

Use wolfram alpha (or google search) for modular exponentiation.

Exercise 5.1. [6pts] Compute ALL distinct powers of 2 modulo $n = 29$ to find $\log_2(21)$.

Solution:

$2^1 \equiv_{29} 2$	$2^2 \equiv_{29} 4$	$2^3 \equiv_{29} 8$	$2^4 \equiv_{29} 16$
$2^5 \equiv_{29} 3$	$2^6 \equiv_{29} 6$	$2^7 \equiv_{29} 12$	$2^8 \equiv_{29} 24$
$2^9 \equiv_{29} 19$	$2^{10} \equiv_{29} 9$	$2^{11} \equiv_{29} 18$	$2^{12} \equiv_{29} 7$
$2^{13} \equiv_{29} 14$	$2^{14} \equiv_{29} 28$	$2^{15} \equiv_{29} 27$	$2^{16} \equiv_{29} 25$
$2^{17} \equiv_{29} \mathbf{21}$	$2^{18} \equiv_{29} 13$	$2^{19} \equiv_{29} 26$	$2^{20} \equiv_{29} 23$
$2^{21} \equiv_{29} 17$	$2^{22} \equiv_{29} 5$	$2^{23} \equiv_{29} 10$	$2^{24} \equiv_{29} 20$
$2^{25} \equiv_{29} 11$	$2^{26} \equiv_{29} 22$	$2^{27} \equiv_{29} 15$	$2^{28} \equiv_{29} 1$

Hence, $\log_2(21) = 17$. □

Exercise 5.2. [2pts] Use computations done in Exercise 5.1 to solve an instance $n = 29$, $g = 2$, $A = 18$, $B = 14$ of CDH.

Solution: Clearly, $a = \log_2(18) = 11$ and $b = \log_2(14) = 13$. Hence, $2^{11 \cdot 13} = 2^{143} \equiv_{29} 2^3 \equiv_{29} 8$. □

Exercise 5.3. [2pts] Suppose that Bob sends a message to Alice using ElGamal protocol. For public information collected by Eve $n = 29$, $g = 2$, $A = 17$, $c_1 = 6$ and $c_2 = 10$ find m . Use computations done in Exercise 5.1.

Solution: $a = \log_2(17) = 21$ and, hence, $\frac{c_2}{c_1^a} = \frac{10}{6^{21}} \equiv_{29} 10 \cdot 6^7 \equiv_{29} 19$. □

Exercise 5.4. [10pts] For $n = 37$ use the babystep-giantstep algorithm to compute $\log_2(3)$ modulo n . I expect to see the list of babysteps, the list of giantsteps, and a matching pair.

Solution: First, we compute $N = |2|$. Since $\varphi(37) = 36 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2$ we compute $2^{18} \equiv_{37} 36$ and $2^{12} \equiv_{37} 26$, and conclude that $|2| = 36 = N$. Hence, $n = 1 + \lfloor \sqrt{N} \rfloor = 7$. Then compute babysteps

$2^0 \equiv_{37} 1$	$2^1 \equiv_{37} 2$	$2^2 \equiv_{37} 4$	$2^3 \equiv_{37} 8$
$2^4 \equiv_{37} 16$	$2^5 \equiv_{37} \mathbf{32}$	$2^6 \equiv_{37} 27$	$2^7 \equiv_{37} 17$.

Then compute $g^{-n} = 2^{-7} \equiv 24$ and the list of giantsteps

$3 \equiv_{37} 3$	$3 \cdot 2^{-7} \equiv_{37} 3 \cdot 24 \equiv_{37} 35$	$3 \cdot 2^{-7 \cdot 2} \equiv_{37} 3 \cdot 24^2 \equiv_{37} 26$
$3 \cdot 2^{-7 \cdot 3} \equiv_{37} 3 \cdot 24^3 \equiv_{37} \mathbf{32}$	$3 \cdot 2^{-7 \cdot 4} \equiv_{37} 3 \cdot 24^4 \equiv_{37} 28$	$3 \cdot 2^{-7 \cdot 5} \equiv_{37} 3 \cdot 24^5 \equiv_{37} 6$
$3 \cdot 2^{-7 \cdot 6} \equiv_{37} 3 \cdot 24^6 \equiv_{37} 33$	$3 \cdot 2^{-7 \cdot 7} \equiv_{37} 3 \cdot 24^7 \equiv_{37} 15$.	

Find a matching pair $2^5 \equiv_{37} h 2^{-7 \cdot 3} = h 2^{-21}$ and conclude that $h = 2^{26}$ and $\log_2(3) = 26$. □

Exercise 5.5. [10pts] Use Pohlig–Hellman algorithm to compute $\log_2(19)$ modulo 37. Compute x_i 's directly, by computing sufficiently many powers of g_i .

Solution: We've seen above that $|2| = 36 = 2^2 \cdot 3^2 = N$ and hence

$$\begin{aligned} N_1 &= 9 & \text{and} & & N_2 &= 4 \\ g_1 &= 2^9 \equiv_{37} 31 & \text{and} & & g_2 &= 2^4 \equiv_{37} 16 \\ h_1 &= 19^9 \equiv_{37} 6 & \text{and} & & h_2 &= 19^4 \equiv_{37} 7 \end{aligned}$$

Then we directly compute $x_1 = \log_{g_1}(h_1) = \log_{31}(6) = 3$ as follows:

$$31^2 \equiv_{37} 36 \qquad 31^3 \equiv_{37} 6$$

and compute $x_2 = \log_{g_2}(h_2) = \log_{16}(7) = 8$ as follows:

$$16^2 \equiv_{37} 34 \quad 16^3 \equiv_{37} 26 \quad 16^4 \equiv_{37} 9 \quad 16^5 \equiv_{37} 33 \quad 16^6 \equiv_{37} 10 \quad 16^7 \equiv_{37} 12 \quad 16^8 \equiv_{37} 7$$

Finally, solve the following system of congruences:

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv_4 3 \\ x \equiv_9 8 \end{cases}$$

to get $x \equiv_{36} 35$.

□

Exercise 5.6. [10pts] For $N = 43$ and $g = 5$ compute $|g|$, choose $B = 3$. Compute B -smooth powers $g^i \% 43$ for $i = 1, \dots, 15$ and use them to compute $\log_5(2)$ and $\log_5(3)$.

Solution: $\varphi(43) = 42 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$. Directly check that $5^{21} \equiv_{43} 42$, $5^{14} \equiv_{43} 36$, $5^6 \equiv_{43} 16$. Hence, $|5| = 42$ in U_{43} .

$5^1 \equiv_{43} 5$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^2 \equiv_{43} 25$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^3 \equiv_{43} 39$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^4 \equiv_{43} 23$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^5 \equiv_{43} 29$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^6 \equiv_{43} 2^4$	\Rightarrow	$6 \equiv_{42} 4 \log_5(2)$
$5^7 \equiv_{43} 37$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^8 \equiv_{43} 13$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^9 \equiv_{43} 22$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^{10} \equiv_{43} 2^3 \cdot 3$	\Rightarrow	$10 \equiv_{42} 3 \log_5(2) + \log_5(3)$
$5^{11} \equiv_{43} 34$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^{12} \equiv_{43} 41$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^{13} \equiv_{43} 33$	\Rightarrow	(discard)
$5^{14} \equiv_{43} 2^2 \cdot 3^2$	\Rightarrow	$14 \equiv_{42} 2 \log_5(2) + 2 \log_5(3)$
$5^{15} \equiv_{43} 2^3$	\Rightarrow	$15 \equiv_{42} 3 \log_5(2)$.

Subtracting $15 \equiv_{42} 3 \log_5(2)$ from $6 \equiv_{42} 4 \log_5(2)$ we get

$$6 - 15 \equiv_{42} \log_5(2)$$

and $\log_5(2) \equiv_{42} -9 \equiv_{42} 33$. Similarly, subtracting $10 \equiv_{42} 3 \log_5(2) + \log_5(3)$ from $14 \equiv_{42} 2 \log_5(2) + 2 \log_5(3)$ we get

$$4 \equiv_{42} -\log_5(2) + \log_5(3)$$

and $\log_5(3) \equiv_{42} -5 \equiv_{42} 37$.

□

A **ring** is a set R with two binary operations $+$ and \cdot , called **addition** and **multiplication**, that satisfy the following axioms:

- (R1) $(R, +)$ is an abelian group with identity denoted by 0.
- (R2) Multiplication is associative and R contains 1 (**unity**).
- (R3) $(a + b)c = ac + bc$ and $c(a + b) = ca + cb$.

To check if $(R, +, \cdot)$ is a ring it is sufficient to check that $+$ and \cdot are indeed binary functions on R and that all axioms (R1), (R2), (R3) are satisfied.

Exercise 5.7. [+12pts] Which of the following are rings? EXPLAIN!

- (1) $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$
- (2) $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$.
- (3) $(U_n, +, \cdot)$.
- (4) $(\mathbb{N}, +, \cdot)$.
- (5) $\{a + b\sqrt{5} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ with standard addition and multiplication.
- (6) The set of all real-valued functions $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$ with $+, \cdot$ defined as follows:

$$(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x),$$

$$(f \cdot g)(x) = f(x) \cdot g(x).$$

Solution: Straightforward check of axioms.

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- (1) $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$ is a ring, because $+, \cdot$ are binary functions on \mathbb{Z} and (R1), (R2), (R3) hold.

- (R1) $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is an abelian group
 - (G1) 0 is the additive identity.
 - (G2) $-n$ is the inverse of n .
 - (G3) $+$ is associative.
 - $- +$ is commutative.

- (R2) Multiplication is associative and \mathbb{Z} contains 1.

- (R3) $(a + b)c = ac + bc$ and $c(a + b) = ca + cb$ hold in \mathbb{Z} .
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- (2) $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +, \cdot)$ is a ring, because $+, \cdot$ are binary functions on \mathbb{Z}_n and (R1), (R2), (R3) hold.

- (R1) $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$ is an abelian group:
 - (G1) $[0]$ is the additive identity.
 - (G2) $[-n]$ is the inverse of $[n]$.
 - (G3) $+$ is associative.
 - $- +$ is commutative.

- (R2) Multiplication is associative and \mathbb{Z}_n contains $[1]$.

- (R3) $(a + b)c = ac + bc$ and $c(a + b) = ca + cb$ hold in \mathbb{Z}_n .
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- (3) $(U_n, +, \cdot)$ is not a ring. With every $[a]$ it contains $[-a]$, but does not contain $[a] + [-a] = [0]$. Hence, $+$ is not a binary operation on U_n . In other words, U_n is not closed under $+$.
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- (4) $(\mathbb{N}, +, \cdot)$ is not a ring (even if we assume that $0 \in \mathbb{N}$) because $(\mathbb{N}, +)$ is not an abelian group, with \mathbb{N} has no additive inverses.
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- (5) $R = \{a + b\sqrt{5} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a ring. R is closed under $+$ and \cdot because for any $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have

$$(a + b\sqrt{5}) + (c + d\sqrt{5}) = \underbrace{(a + c)}_{\in \mathbb{Z}} + \underbrace{(b + d)}_{\in \mathbb{Z}}\sqrt{5} \in R$$

$$(a + b\sqrt{5}) \cdot (c + d\sqrt{5}) = \underbrace{(ac + 5bd)}_{\in \mathbb{Z}} + \underbrace{(bc + ad)}_{\in \mathbb{Z}}\sqrt{5} \in R$$

Check that (R1), (R2), (R3) hold:

- (R1) $(R, +)$ is an abelian group:
 - (G1) $0 = 0 + 0\sqrt{5} \in R$.
 - (G2) $-(a + b\sqrt{5}) = -a - b\sqrt{5}$.
 - (G3) $+$ is associative.

$- +$ is commutative.

(R2) Multiplication is associative and R contains $1 = 1 + 0\sqrt{5}$.

(R3) $(a + b)c = ac + bc$ and $c(a + b) = ca + cb$ hold in R .

(6) The set of all real-valued functions $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}} = \{f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}\}$ is a ring. It is obvious that the sum and the product of real-valued functions are real-valued functions and, hence, $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$ is closed under $+, \cdot$. Check that (R1), (R2), (R3) hold:

(R1) $(\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}, +)$ is an abelian group:

(G1) the constant function 0 is the additive identity.

(G2) $-f(x)$ is the additive inverse for $f(x)$.

(G3) $+$ is associative.

$- +$ is commutative.

(R2) Multiplication is associative and R contains the constant function 1.

(R3) $(a + b)c = ac + bc$ and $c(a + b) = ca + cb$ hold in $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{R}}$.

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