in the finite field  $GF(2^8)$  first where element  $\{00\}$  is mapped to itself  $\{00\}$ .

Let us take 
$$\begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \\ b_6 \\ b_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$
 from the top left corner of the S-box and then

$$\begin{bmatrix} b'_0 \\ b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \\ b'_5 \\ b'_6 \\ b'_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 01100011_2 = 63_{16}.$$

Note: A matrix multiplication here is written in big-endian.

One more time, Let us take 
$$\begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \\ b_6 \\ b_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$$
 from the bottom right corner of the S-box and then we

need to take multiplicative inverse first modulo the irreducible polynomial

$$m(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1 = 100011011_2$$



$$\begin{bmatrix} b'_0 \\ b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \\ b'_5 \\ b'_6 \\ b'_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 10011100_2 = 9C_{16}.$$

An S-box used in the **SubBytes()** transformation is presented in hexadecimal index.

		y															
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
x	0	63	7C	77	7B	F2	6B	6F	C5	30	01	67	2B	FE	D7	AB	76
	1	CA	82	C9	7D	FA	59	47	F0	AD	D4	A2	AF	9C	A4	72	C0
	2	B7	FD	93	26	36	3F	F7	CC	34	A5	E5	F1	71	D8	31	15
	3	04	C7	23	C3	18	96	05	9A	07	12	80	E2	EB	27	B2	75
	4	09	83	2C	1A	1B	6E	5A	A0	52	3B	D6	B3	29	E3	2F	84
	5	53	D1	00	ED	20	FC	B1	5B	6A	CB	BE	39	4A	4C	58	CF
	6	D0	EF	AA	FB	43	4D	33	85	45	F9	02	7F	50	3C	9F	A8
	7	51	A3	40	8F	92	9D	38	F5	BC	B6	DA	21	10	FF	F3	D2
	8	CD	0C	13	EC	5F	97	44	17	C4	A7	7E	3D	64	5D	19	73
	9	60	81	4F	DC	22	2A	90	88	46	EE	B8	14	DE	5E	0B	DB
	A	E0	32	3A	0A	49	06	24	5C	C2	D3	AC	62	91	95	E4	79
	B	E7	C8	37	6D	8D	D5	4E	A9	6C	56	F4	EA	65	7A	AE	08
	C	BA	78	25	2E	1C	A6	B4	C6	E8	DD	74	1F	4B	BD	8B	8A
	D	70	3E	B5	66	48	03	F6	0E	61	35	57	B9	86	C1	1D	9E
	E	E1	F8	98	11	69	D9	8E	94	9B	1E	87	E9	CE	55	28	DF
	F	8C	A1	89	0D	BF	E6	42	68	41	99	2D	0F	B0	54	BB	16

### Tutorial 3: An inverse of irreducible polynomial.

Take  $y = \text{matrix ID mod } 100$  as the last 2 digit of ID number.

1. Take  $a = 100 + y$ , compute  $a^{-1} \pmod{b}$
2. Convert  $a$  into a polynomial over  $F_2$ .
3. Take  $a(x)$  as a polynomial, compute  $a^{-1} \pmod{\text{irreducible polynomial } b(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1}$  where  $b(2) = 283_{10}$ .
4. Plug in an inverse into an Affine Transform to get an output for AES S-box.

An Affine Transform in AES is given as

$$\begin{bmatrix} b'_0 \\ b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \\ b'_5 \\ b'_6 \\ b'_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} b_0 \\ b_1 \\ b_2 \\ b_3 \\ b_4 \\ b_5 \\ b_6 \\ b_7 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$a^{-1}$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	0 0	0 1	8 D	F 6	C B	5 2	7 B	D 1	E 8	4 F	2 9	C 0	B 0	E 1	E 5	C 7
1	7 4	B 4	A A	4 B	9 9	2 B	6 0	5 F	5 8	3 F	F D	C C	F F	4 0	E E	B 2
2	3 A	6 E	5 A	F 1	5 5	4 D	A 8	C 9	C 1	0 A	9 8	1 5	3 0	4 4	A 2	C 2
3	2 C	4 5	9 2	6 C	F 3	3 9	6 6	4 2	F 2	3 5	2 0	6 F	7 7	B B	5 9	1 9
4	1 D	F E	3 7	6 7	2 D	3 1	F 5	6 9	A 7	6 4	A B	1 3	5 4	2 5	E 9	0 9
5	E D	5 C	0 5	C A	4 C	2 4	8 7	B F	1 8	3 E	2 2	F 0	5 1	E C	6 1	1 7
6	1 6	5 E	A F	D 3	4 9	A 6	3 6	4 3	F 4	4 7	9 1	D F	3 3	9 3	2 1	3 B
7	7 9	B 7	9 7	8 5	1 0	B 5	B A	3 C	B 6	7 0	D 0	0 6	A 1	F A	8 1	8 2
8	8 3	7 E	7 F	8 0	9 6	7 3	B E	5 6	9 B	9 E	9 5	D 9	F 7	0 2	B 9	A 4
9	D E	6 A	3 2	6 D	D 8	8 A	8 4	7 2	2 A	1 4	9 F	8 8	F 9	D C	8 9	9 A
A	F B	7 C	2 E	C 3	8 F	B 8	6 5	4 8	2 6	C 8	1 2	4 A	C E	E 7	D 2	6 2
B	0 C	E 0	1 F	E F	1 1	7 5	7 8	7 1	A 5	8 E	7 6	3 D	B D	B C	8 6	5 7
C	0 B	2 8	2 F	A 3	D A	D 4	E 4	0 F	A 9	2 7	5 3	0 4	1 B	F C	A C	E 6
D	7 A	0 7	A E	6 3	C 5	D B	E 2	E A	9 4	8 B	C 4	D 5	9 D	F 8	9 0	6 B
E	B 1	0 D	D 6	E B	C 6	0 E	C F	A D	0 8	4 E	D 7	E 3	5 D	5 0	1 E	B 3
F	5 B	2 3	3 8	3 4	6 8	4 6	0 3	8 C	D D	9 C	7 D	A 0	C D	1 A	4 1	1 C

Table 3.2 An inverse table  $a(x) \bmod m(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$ .

Let  $a(x) = x^5 + x^3 + x$  and  $m(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$  be the polynomials respectively.

For  $a = 42_{10} = 32 + 8 + 2 = 101010_2 = x^5 + x^3 + x = 2A_{16}$ . Trace along row 2 and column A, an answer is  $98_{16}$ .

From the  $a = 42_{10} = 101010_2 = 2A_{16}$ , then  $a^{-1} = 152_{10} = 10011000_2 = 98_{16}$ . Thus,  $a^{-1}(x) = x^7 + x^4 + x^3$ .

$$\begin{bmatrix} b'_0 \\ b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \\ b'_5 \\ b'_6 \\ b'_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 11100101 = E5_{16}.$$

One more time, take  $a = 43_{10} = 32+8+2+1 = 101011_2 = x^5+x^3+x+1 = 2B_{16}$ . Trace along row 2 and column B, an answer is  $15_{16}$ . From the  $a = 43_{10} = 101011_2 = 2B_{16}$ , then  $a^{-1} = 10101_2 = 15_{16}$ . Thus,  $a^{-1}(x) = x^4+x^2+1$ .

Let us take another example: Suppose  $a = 200 = 128+64+8 = 11001000_2 = C8_{16}$ .

Then from an inverse table, we will get  $a^{-1} = A9_{16} = 10101001_2$

$$\begin{bmatrix} b'_0 \\ b'_1 \\ b'_2 \\ b'_3 \\ b'_4 \\ b'_5 \\ b'_6 \\ b'_7 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdot \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix} = 11101000_2 = E8_{16}.$$