

Finite Fields
Students, you might have come across several abstract algebraic structures, particularly groups, ring, fields and polynomials.

Group $\rightarrow (G, \cdot)$ is a nonempty set G together with a binary operation.

Group is a set of elements, [for ex, set of rational numbers, ~~matrix~~ ~~polynomial~~ real numbers, integers - -].
On this set of elements we are performing binary operation (\cdot) such that following condns hold.

- a) Closure \rightarrow for all $a, b \in G$ $a+b \in G$
- b) Inverse $\rightarrow a + (-a) = 0$
- c) Associativity $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$
- d) Identity $\rightarrow a + 0 = a$
 $a + 0 = a$

Set of integers (\mathbb{Z}) is satisfying all axioms.
so $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ is a group. | abelian group

$(\mathbb{Q}, +)$ $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ $(\mathbb{C}, +)$ are groups.

$(\mathbb{N}, +)$ is not a group.

does not satisfy Inverse in \mathbb{N}

\mathbb{N} - Natural no's = $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

\mathbb{W} = whole no's = $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

\mathbb{Z} = Integers = $\{-1, -2, -3, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

\mathbb{Q} - Rational numbers = $\{p/q; p, q \in \text{all integers}\}$

\mathbb{I} - Irrational " = $\{\text{non-rational no}\}$

\mathbb{R} - Real numbers -

\mathbb{C} - complex " $\{a + bi, \dots\}$

Ring - It consists of a set equipped with 2 binary ops that generalize the arithmetic ops of addition & multiplication

Addition

closure

Inverse

Associativity

Identity

+ 4.

Multiplication

→ Associative

$$(a \cdot b) \cdot c = (a \cdot c) \cdot b$$

Distributive properties

$$a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c \text{ and } (a + b) \cdot c = a \cdot c + b \cdot c$$

$\mathbb{Z}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}$ are examples for rings with identity.

old

Field is an extension of group.

A field is a set on which addition, subtraction, multiplication & division are defined.

- Addition
- Additive Inverse
- Multiplication
- Multiplicative Inverse for every non zero element.

Example of field.

Set of rational no's (a/b)

where a & b are integers and b is not equal to 0.

- They all commute with addition.
- " " " " with multiplication.
- All elements have multiplicative inverse.

$\{Q; +, -, \times, \div\}$

Here set of rational no's satisfies all properties. So it is a field. ^{no. 8} but it is an infinite field.

(note) Set of Integers do not form a field
Set of 2×2 matrices do not " "

Finite field \rightarrow

Field with finite no. of elements.

In cryptography, we are looking for finite no. of fields, satisfying all properties.

\rightarrow The no. of elements in a finite field is also called Galois field. is always a prime or power of prime.

$$GF(2) = GF(2^1) = \{0, 1\}$$

$$GF(5) = GF(5^1) = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$$

This no. should be a prime no.

$$GF(81) = GF(3^4) \dots$$

$$GF(256) = GF(2^8) \dots$$

4) finite field of 256 elements.

used in cryptography for AES.

$\times GF(12)$ is not a finite field

prime field & Extension field.

$GF(2^1)$ Here $m=1$ \rightarrow it is a prime field

$$\text{i.e. } GF(p^m) = GF(2^1)$$

where $m=1$
& $p = \{0, 1\} \dots$

$GF(p^m)$ Here if $m > 1$ it is extension field.

extension fields. { for ex:-
 $GF(2^8)$ Here $m = 8$.
 $p = 2$.
~~And?~~

For AES $GF(2^8)$ is used.

Here the elements in the set are all polynomials not integers.

Polynomial — many terms attached together

ex:- $x^3 + x^2 + 1$

$$3x^3 + 4x^2 + 1$$

A polynomial can have any no. of terms but it cannot be infinite.

$$GF(2^8) = GF(256)$$

7 elements.

Finite field Arithmetic

$$GF(2^3) = GF(8) = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 7\}$$

$$GF(2) = \{0, 1\}$$

Let g polynomial.

$$GF(2^3) = \{ \text{it takes up the form} \}$$

polynomials \rightarrow

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$x^2 \ x^1 \ x^0$

$$ax^2 + ax + 1 = 0$$

$$0 \ 0 \ 1 = 1$$

$$0 \ 1 \ 0 = x$$

$$0 \ 1 \ 1 = x + 1$$

$$1 \ 0 \ 0 = x^2$$

$$1 \ 0 \ 1 = x^2 + 1$$

$$1 \ 1 \ 0 = x^2 + x$$

$$1 \ 1 \ 1 = x^2 + x + 1$$

When addition, multiplication, additive inverse \rightarrow

polynomial

$$ES - GF(256) - GF(2^8)$$

Here there are 256 elements and can be represented as:

$$\underline{x^7 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x^1 + x^0}$$

$$\begin{array}{ll} 00000000 & \rightarrow 0 \\ 00000001 & \rightarrow 1 \\ 00000010 & \rightarrow x \\ 00000011 & \rightarrow x+1 \\ 00000100 & \vdots \\ & \vdots \\ \underline{11111111} & \vdots \end{array}$$

Ex:-

$$\begin{array}{l} \{02\} = 00000010 \\ \{87\} = 10000111 \\ \begin{array}{cccccccc} x^7 & x^6 & x^5 & x^4 & x^3 & x^2 & x^1 & x^0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \rightarrow x \\ \rightarrow 10000111 \rightarrow x^7 + x^2 + x^1 + x^0 \end{array}$$

$$x * (x^7 + x^2 + x^1 + x^0)$$

$$\underline{\underline{x^8 + x^3 + x^2 + x}}$$

So consider

irreducible polynomial

$$p(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$$

$$(x^8 + x^3 + x^2 + x) / p(x)$$

