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# Computing inverses of elements of a group

In the context of the additive group  $Z_n$  which consists of integers modulo  $n$ , the additive inverse of an element  $a \in Z_n$  is an element  $b \in Z_n$  such that  $a + b \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ .

## Example 69

Find the inverse of  $7 \in Z_{19}$ .

## Solution

Inverse of 7 is  $-7 \pmod{19} = 12 \pmod{19}$ .

Generally, for any element  $a \in Z_n$ , its additive inverse  $b \in Z_n$  is given by  $b = (n - a) \pmod{n}$

Here is the Rust code.

```
1      fn additive_inverse(a: i32, n: i32) -> i32 {
2          (n - a % n) % n
3      }
4
5      fn main() {
6          let n = 19;
7          let a = 7;
8          let inverse = additive_inverse(a, n);
9          println!("The additive inverse of {} in Z_{} is {}", a, n, inverse);
10     }
```

## Rust code for Inverses of elements of the group $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$

Consider the group of units modulo 42 given by  $\mathbb{Z}_{42}^* = \{1, 5, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 25, 29, 31, 37, 41\}$ . We can multiply and divide the elements of this set without leaving the set. It is simple to verify the first three properties of the group. The identity element equals 1. Each element has an inverse, which may be obtained through the extended Euclidean algorithm.

Let us for instance find the inverse of  $41 \in \mathbb{Z}_{42}^*$ .

## Solution

$$42 = 41(1) + 1$$

$$41 = 1(41) + 0$$

So the  $\gcd(41, 42) = 1$  and reversing the first equation we obtain;

$$1 = 42 - 41(1) \text{ or } 1 = 42 + 41(-1) \text{ or } 1 = 42 + 41(41)$$

Thus,  $41^{-1} \equiv 41 \pmod{42}$ .

## Example 70

Find  $7^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_{19}^*$

### Solution

By Euclid's algorithm algorithm we have

$$19 = 7(2) + 5$$

$$7 = 5(1) + 2$$

$$5 = 2(2) + 1$$

$$2 = 1(2) + 0$$

We solve for gcd

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 5 - 2(2) = 5 - [7 - 5(1)](2) = 5 - 7(2) + 5(2) = -7(2) + 5(3) \\ &= -7(2) + [19 - 7(2)](3) = -7(2) + 19(3) - 7(6) \\ &= 19(3) + 7(-8) \end{aligned}$$

That is,  $1 = 19(3) + 7(-8)$ .

Thus,  $7^{-1} = -8 \equiv 11 \pmod{19}$

### Example 71

Find  $364^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_{765}^*$

### Solution

This question wants us to find  $364^{-1} \bmod 765$

$$765 = 364(2) + 37$$

$$364 = 37(9) + 31$$

$$37 = 31(1) + 6$$

$$31 = 6(5) + 1$$

Now solve for gcd

$$1 = 31 - 6(5) = 31 - [37 - 31(1)](5)$$

$$= -37(5) + 31(6) = -37(5) + [364 - 37(9)](6)$$

$$= 364(6) - 37(59) = 364(6) - [765 - 364(2)](59)$$

$$= 765(-59) + 364(124)$$

Hence  $1 = 765(-59) + 364(124)$ . Thus  $x = 124$

The following Rust code defines two functions, `extended_gcd` and `mod_inverse`, and demonstrates their use in the `main` function to compute multiplicative modular inverses.

```
1      fn extended_gcd(a: i64, b: i64) -> (i64, i64, i64) {
2          if b == 0 {
3              (a, 1, 0)
4          }
5          else {
6              let (g, x, y) = extended_gcd(b, a % b);
7              (g, y, x - (a / b) * y)
8          }
9      }
10
11     fn mod_inverse(a: i64, m: i64) -> Option<i64> {
12         let (g, x, _) = extended_gcd(a, m);
13         if g != 1 {
14             None // No modular inverse if gcd(a, m) != 1
15         } else {
16             Some((x % m + m) % m) // Ensure the result is positive
17         }
18     }
19
20     fn main() {
21         let a = 364;
22         let m = 765;
23         match mod_inverse(a, m) {
24             Some(inv) => println!("The modular inverse of {} modulo {} is {}", a, m, inv),
25             None => println!("The modular inverse does not exist"),
26         }
27     }
```



## Example 72

compute inverse of 1234567890123456789012345678901234567891 modulo 987654321098765432109876543210987654319 if it exists.

## Solution

The following Rust code offers functions for calculating the modular inverse of huge integers with the num-bigint crate, which can handle arbitrarily large integers. Running this code we find that the modular inverse is 775570818839977857515581324586738336533.

```
1 use num_bigint::BigInt;
2 use num_traits::{One, Zero};
3 use std::str::FromStr;
4
5 // Function to calculate the modular inverse
6 fn mod_inverse(a: &BigInt, m: &BigInt) -> Option<BigInt> {
7     let (g, x, _) = extended_gcd(a.clone(), m.clone());
8     if g.is_one() {
9         Some((x % m + m) % m) // Ensure the result is positive
10    } else {
11        None // No inverse exists if gcd(a, m) != 1
12    }
13 }
```

```

14
15     // Extended Euclidean Algorithm
16     fn extended_gcd(a: BigInt, b: BigInt) -> (BigInt, BigInt, BigInt) {
17         if b.is_zero() {
18             (a, BigInt::one(), BigInt::zero())
19         } else {
20 let (g, x, y) = extended_gcd(b.clone(), a.clone() % b.clone());
21             (g, y.clone(), x - (a / b) * y)
22         }
23     }
24
25     fn main() {
26 let a = BigInt::from_str("1234567890123456789012345678901234567891").unwrap();
27 let m = BigInt::from_str("987654321098765432109876543210987654319").unwrap();
28
29         match mod_inverse(&a, &m) {
30 Some(inv) => println!("The modular inverse is: {}", inv),
31 None => println!("No modular inverse exists for the given input."),
32         }
33     }

```

## Understanding the Rust code

1. `extended_gcd` function uses the Extended Euclidean Algorithm to compute the greatest common divisor `gcd` of two integers  $a$  and  $b$ , as well as determine coefficients  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $\text{gcd}(a, b) = ax + by$ .

```
1 fn extended_gcd(a: i64, b: i64) -> (i64, i64, i64) {  
2     if b == 0 {  
3         (a, 1, 0)  
4     } else {  
5         let (g, x, y) = extended_gcd(b, a % b);  
6         (g, y, x - (a / b) * y)  
7     }  
8 }
```

- Base case: If  $b$  is zero, the function returns  $(a, 1, 0)$  because:
  - ✓ For instance, the `gcd` of  $a$  and  $0$  is  $a$
  - ✓ The coefficients are  $1$  and  $0$  because  $a \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0 = a$

```
    if b == 0 {  
        (a, 1, 0)  
    }
```

## Understanding the Rust code (conti...)

- Recursive Case: The function calls itself with  $b$  and  $a \% b$ . This continues until  $b$  becomes zero.
- Calculating Coefficients:
  - ✓ The recursive call returns the gcd and the coefficients  $x_1$  and  $y_1$  for the equation involving  $b$  and  $a \% b$ .
  - ✓ The new coefficients  $x$  and  $y$  are calculated using
$$x = y_1$$
$$y = x_1 - (a/b) \cdot y_1$$
- The base case ensures the function terminates when the second number becomes zero.

## Understanding the Rust code (conti...)

(2) `mod_inverse` function computes the modular inverse of  $a$  modulo  $m$ , which is a number  $x$  with  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

```
fn mod_inverse(a: i64, m: i64) -> Option<i64> {  
    let (g, x, _) = extended_gcd(a, m);  
    if g != 1 {  
        None // No modular inverse if gcd(a, m) != 1  
    } else {  
        Some((x % m + m) % m) // Ensure the result is positive  
    }  
}
```

- It uses the `extended_gcd` function to get the gcd and the coefficient  $x$ .

```
let (g, x, _) = extended_gcd(a, m);
```

- Checks for Inverse Existence. If the gcd is not 1, then  $a$  and  $m$  are not coprime, and there is no modular inverse.

```
if g != 1 {  
    None // No modular inverse if gcd(a, m) != 1  
}
```

## Understanding the Rust code (conti...)

- Else, Return Positive Modular Inverse.

```
else {  
    Some((x % m + m) % m) // Ensure the result is positive
```

### Example 73

Find  $31^{-1} \bmod 60$ .

- **Main function.**
  - ✓ The main function initializes  $a$  to 31 and  $m$  to 60.
  - ✓ It calls `mod_inverse(a, m)` with  $a = 31$  and  $m = 60$ .
  - ✓ `mod_inverse` Function calls `extended_gcd(a, m)` to get the gcd and coefficients.

## Understanding the Rust code (conti...)

- **Extended Euclidean Function works recursively.**

1. Initial Call: `extended_euclidean(31, 60)`

✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes a recursive call:

`extended_euclidean(60, 31 % 60)`

31 % 60 is 31, so it calls `extended_euclidean(60, 31)`

2. First Recursive Call: `extended_euclidean(60, 31)`

✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes first recursive call:

`extended_euclidean(31, 60 % 31)`

60 % 31 is 29, so it calls `extended_euclidean(31, 29)`

3. Second Call: `extended_euclidean(31, 29)`

✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes another recursive call:

`extended_euclidean(29, 31 % 29)`

31 % 29 is 2, so it calls `extended_euclidean(29, 2)`

## Understanding the Rust code (conti...)

4. Third Call: `extended_euclidean(29, 2)`
  - ✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes another recursive call:  
`extended_euclidean(2, 29 % 2)`  
 $29 \% 2$  is 1 so it calls `extended_euclidean(2, 1)`
5. Fourth Call: `extended_euclidean(2, 1)`
  - ✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes another recursive call:  
`extended_euclidean(1, 2 % 1)`  
 $2 \% 1$  is 0, so it calls `extended_euclidean(1, 0)`
6. Base Case: `extended_euclidean(1, 0)`
  - Since  $b = 0$  it returns  $(1, 1, 0)$
  - This means the gcd is 1, and the coefficients  $x$  and  $y$  are 1 and 0, respectively.



## Understanding the Rust code (conti...)

**Unwinding the Recursion:** Now unwind the recursion and calculate the coefficients for each step.

a) Returning from `extended_euclidean(2, 1)`

✓ It receives  $(1, 1, 0)$  from the base case.

✓ It calculates new coefficients  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = y_1 = 0$$

$$y = x_1 - (a/b) * y_1 = 1 - (2/1) * 0 = 1$$

It returns  $(1, 0, 1)$

b) Returning from `extended_euclidean(29, 2)`

✓ It receives  $(1, 0, 1)$  from the previous step..

✓ It calculates new coefficients  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = y_1 = 1, \quad y = x_1 - (a/b) * y_1 = 0 - (29/2) * 1 = -14$$

It returns  $(1, 1, -14)$

## Understanding the Rust code (conti...)

c) Returning from `extended_euclidean(31, 29)`

✓ It receives  $(1, 1, -14)$  from the previous step..

✓ It calculates new coefficients  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = y_1 = -14$$

$$y = x_1 - (a/b) * y_1 = 1 - (31/29) * -14 = 15$$

It returns  $(1, -14, 15)$

d) Returning from `extended_euclidean(60, 31)`

✓ It receives  $(1, -14, 15)$  from the previous step..

✓ It calculates new coefficients  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = y_1 = 15$$

$$y = x_1 - (a/b) * y_1 = -14 - (60/31) * 15 = -29$$

Returns  $(1, 15, -29)$

So, `extended_gcd(31, 60)` returns  $(1, -29, 15)$

## Understanding the Rust code (conti...)

### Back to mod\_inverse

Since  $g = 1$ , it computes the modular inverse

$$(x \% m + m) \% m = (-29 \% 60 + 60) \% 60 = 31$$

The modular inverse is 31

## Example 74

Find all solutions to  $17x \equiv 1 \pmod{29}$

### Solution

We are required to determine  $17^{-1} \pmod{29}$

- **Main function.**

- ✓ The main function initializes  $a$  to 17 and  $m$  to 29.
- ✓ It calls  $\text{mod\_inverse}(a, m)$  with  $a = 17$  and  $m = 29$ .
- ✓  $\text{mod\_inverse}$  Function calls  $\text{extended\_gcd}(a, m)$  to get the gcd and coefficients.

- **Extended Euclidean Function works recursively.**

1. Initial Call:  $\text{extended\_euclidean}(17, 29)$
- ✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes a recursive call:  
 $\text{extended\_euclidean}(29, 17 \% 29) = (29, 17)$

## Solution (conti...)

2. First Recursive Call:  $\text{extended\_euclidean}(29, 17)$ 
  - ✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes first recursive call:  
 $\text{extended\_euclidean}(17, 29 \% 17) = (17, 12)$
3. Second Call:  $\text{extended\_euclidean}(17, 12)$ 
  - ✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes another recursive call:  
 $\text{extended\_euclidean}(12, 17 \% 12) = (12, 5)$
4. Third Call:  $\text{extended\_euclidean}(12, 5)$ 
  - ✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes another recursive call:  
 $\text{extended\_euclidean}(5, 12 \% 5) = (5, 2)$
5. Fourth Call:  $\text{extended\_euclidean}(5, 2)$ 
  - ✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes another recursive call:  
 $\text{extended\_euclidean}(2, 5 \% 2) = (2, 1)$

## Solution (conti...)

6. Fifth Call: `extended_euclidean(2, 1)`

✓ Since  $b \neq 0$ , the function makes another recursive call:

`extended_euclidean(1, 2 % 1)`

$2 \% 1$  is 0, so it calls `extended_euclidean(1, 0)`

7. Base Case: `extended_euclidean(1, 0)`

- Since  $b = 0$  it returns  $(1, 1, 0)$
- This means the gcd is 1, and the coefficients  $x$  and  $y$  are 1 and 0, respectively.

## Solution (conti...)

**Unwinding the Recursion:** Now unwind the recursion and calculate the coefficients for each step.

a) Returning from `extended_euclidean(2, 1)`

✓ It receives  $(1, 1, 0)$  from the base case.

✓ It calculates new coefficients  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = y_1 = 0$$

$$y = x_1 - (a/b) * y_1 = 1 - (2/1) * 0 = 1$$

It returns  $(1, 0, 1)$

b) Returning from `extended_euclidean(5, 2)`

✓ It receives  $(1, 0, 1)$  from the previous step..

✓ It calculates new coefficients  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = y_1 = 1, \quad y = x_1 - (a/b) * y_1 = 0 - (5/2) * 1 = -2$$

It returns  $(1, 1, -2)$

## Solution (conti...)

c) Returning from `extended_euclidean(12, 5)`

✓ It receives  $(1, 1, -2)$  from the previous step..

✓ It calculates new coefficients  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = y_1 = -2$$

$$y = x_1 - (a/b) * y_1 = 1 - (12/5) * -2 = 5$$

It returns  $(1, -2, 5)$

d) Returning from `extended_euclidean(17, 12)`

✓ It receives  $(1, -2, 5)$  from the previous step..

✓ It calculates new coefficients  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = y_1 = 5$$

$$y = x_1 - (a/b) * y_1 = -2 - (17/12) * 5 = -7$$

Returns  $(1, 5, -7)$



## Solution (conti...)

e) Returning from `extended_euclidean(29, 17)`

✓ It receives  $(1, 5, -7)$  from the previous step..

✓ It calculates new coefficients  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$x = y_1 = -7$$

$$y = x_1 - (a/b) * y_1 = 5 - (29/17) * -7 = 12$$

Returns  $(1, -5, 12)$

So, `extended_gcd(17, 29)` returns  $(1, 12, -5)$

## Back to `mod_inverse`

Since  $g = 1$ , it computes the modular inverse

$$(x \% m + m) \% m = (12 \% 29 + 29) \% 29 = 12$$

The modular inverse is 12

## Exercise 5

- Use Rust code to find the inverses of the following modulo  
779854321098765432109876543210987683313
  - a) 79765431929      b) 98765432063      c) 79765431853
  - d) 98765432081      e) 79765431901      f) 98765432099
- Find the inverse of 2188824287183927522224640574525727508  
8696311157297823662689037894645226208583 mod  
71338888888888888828282828287777777777777777.