

Number Theory Theorem - Part 1

① Bézout's theorem proof and Example:

Inverse of 101 mod 4620.

Soln.

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 .

Let's call this 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 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 remainder, with $0 < r < d$.

Substituting $d = ax + by$ into this equation, we get,

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

r is positive linear combination of a and b , smaller than d , which is a contradiction.

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

Such that $a = kc$ and $b = lc$. Substituting these into the equation, $d = ax + by$, we get:

$$d = (kc)x + (lc)y = c(kx + ly).$$

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

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

This completes the proof of Bézout's identity:

Find the inverse of $101 \pmod{4620}$.

We want to find x such that,

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

This means, we need to solve:

$$101x + 4620y = 1$$

Using Bezout theorem,

Step 1: Apply the Euclidean Algorithm, we divide until the remainder is 0:

$$4620 = 45 \times 101 + 75 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

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

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

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

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

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

$$2 = 2 \times 1 + 0 \longrightarrow \text{Done}$$

So, $\text{gcd}(101, 4620) = 1$, so inverse exists.

Step-2: Back-substitute to express 1 as a combination 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): $3 = 26 - 1 \cdot 23$

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

$$= 8 \cdot 26 - 9 \cdot 23$$

from, step(3):

$$23 = 75 - 2 \cdot 26$$

$$1 = 8 \cdot 26 - 9(75 - 2 \cdot 26)$$

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

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

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

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 $101 \bmod 4620$ is,

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

Answer: 1601

② Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT) - Proof :

Statement :

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

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1}$$

$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$x \equiv a_k \pmod{n_k}$$

Proof sketch :

Let, $N = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$, for each i , define:

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

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

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 $j \neq i$.

③ Fermat's little 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 $\{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$ forms a multiplicative group modulo p .

Then, multiplication by a permutes this set:

$$a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{(p-1)}$$

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

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

Example: Compute, $7^{222} \pmod{11}$.

Use Fermat's little theorem,

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

$$\text{Now: } 222 = 10 \cdot 22 + 2$$

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

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

$$= 49 - 4 \cdot 11$$

$$= 49 - 44$$

$$= 5$$

$$\text{Ans: } 7^{222} \equiv 5 \pmod{11}.$$