

**COMP90043: Cryptography and security: Week 7: Polynomial Rings and Finite Field**

- (1) Consider a finite field  $\mathbf{F}_5$ , the field of 5 elements. Given an example for each of the following:
  - (a) A polynomial of degree 3:  $1 + x + 3 * x^3 + 4x^3$ .
  - (b) A monic polynomial of degree 3:  $1 + x + 3 * x^3 + x^3$ .
  - (c) An irreducible polynomial of degree 2:  $1 + 2x^2$ ;
- (2) Consider a finite field  $\mathbf{F}_3$ , the field of 3 elements. Answer the following:
  - (a)  $(1 + 2x + x^3) * (1 + x^2 + 2x^3) = 2 * x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + 2 * x^3 + x^2 + 2 * x + 1$ .
  - (b)  $x^5 \text{ mod } (1 + 2x + x^3) = 2 * x^2 + x + 2$ .
  - (c) An irreducible polynomial of degree 2:  $x^2 + 1$ ;  $x^2 + 2 * x + 2$ ;
  - (d)  $GCD((1 + 2x + x^3), (1 + 2x)) = 1$ .
  - (e) Is the polynomial  $2 + 2 * x^2$  is an irreducible polynomial?  
Yes
- (3) Use the irreducible polynomial  $1 + x^2 + x^3$  in the finite field  $GF(8)$  tab

$i$	Elements: $x^i$	As Polynomials	As Vectors
$-\infty$	0	0	[0, 0, 0]
0	1	1	[1, 0, 0]
1	$x$	$x$	[0, 1, 0]
2	$x^2$	$x^2$	[0, 0, 1]
3	$x^3$	$1 + x^2$	[1, 0, 1]
4	$x^4$	$1 + x + x^2$	[1, 1, 1]
5	$x^5$	$1 + x$	[1, 1, 0]
6	$x^6$	$x + x^2$	[0, 1, 1]
7	$x^7$	1	[1, 0, 0]

TABLE 1. Elements of  $GF(2^3)$  as powers of  $x$

- (a) Complete the missing entries in the table.
- (b) What is the multiplicative order of  $x$ ? 7.
- (c) What is the multiplicative inverse of  $x^2$ ?  $x^5$

(d) Compute  $x + x^2 + x^4 : 1$

(e) Compute  $x^3 + x^6 + x^5 : 0$

(4) Consider the finite field  $GF(9)$  as discussed in class last week:

$i$	Elements: $x^i$	As Polynomials	As Vectors
$-\infty$	0	0	$[0, 0]$
0	1	1	$[1, 0]$
1	$x$	$x$	$[0, 1]$
2	$x^2$	$1 + 2 * x$	$[1, 2]$
3	$x^3$	$2 + 2x$	$[2, 2]$
4	$x^4$	2	$[2, 0]$
5	$x^5$	$2x$	$[0, 2]$
6	$x^6$	$2 + x$	$[2, 1]$
7	$x^7$	$1 + x$	$[1, 1]$
8	$x^8$	1	$[1, 0]$

TABLE 2. Elements of  $GF(3^2)$  as powers of x

(a) Complete the missing entries by using the polynomial  $2 + x + x^2$  as the irreducible polynomial for generating powers of x in the table.

(b) What is the multiplicative order of  $x$ ? 8

(c) What is the multiplicative inverse of  $x^2$ ?  $x^6$

(d) Compute  $x + x^3$ . 2

(e) Compute  $x^2 + x^6$  0;