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Assignment on: Eid Holiday Course Review

Q1. Prove Fermat's little theorem and use it to compute $a^{p-1} \bmod p$ for given values of $a=7, p=13$. Then discuss how this theorem is useful in cryptographic algorithm like RSA.

Ans:

If p is a prime and $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ then

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Given that, $a=7, p=13$.

$$\therefore 7^{12} \bmod 13 = ?$$

$$7^2 = 49 \bmod 13 = 10$$

$$7^4 = 10^2 = 100 \bmod 13 = 9$$

$$7^8 = 9^2 = 81 \bmod 13 = 3$$

$$\text{Then, } 7^{12} = 7^8 \cdot 7^4 = 3 \cdot 9 = 27 \bmod 13 = 1$$

$$\therefore 7^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

Usefulness in cryptography:

It allows efficient computation of modular inverse and powers.

Q2. Euler totient function: compute $\phi(n) = 35, 45, 100$. Prove that if a and n are coprime then $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Ans:

$$\phi(35) = \phi(5 \cdot 7) = (5-1)(7-1) = 4 \cdot 6 = 24$$

$$\phi(45) = \phi(3 \cdot 5) = (3-1)(5-1) = 2 \cdot 4 = 8$$

$$\phi(100) = \phi(2^2 \cdot 5^2) = (2-1)(2 \cdot 5 - 5) = 1 \cdot 20 = 20$$

Prove: we get from Fermat's little

theorem $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ when $\gcd(a, n) = 1$

when $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ then all the numbers

less than n will be coprime with n and

$$\phi(n) = n-1$$

So we can write that,

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \text{ (proved)}$$

Q3. Solve the system congruences using the Chinese Remainder Theorem and Prove that x congruent to 11 on mod $n=3 \times 4 \times 5=60$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

Ans:

Let $N=60$ and compute:

$$N_1 = 60/3 = 20, m_1 = 2 \text{ such that } 20m_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 = 2$$

$$N_2 = 15, m_2 = 3 \Rightarrow 15m_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \Rightarrow m_2 = 3$$

$$N_3 = 12, m_3 = 3 \Rightarrow 12m_3 \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow m_3 = 3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x &\equiv (2 \cdot 20 \cdot 2) + (3 \cdot 15 \cdot 3) + (1 \cdot 12 \cdot 3) \\ &= 251 \cdot 60 \\ &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore x \equiv 11 \pmod{60}$$

Q4. Find whether 561 is a Carmichael number by checking its divisibility and Fermat's test.

Ans:

$$561 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 17 \text{ (product of distinct prime)}$$

For each prime $p \mid 561$, check $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$
for $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$

Also, if $a^{561} \equiv 1 \pmod{561}$ for all $\gcd(a, 561) = 1$,
then 561 is Carmichael.

\therefore 561 is a Carmichael number.

Q5. Find a generator (primitive root) of the
multiplicative group modulo 17.

Ans: Try $g=3$:

compute $3^k \pmod{17}$ for $k=1$ to 16.

values: 3, 9, 10, 13, 5, 15, 11, 6, 14, 8, 7, 4, 12, 2, 6, 1

covers all nonzero mod 17.

So, 3 is a primitive root mod 17.

P.T.O.

Q 6. Solve the discrete logarithm Problem:

find x such that $3^x \equiv 13 \pmod{17}$.

Ans:

compute:

$$3^1 = 3$$

$$3^2 = 9$$

$$3^3 = 10$$

$$3^4 = 13$$

\therefore Answer $x = 4$

Q 7. Discuss the role of discrete logarithm in the Diffie-Hellman key exchange.

Ans: role:

→ DH is secure because computing $g^{ab} \pmod{p}$ is easy if you know a or b ,

but hard to compute if only g^a, g^b are known - the discrete Log problem

→ security depends on infeasibility of computing logs in modular arithmetic.

Q8.

Ans: Cipher comparison:

Cipher	key space	Mechanism	Weakness
Substitution	$26!$	Replace letters	Frequency attack
Transposition	factorial of len	Permute order	still freq. same
playfair	25×25 digraph key	Bigram replace	Bigram analysis

Plaintext: "HELLO"

→ Substitution: $H \rightarrow X, E \rightarrow D$

→ Transposition: swap position, e.g. "HLOEL"

→ Playfair: Use 5×5 grid, encrypt pairs:

HE, LL, OX---

Q9. Ans:

Given: $a=5, b=8, E(x) = (5x+8) \bmod 26$

a) Encrypt: "Dept. of Tech, mBStV"

map letters to numbers:

→ $D=3, E=4, \dots, T=19$ etc

Encrypt each letter x :

$$y = (5x+8) \bmod 26$$

b) Decrypt: need $a^{-1} \bmod 26 = 21$, since $5 \cdot 21 = 105$

Decryption:

$$D(y) = 21(y-8) \bmod 26$$

Q10. Ans: Design a Novel cipher.

Example: Substitution + Permutation

1. Substitution: caesar shift by 3
2. Permutation: Reverse blocks of 4 letters.

Encrypt "HELLO WORLD"

1. caesar shift: "KHOO RZRUOG"
2. Break into blocks: KHOO RZRUOG
3. Reverse blocks: OOHK URZR GO

Decrypt: Reverse steps

cryptanalysis:

- Frequency test
- Block length test
- Known plaintext attack

We can make it more secure using a PRNG for caesar key per block.