

FINITE FIELDS

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Recap:

Groups, Sub-groups, Cyclic Groups

$$\exists a \in G, \quad G = \langle a \rangle = \{a^n \mid n \in \mathbb{N}\}$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{10} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

permutation group
 S_n .

- \mathbb{Z}_{10} .
- 1) closure
 - 2) Associative
 - 3) Existence of identity
 - 4) Existence of inverse.
 - 5) commutative

1) 2) 3) 4)

$X(S)$.

$f, g \in S_n$

$$(f \circ g)(a) = f(g(a)).$$

(S_n, \circ) - group

$$H = \langle 2 \rangle_{\mathbb{Z}_{10}} = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 0\}$$

$$H \subseteq G, \quad (H, +) \text{ is group.}$$

if $(H, +)$ is group

\Rightarrow subgroup of G .

Rings

Definition: A set F with two binary operations $+$ (addition) and \cdot (multiplication) is called a commutative ring with identity if

1 $\forall a, b \in F, a + b \in F$

2 $\forall a, b, c \in F, (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$

3 $\forall a, b \in F, a + b = b + a$

4 $\exists 0 \in F, \forall a \in F, a + 0 = a$

5 $\forall a \in F, \exists -a \in F, a + (-a) = 0$

6 $\forall a, b \in F, a \cdot b \in F$ — closure

7 $\forall a, b, c \in F, (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$ — Associative

8 $\forall a, b \in F, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$ — commutative

9 $\exists 1 \in F, \forall a \in F, a \cdot 1 = a$ — identity

10 $\forall a, b, c \in F, a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$

$(F, +)$

$(F, +, \cdot)$
0 \leftarrow \rightarrow 1

(F, \cdot) $(b + c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a$

$$\underline{2 \times (3+4) = 2 \times 5 + 2 \times 4}$$

Examples: \mathbb{Z}_{24} , $+$ ₂₄, \times ₂₄

$$(\mathbb{Z}_{24}, +_{24}) \quad (\mathbb{Z}_m, +_m)$$

↳ Commutative.

$$a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{24}$$

$$a +_{24} b \in \mathbb{Z}_{24}$$

$$0 +_{24} b = b$$

$$a +_{24} (-a) = 0$$

$$a +_{24} b = b +_{24} a$$

$$(\mathbb{Z}_{24}, \times_{24})$$

6) closure: $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_{24}$
 $a \times_{24} b = (a \times b) \bmod 24$

$$7 \times_{24} 5 = 35 \bmod 24 = 11 \in \mathbb{Z}_{24}$$

7). Associative.

8). $1 \times_{24} a = a, \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_{24}$
 $1 \in \mathbb{Z}_{24}$

9). $(a \times_{24} b) = (b \times_{24} a)$

Fields

Def (field): A set F with two binary operations $+$ (addition) and \cdot (multiplication) is called a *field* if

$$1 \quad \forall a, b \in F, a + b \in F$$

$$2 \quad \forall a, b, c \in F, (a + b) + c = a + (b + c)$$

$$3 \quad \forall a, b \in F, a + b = b + a$$

$$4 \quad \exists 0 \in F, \forall a \in F, a + 0 = a$$

$$5 \quad \forall a \in F, \exists -a \in F, a + (-a) = 0$$

$$6 \quad \forall a, b \in F, a \cdot b \in F$$

$$7 \quad \forall a, b, c \in F, (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$$

$$8 \quad \forall a, b \in F, a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

$$9 \quad \exists 1 \in F, \forall a \in F, a \cdot 1 = a$$

$$10 \quad \forall a, b, c \in F, a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$$

zero divisors:
 $2 \neq 0$
 $12 \neq 0$
 $2 \times 12 = 24 \pmod{24} = 0$

$$11) \quad \forall a \neq 0 \in F, \exists a^{-1} \in F, a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$$

$$a^{-1} \pmod{m} \text{ exists} \iff (a, m) = 1.$$

$$(Z_{24}, +_{24})$$

is field?

$$(2, 24) \neq 1$$

A field is a commutative ring with identity where each **non-zero** element has a **multiplicative inverse**

$$\forall a \neq 0 \in F, \exists a^{-1} \in F, a \cdot a^{-1} = 1$$

Fields

Equivalently, $(F, +)$ is a commutative (**additive**) group, and $(F \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ is a commutative (**multiplicative**) group

$$F = \mathbb{Z}_7 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$(F, +)$ - abelian group

$(F \setminus \{0\}, \cdot)$ - abelian group.

$$(a, 7) = 1.$$

$$a \in \mathbb{Z}_7^*$$

a^{-1} exists in \mathbb{Z}_7

$$\mathbb{Z}_p, \text{ } p\text{-prime} \Leftrightarrow (\mathbb{Z}_p, +, \cdot) \text{ field.}$$

Polynomials over Fields \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}

Let $f(x) = a_n \cdot x^n + a_{n-1} \cdot x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 \cdot x + a_0$ be a polynomial of degree n in one variable x over a field F (namely $a_n, a_{n-1}, \dots, a_1, a_0 \in F$).

Theorem: The equation $f(x)=0$ has at most n solutions in F .

Remark: The theorem does not hold over rings with identity.

For example, in \mathbb{Z}_{24} the equation $6 \cdot x = 0$ has six solutions (0,4,8,12,16,20).

$$f(x) = 6x$$
$$f(4) = 6 \times 4 = 24 \pmod{24} = 0$$

Polynomial Remainders

Let $f(x) = a_n \cdot x^n + a_{n-1} \cdot x^{n-1} + a_{n-2} \cdot x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 \cdot x + a_0$

$g(x) = b_m \cdot x^m + b_{m-1} \cdot x^{m-1} + b_{m-2} \cdot x^{m-2} + \dots + b_1 \cdot x + b_0$

be two polynomials over F such that $m < n$ (or $m=n$).

Theorem: There is a unique polynomial $r(x)$ of degree $< m$ over F such that $f(x) = h(x) \cdot g(x) + r(x)$.

Remark: $r(x)$ is called the remainder of $f(x)$ modulo $g(x)$.

Finite Fields

$$\mathbb{Z}_m \quad (a,m) \neq 1 \\ m = \frac{a \times b}{a/b} \pmod{m} = 0 \\ a/b \in \mathbb{Z}_m$$

Finite Field: A field $(F, +, \cdot)$ is called a **finite** field if the set F is **finite**.

Example: \mathbb{Z}_p denotes $\{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$. We define $+$ and \cdot as addition and multiplication modulo p , respectively.

One can prove that $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +, \cdot)$ is a **field** iff p is prime.

Q.: Are there any finite fields except $(\mathbb{Z}_p, +, \cdot)$?

The Characteristic of Finite Fields

Let $(F, +, \cdot)$ be a finite field.

There is a [→] positive integer n such that

$$\underbrace{1 + \dots + 1}_{(n \text{ times})} = 0$$

The minimal such n is called the characteristic of F , $\text{char}(F)$.

Theorem: For any finite field F , $\text{char}(F)$ is a prime number.

Galois Fields GF(p^k)

Theorem: For every prime power p^k ($k=1,2,\dots$) there is a **unique** finite field containing p^k elements. These fields are denoted by $GF(p^k)$. There are **no finite fields** with other cardinalities.



Remarks:

1. For $F=GF(p^k)$, $\text{char}(F)=p$
2. $GF(p^k)$ and \mathbb{Z}_{p^k} are **not** the same!

Évariste Galois (1811-1832)

Polynomials over Finite Fields

Polynomial equations and factorizations in finite fields can be different than over the rationals.

Examples

`factor(x^6-1); # over the rationals`

$$(x-1)(x+1)(x^2+x+1)(x^2-x+1)$$

`Factor(x^6-1) mod 7; # over Z7`

$$(x+1)(x+3)(x+2)(4+x)(x+5)(x+6)$$

`factor(x^4+x^2+x+1); # over the rationals`

$$x^4+x^2+x+1$$

`Factor(x^4+x^2+x+1) mod 2; # over Z2`

$$(x+1)(x^3+x^2+1)$$

Irreducible Polynomials

A polynomial is irreducible in $\text{GF}(p)$ if it does not factor over $\text{GF}(p)$. Otherwise it is reducible.

Examples:

$\text{Factor}(x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1) \bmod 5;$ \mathbb{Z}_5

$(x + 2)(x^3 + 3x + 2)(x + 4)$

$\text{Factor}(x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1) \bmod 2;$ \mathbb{Z}_2

$x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$

The same polynomial is reducible in \mathbb{Z}_5
but irreducible in \mathbb{Z}_2 .

Implementing $\text{GF}(p^k)$ arithmetic

Theorem: Let $f(x)$ be an irreducible polynomial of degree k over \mathbb{Z}_p .

The finite field $\text{GF}(p^k)$ can be realized as the set of degree $k-1$ polynomials over \mathbb{Z}_p , with addition and multiplication done modulo $f(x)$.

\mathbb{Z}_p
 $\text{mod } p$
 $p=2$
 2^k

Example: Implementing $GF(2^k)$

By the theorem, the finite field $GF(2^5)$ can be realized as the set of degree 4 polynomials over Z_2 , with addition and multiplication done modulo the irreducible polynomial

$$f(x) = x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1.$$

$$ax = 0$$

The coefficients of polynomials over Z_2 are 0 or 1.

So, a degree k polynomial can be written down by $k+1$ bits.

For example, with $k=4$:

$$x^3 + x + 1 \leftrightarrow (0, 1, 0, 1, 1)$$

$$x^4 + x^3 + x + 1 \leftrightarrow (1, 1, 0, 1, 1)$$

Implementing $GF(2^k)$

Addition: bit-wise **XOR** (since $1+1=0$)

$\mathbb{F}_2 = \{0, 1\}$
~~XOR~~


$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 & x^3 + x + 1 & (0, 1, 0, 1, 1) \\
 + & & \\
 x^4 + x^3 + x & & (1, 1, 0, 1, 0) \\
 \hline
 x^4 & + 1 & (1, 0, 0, 0, 1)
 \end{array}$$

Handwritten red annotations: Arrows pointing from the second row's bits to the third row's bits, and a red underline under the third row.

Implementing GF(2^k)

Multiplication: Polynomial multiplication, and then remainder modulo the defining polynomial $f(x)$:

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> g(x) := (x^4+x^3+x+1) * (x^3+x+1);  
      g(x) := (x^4 + x^3 + x + 1)(x^3 + x + 1)      (1,1,0,1,1) *(0,1,0,1,1)  
> f(x) := x^5+x^4+x^3+x+1;  
      f(x) := x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1                = (1,1,0,0,1)  
  
      1 + 3x^4 + x^3 + 2x  
> % mod 2;  
      1 + x^4 + x^3
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How to find inverse modulo
an irreducible polynomial ?
Using Extended Euclidean
Algorithm

Extended Euclidean Algorithm

	Remainder	Quotient	Auxiliary	
m(x)	$2^8 + 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^1 + 2^0$	Q1	0	A1
f(x)	$2^6 + 2^4 + 2^2$	Q2	1	A2
m(x)/f(x)	$2^5 + 2^4 + 2^1 + 2^0$	2^2 Q3	2^2	A3
	2^0	$2^1 + 2^0$ Q4	$2^3 + 2^2 + 1$	A4

$$A3 = A1 + A2 * Q3$$

$$A4 = A2 + A3 * Q4$$

Thank you