

Lecture 26  
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Chapter 29  
Chapter 31-32

35-36 Primitive roots & indices  $g = \text{primitive root mod } p$   
 $\{g, g^2, \dots, g^{p-1} \text{ mod } p\}$   
 $= \{1, 2, \dots, p-1 \text{ mod } p\}$   
 i.e. for  $1 \leq a < p$ ,  $a \equiv g^k \text{ mod } p$  for some  $k$   
 Define  $k = I(a)$ : index of  $a \text{ mod } p$  for the base  $g$ .

$p=13$ . 2 is a primitive root.

$I$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$2^I$	2	4	8	3	6	12	11	9	5	10	7	1

$2^5 = 32 \equiv 6 \text{ mod } 13$

$a$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
$I(a)$	12	1	4	2	9	5	11	3	8	10	7	6

$$I(7) = 11, \quad 7 = 2^{11} \text{ mod } 13$$

Index Rules theorem: (a) Product Rule:  $I(ab) = I(a) + I(b) \text{ mod } p-1$

(b) Power Rule:  $I(a^k) = kI(a) \text{ mod } p-1$

$I(a)$  behaves like logarithm

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called discrete logarithm

Proof:  $g^{I(ab)} \equiv ab \equiv g^{I(a)} g^{I(b)} \equiv g^{I(a)+I(b)} \text{ mod } p$

$$I(ab) \equiv I(a) + I(b) \text{ mod } p-1$$

$$g^{I(a^k)} \equiv a^k \equiv (g^{I(a)})^k \equiv g^{kI(a)} \text{ mod } p$$

$$I(a^k) \equiv kI(a) \text{ mod } p-1$$

$g=2, p=37$

$a$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$I(a)$	36	1	26	2	23	27	32	3	16	24	30	28	11	33	13	4	7	17

$a$	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	32	33	34	35	36
$I(a)$	35	25	22	31	15	29	10	12	6	34	21	14	9	5	20	8	19	18

e.g.  $29^{14} \text{ mod } 37$

Successive squaring may be easier

$$I(29^{14}) \equiv 14I(29) \text{ mod } 36$$

$$\equiv 14 \times 21 \equiv 6 \text{ mod } 36$$

$$\text{So } 29^{14} \equiv 27 \text{ mod } 37$$

$19x \equiv 23 \text{ mod } 37$  ? Method ① Ch 8.  $\gcd(19, 37) = 1$ ,  $19 \times 2 - 37 = 1$ ,  $x = 2 \times 23 = 46 \equiv 9 \text{ mod } 37$

Method ②:  $I(19) + I(x) \equiv I(19x) \equiv I(23) \text{ mod } 36$

$$35 + I(x) \equiv 15 \text{ mod } 36$$

$$I(x) \equiv -20 \equiv 16 \text{ mod } 36 \Rightarrow x \equiv 9 \text{ mod } 37$$

But for these (only index works):

$$3 \cdot x^{30} \equiv 4 \pmod{37}$$

$$I(3 \cdot x^{30}) \equiv I(4) \pmod{36}$$

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$$I(3) + 30I(x)$$

$$26 + 30I(x) \equiv 2 \pmod{36}$$

$$30I(x) \equiv -24 \equiv 12 \pmod{36}$$

$$\gcd(30, 36) = 6, 6 \mid 12$$

there are 6 incongruent solutions.

$$\text{To solve } 30y \equiv 12 \pmod{36}$$

$$30x - 36k = 6$$

$$x \equiv -1$$

$$y = -2 + 6n, \text{ where } n = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$$

$$\text{so } I(x) \equiv 4, 10, 16, 22, 28, 34 \pmod{36}$$

$$\text{then } x \equiv 16, 25, 9, 21, 12, 28 \pmod{37}$$

Last time proof:

$$\text{If } m = p_1 \cdots p_r, p_i \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \leadsto m = a^2 + b^2, \gcd(a, b) = 1$$

$$= p_1^{k_1} \cdots p_r^{k_r}, p_i \text{ distinct prime}$$

$m$  is a prime power  $\Rightarrow$  can be written as sum of two  $\square$ 's.

$$m = r \cdot s, \gcd(r, s) = 1$$

$$r = a^2 + b^2, \gcd(a, b) = 1$$

$$s = c^2 + d^2, \gcd(c, d) = 1$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} r = a^2 + b^2, \gcd(a, b) = 1 \\ s = c^2 + d^2, \gcd(c, d) = 1 \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow m = A^2 + B^2, \gcd(A, B) = 1$$

$$m = (a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2) = (ac - bd)^2 + (ad + bc)^2$$

$$\text{claim: } \gcd(ac - bd, ad + bc) = 1$$

Suppose  $g \mid ac - bd, g \mid ad + bc, g$  prime

$g \nmid a, g \nmid b, g \nmid c, g \nmid d$ , [Why not? If  $g \mid a, g \mid d, g \mid c$  contradiction]

$$\text{so } ad + bc \equiv 0 \pmod{g}$$

$$ad \equiv -bc \pmod{g} \text{ \& } ac \equiv bd \pmod{g}$$

$$adc \equiv -bc^2 \pmod{g}$$

$$\equiv bd^2 \pmod{g}$$

$$\text{so } b(c^2 + d^2) \equiv 0 \pmod{g} \Rightarrow g \mid c^2 + d^2$$

Similarly (by multiplying  $a$  both sides,  $g \mid a^2 + b^2$ )

Therefore we have  $a \equiv x \pmod{g}$