Number Theory Theorems - Part 1

1. Bazeout Theorem Proof and Example: Inverse of 101 mod 4620.

Sol^n:

Bézout's Identity states that if a and b are integers with a greatest common divisor $d = \gcd(a, b)$, then there exist integers x and y such that:

$$ax + by = d$$

Proof:

Consider the set S of all linear combinations of a and b that result in a positive integer:

$$S = \{ma + nb \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, ma + nb > 0\}$$

Since at least one of a or b is non-zero, the set S is not empty. For example, if $a \neq 0$, then $|a| = (\pm 1)a + 0b$ will be in S.

By the Well-Ordering Principle, since S is a non-empty set of positive integers, it must have a smallest positive integer element. Let's call this

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smallest element d. Because d is in S, there exist integers x and y such that:

$$ax+by=d$$

Now, our goal is to show that this d is indeed the greatest common divisor of a and b. we need to show two things:

1. d is a common divisor of a and b:

Suppose d does not divide a. Then by the Division Algorithm, we can write $a=qd+r$, where q is the quotient and r is the reminder, with $0<r<d$. Substituting $d=ax+by$ into this equation, we get:

$$r=a-qd=a-q(ax+by)=a(1-qx)+b(-qy)$$

This shows that r is also a linear combination of a and b. Since $0<r<d$, r is a positive integer that is smaller than the smallest positive integer in S, which is d. This is a contradiction. Therefore our initial assumption that d does not divide a

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must be false. Thus, d divides a.

Similarly, we can show that d divides b. Suppose d doesnot divide b. Then $b = q'd + r'$, where $0 < r' < d$. Substituting $d = ax + by$, we get:

$$r' = b - q'd = b - q'(ax+by) = a(-q'x) + b(1 - q'y)$$

Again, r' is positive linear combination of a and smaller than d, which is a contradiction. Therefore, d must divide b.

Since d divides both a and b, it is a common divisor of a and b.

2. Any common divisor of a and b also divides d:

Let c be any common divisor of a and b. This means that there exist integers K and l such that $a = Kc$ and $b = lc$. Substituting these into the equation $d = ax + by$, we get:

$$d = (Kc)x + (lc)y = c(Kx + ly)$$

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Since $kx+ly$ is an integer, this equation shows that c divides d.

Since d is a common divisor of a and b, and any other common divisor c also divides d, d must be the greatest common divisor of a and b.

Therefore, $d = \gcd(a, b)$

This completes the proof of Bézout's Identity.

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Find the inverse of 101 mod 4620

we want to find x such that:

$$101x \equiv 1 \pmod{4620}$$

This means we need to solve:

$$101x + 4620y = 1$$

Using Bezout Theorem

Step1: Apply the Euclidean Algorithm

we divide until the remainder is 0:

$$4620 = 45 \times 101 + 75 \longrightarrow 1$$

$101 = 1 \times 75 + 26 \rightarrow (2)$

$75 = 1 \times 26 + 23 \rightarrow (3)$

$26 = 1 \times 23 + 3 \rightarrow (4)$

$23 = 7 \times 3 + 2 \rightarrow (5)$

$3 = 1 \times 2 + 1 \rightarrow (6)$

$2 = 2 \times 1 + 0 \rightarrow$ (Done

So, $\gcd(101, 4620) = 1$, so inverse exists

Step 2: Back-substitute to express 1 as a combinati

of 101 and 4620

From step(6):

$$1 = 3 - 1 \cdot 2$$

From step(5): $2 = 23 - 7 \cdot 3$

$$1 = 3 - 1(23 - 7 \cdot 3) = 8 \cdot 3 - 1 \cdot 23$$

From step (4): $3 = 26 - 1 \cdot 23$

$$1 = 8(26 - 1 \cdot 23) - 1 \cdot 23 = 8 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot 2$$

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From step(3): $23 = 75 - 2\cdot 26$

$$1 = 8\cdot 26 - 9(75-2\cdot 26) = 8\cdot 26 - 9\cdot 75 + 18\cdot 26 \cancel{=(8+18)\cdot 26 - 9\cdot 7}$$

$$= (8+18)\cdot 26 - 9\cdot 75$$

$$= 26\cdot 26 - 9\cdot 75$$

From step(2):

$$26 = 101 - 1\cdot 75$$

$$1 = 26(101 - 1\cdot 75) - 9\cdot 75 = 26\cdot 101 - 26\cdot 75 - 9\cdot 75$$

$$= 26\cdot 101 - (26+9)\cdot 75$$

$$= 26\cdot 101 - 35\cdot 75$$

From step (1): $75 = 4620 - 45\cdot 101$

$$1 = 26\cdot 101 - 35(4620 - 45\cdot 101) = 26\cdot 101 - 35\cdot 4620 + 1575\cdot 101$$

$$= (26+1575)\cdot 101 - 35\cdot 4620$$

$$= 1601\cdot 101 - 35\cdot 4620$$

Final result:

$$1 = 1601\cdot 101 - 35\cdot 4620$$

So the inverse of 101 mod 4620 is:

$$101^{-1} \equiv 1601 \pmod{4620}$$

Answer: 1601

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2. Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT) - Proof

Statement:

Let $n_1, n_2, \ldots n_k$ be pairwise coprime integers and $a_1, a_2 \ldots a_k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then the system:

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1}$$
$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2}$$
$$\vdots$$
$$x \equiv a_k \pmod{n_k}$$

has a unique solution modulo $N = n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k$

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Proof Sketch:

Let $N = n_1 n_2 \cdots n_k$. For each i, define:

$N_i = \frac{N}{n_i}$, and find M_i such that

$N_i M_i \equiv 1 \pmod{n_i}$

Then, define the solution:

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^{k} a_i N_i M_i \pmod{N}$$

Each term $a_i N_i M_i \equiv a_i \pmod{n_i}$ and $\equiv 0 \pmod{n_j}$ for $j \neq i$

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3. Fermat's Little Theorem - Proof and Example.

Theorem:

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

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

Proof:

Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. The set $\{1, 2, \ldots, p-1\}$ forms a multiplicative group modulo p.

Then multiplication by a permutes this set:

$$a \cdot 1, a \cdot 2, \ldots a \cdot (p-1)$$

All values are distinct modulo p. So the product of the original and the permuted set are congruent modulo p:

$$a^{p-1} \cdot (p-1)! \equiv (p-1)! \pmod{p} \Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

(After canceling $(p-1)!$, which is nonzero mod p)

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Example: Compute $7^{222} \bmod 11$

use Fermat's Little Theorem:

$7^{10} \equiv 1 \bmod 11$ (since 11 is prime)

Now:

$$222 = 10 \cdot 22 + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 7^{222} = (7^{10})^{22} \cdot 7^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 7^{222} = 1^{22} \cdot 7^2 = 49 \bmod 11$$

$$= 49 - 4 \cdot 11$$

$$= 49 - 44$$

$$= 5$$

Answer: $7^{222} \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$

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