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## Foundational Mathematics for Web3 Builders

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Lecture 34

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## Fast powering algorithm *Continuation*

- The fast powering algorithm, also known as exponentiation by squaring algorithm, is a technique used to efficiently compute the power of a number, especially in modular arithmetic.
- Some texts call it Square-and-Multiply Algorithm.
- This algorithm greatly reduces the number of multiplications needed compared to the straightforward method of multiplying the base by itself repeatedly.
- In some cryptosystems that we will study, for example the RSA we will be required to compute large powers of a number  $b$  modulo another number  $m$  and so the fast powering algorithm combined with Fermat's Little Theorem or Euler's Theorem will be very vital

## Example 32

Compute  $(20782727282728287373833^{626777655777666776} + 5546474747476647447647^{9911111111111111113334}) \bmod 17892892892892829282$

```
1 fn mod_exp(base: u128, exp: u128, modulus: u128) -> u128 {
2     let mut result = 1;
3     let mut base = base % modulus;
4     let mut exp = exp;
5
6     while exp > 0 {
7         if exp % 2 == 1 {
8             result = (result * base) % modulus;
9         }
10        exp = exp >> 1;
11        base = (base * base) % modulus;
12    }
13
14    result
15 }
16
17 fn main() {
18     let base1: u128 = 20782727282728287373833; ✓
19     let exp1: u128 = 626777655777666776; ✓
20     let base2: u128 = 5546474747476647447647; ✓
21     let exp2: u128 = 9911111111111111113334; ✓
22     let modulus: u128 = 17892892892892829282; ✓
23 }
```

*Handwritten annotations:*

- A blue bracket groups lines 2-4 of the `mod_exp` function.
- A blue bracket groups lines 6-12 of the `mod_exp` function.
- Handwritten text  $a^b + b^a$  with a circled  $a$  and a question mark over  $b$ .
- An arrow points from the circled  $a$  to `base1` in line 18.
- The word "Biguint" is written in blue.
- Checkmarks are placed next to the assignments in the `main` function.

```

24  ✓ let result1 = mod_exp(base1, exp1, modulus);
25  ✓ let result2 = mod_exp(base2, exp2, modulus);
26
27  ✓ let final_result = (result1 + result2) % modulus;
28
29  println!("The result of (20782727282728287373833^626777655777666776_+_554647474747664744
30  }

```

Running this code prints the result as 14411741738844151902.

If you need to work with even larger numbers, you should use the num-bigint crate. The Rust code is below.

```

1  use num_bigint::BigUint;
2  use num_traits::{One, Zero};
3
4  fn mod_exp(base: &BigUint, exp: &BigUint, modulus: &BigUint) -> BigUint {
5      let mut result = BigUint::one();
6      let mut base = base % modulus;
7      let mut exp = exp.clone();
8
9      while exp > BigUint::zero() {
10         if &exp % 2u32 == BigUint::one() {
11             result = (result * &base) % modulus;
12         }
13         exp >>= 1;
14         base = (&base * &base) % modulus;
15     }

```

```

16
17     result
18 }
19
20 fn main() {
21     let base1 = BigUint::parse_bytes(b"20782727282728287373833", 10).unwrap();
22     let exp1 = BigUint::parse_bytes(b"626777655777666776", 10).unwrap();
23     let base2 = BigUint::parse_bytes(b"5546474747476647447647", 10).unwrap();
24     let exp2 = BigUint::parse_bytes(b"991111111111111113334", 10).unwrap();
25     let modulus = BigUint::parse_bytes(b"17892892892892829282", 10).unwrap();
26
27     let result1 = mod_exp(&base1, &exp1, &modulus);
28     let result2 = mod_exp(&base2, &exp2, &modulus);
29
30     let final_result = (result1 + result2) % modulus;
31
32     println!("The result of (20782727282728287373833^626777655777666776 + 5546474747
33 }

```

### Exercise 3

1. Use Rust program to compute the following quantities:

(i)  $2^{1000} \pmod{2379}$

(ii)  $567^{1234} \pmod{4321}$

(iii)  $47^{258008} \pmod{1315171}$

2. Compute  $7^{7386} \pmod{7387}$  by the method of successive squaring. Is 7387 prime?

3. Compute  $7^{7392} \pmod{7393}$  by the method of successive squaring. Is 7393 prime?

4. Compute  $2^{9990} \pmod{9991}$  by successive squaring and use your answer to say whether you believe that 9991 is prime.

# Linear Congruence

- Consider the linear congruence

$$ax \equiv b \pmod{m} \quad (1)$$

where  $a, b, m$  are integers with  $m > 0$ .

- By a solution of equation (1) we mean an integer  $x = x_1$  for which  $m \mid (ax_1 - b)$ .
- Note that if  $x_1$  is a solution of equation (1) then  $x_1 + km$  for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  is another solution of equation (1).
- Note:** An equation  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  has a solution if  $\gcd(a, m)$  divides  $b$ .
- In this case, if  $d = \gcd(a, m)$  and  $d \mid b$  then the congruence equation has  $d$  solutions.
- This congruence equation has no solution if  $d \nmid b$ .

**Example 33**  $g(5,8)=1$

Solve the following linear congruence equations.

0, 1, 2, ..., 7 ✓

a)  $5x \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$

b)  $6x \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$

c)  $6x \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$

d)  $3x + 2 \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$

e)  $6x - 3 \equiv 5 + 2x \pmod{10}$

f)  $\frac{2}{3}x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$

**Solution**

Since the moduli is relatively small, we will find solutions by testing. Later on we will see how to use extended Euclid's Algorithm to find solutions to such congruence equations.



## Solution (conti...)

a) Here  $\gcd(5, 8) = 1$  and 1 divides 3 hence the equation has a unique solution. Let us test  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 7$  to find the solution.

$$5(0) = 0 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{8} \quad \times$$

$$5(1) = 5 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{8} \quad \times$$

$$5(2) = 2 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

$$5(3) = 7 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

$$5(4) = 4 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

$$5(5) = 1 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

$$5(6) = 6 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

$$5(7) = 3 \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$$

Thus the unique solution is  $x = 7$

b) The  $\gcd(6, 9) = 3$  but  $3 \nmid 4$  and so the congruence equation has no solution.

### Solution (conti...)

c) Here  $\gcd(6, 10) = 2$  and  $2 \mid 8$  hence the equation has two solutions. Let us test  $0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 9$  to find the solutions.

$$6(0) = 0 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$6(5) = 0 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$6(1) = 6 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$6(6) = 6 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$6(2) = 2 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$6(7) = 2 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$6(3) = 8 \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$6(8) = 8 \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$6(4) = 4 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$6(9) = 4 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

Thus the two solutions are  $x_1 = 3$  and  $x_2 = 8$

We work with congruence relations modulo  $m$  much as with ordinary equalities. That is, we add to, subtract from, or multiply both sides of a congruence modulo  $m$  by the same integer; also, if  $b$  is congruent to  $a$  modulo  $m$  we may

## Solution (conti...)

substitute  $b$  for  $a$  in any simple arithmetic expression (involving addition, subtraction, and multiplication) appearing in a congruence modulo  $m$ .

d) First we subtract 2 on both sides to get  $3x \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$ .

Here,  $\gcd(3, 10) = 1$  and 1 divides 6 and so the equation has one solution. Now test  $0, 1, 2, \dots, 9$  to find the solution.

$$3(0) = 0 \not\equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$3(5) = 5 \not\equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$3(1) = 3 \not\equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$3(6) = 8 \not\equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$3(2) = 6 \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$3(7) = 1 \not\equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$3(3) = 9 \not\equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$3(8) = 4 \not\equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$3(4) = 2 \not\equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

$$3(9) = 7 \not\equiv 6 \pmod{10}$$

Thus the solution is  $x = 2$

## Solution (conti...)

e) Collect like terms.  $6x - 2x \equiv 5 + 3 \pmod{10}$  which becomes  $4x \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$ . The  $\gcd(4, 10) = 2$  and  $2 \mid 8$  hence equation has 2 solutions. Now test  $0, 1, 2, \dots, 9$  to find the solution.

$$4(0) = 0 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$4(5) = 0 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$4(1) = 4 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$4(6) = 4 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$4(2) = 8 \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$4(7) = 8 \equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$4(3) = 2 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$4(8) = 2 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$4(4) = 6 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

$$4(9) = 6 \not\equiv 8 \pmod{10}$$

The solutions are  $x_1 = 2$  and  $x_2 = 7$

## Solution (conti...)

f) To work with fractions  $a/d$  modulo  $m$  the denominator must be relatively prime to  $m$ .

Simplify  $\frac{2}{3}x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  to get  $2x \equiv 12 \pmod{7}$  or  $2x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$ . Now,  $\gcd(2, 7) = 1$  and so there is one solution. Test  $0, 1, 2, \dots, 6$  to find the solution.

$$2(0) = 0 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$2(1) = 2 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$2(2) = 4 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$2(3) = 6 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$2(4) = 1 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$2(5) = 3 \not\equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$2(6) = 5 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

Thus the solution is  $x = 6$ .

# Solution of Linear Congruences Using Euclid's Algorithm

## Example 34

Find the least positive integer  $x$  for which

$$\textcircled{53} \equiv 1 \pmod{\textcircled{93}}$$

## Solution

First,  $\gcd(93, 53) = 1$  and 1 divides 1 and the equation has 1 solution.

By Euclid's algorithm we have

$$93 = \underline{53}(1) + \underline{40}$$

$$53 = \underline{40}(1) + \underline{13}$$

$$40 = 13(\underline{3}) + \textcircled{1}$$

$$13 = 1(\underline{13}) + \underline{0}$$

## Solution (conti...)

Now solve for the gcd.

$$1 = 40 - 13(3) = 40 - [53 - 40(1)](3) = 40 - 53(3) + 40(3)$$

$$= -53(3) + 40(4) = -53(3) + [93 - 53(1)](4)$$

$$= -53(3) + 93(4) - 53(4)$$

$$= 93(4) + 53(-7)$$

Thus  $1 = 93(4) + 53(-7)$  and therefore modulo 93 gives

$$53(-7) \equiv 1 \pmod{93}.$$

Thus  $x = -7$  is a solution. We could also give this answer as  $x = 86$  since 86 is the least positive number congruent to  $-7 \pmod{93}$ . So,  $x = 86$  is the required answer.

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 &= x_2 \\ x_2 &= x_1 + m \\ x_3 &= x_2 + m \\ x_4 &= x_3 + m \end{aligned}$$

$$(x + m) \% \text{mod } m$$

$$x + m$$

The extended Euclidean technique is used in Rust code to determine all solutions to a linear congruence. The Rust code checks for solutions and computes them using properties of modular arithmetic and the GCD. This code generates and returns every possible solution124/139

$\equiv$  14 (261)

$53x \equiv 1 \pmod{93}$

```
1 use std::vec::Vec;
2
3 fn main() {
4     let a = 53;
5     let b = 1;
6     let n = 93;
7
8     match solve_linear_congruence(a, b, n) {
9         Some(solutions) => {
10            println!("Solutions to  $x \pmod{n}$ : {:?}", a, b, n, solutions);
11        }
12        None => {
13            println!("The congruence  $x \pmod{n}$  has no solutions", a, b, n);
14        }
15    }
16 }
17
18 fn gcd_extended(a: i64, b: i64) -> (i64, i64, i64) {
19     if a == 0 {
20         return (b, 0, 1);
21     }
22     let (g, x1, y1) = gcd_extended(b % a, a);
23     let x = y1 - (b / a) * x1;
24     let y = x1;
25     (g, x, y)
26 }
27
```

$d = ax + by$

$d = \gcd(a, b)$   
 $\gcd(0, b) = b$



```

28 fn mod_inverse(a: i64, n: i64) -> Option<i64> {
29     let (g, x, _) = gcd_extended(a, n);
30     if g != 1 {
31         None
32     } else {
33         Some((x % n + n) % n)
34     }
35 }
36
37 fn solve_linear_congruence(a: i64, b: i64, n: i64) -> Option<Vec<i64>> {
38     let (g, _x, _) = gcd_extended(a, n); // Prefix '_x' to suppress warning
39
40     if b % g != 0 {
41         return None; // No solutions
42     }
43
44     let a_prime = a / g;
45     let b_prime = b / g;
46
47     let n_prime = n / g;
48
49     let x0 = (b_prime * mod_inverse(a_prime, n_prime)?) % n_prime;
50     let mut solutions = Vec::new();
51
52     for i in 0..g {
53         solutions.push((x0 + i * n_prime) % n);
54     }
55
56     Some(solutions)

```

When the code is compiled, it outputs “Solutions to  $53x \equiv 1 \pmod{93}$  : [86]”

### Understanding the Rust code

- The main function initializes the values for  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $n$ , and then calls `solve_linear_congruence` to find the solutions.
- The `gcd_extended` function computes the greatest common divisor (GCD) of two numbers and also finds the coefficients ( $x$  and  $y$ ) such that  $ax + by = \gcd(a, b)$ . This is done using the extended Euclidean algorithm.
- The `mod_inverse` function uses the result of the `gcd_extended` function to find the modular inverse of  $a$  modulo  $n$ , if it exists. The modular inverse exists if and only if the GCD of  $a$  and  $n$  is 1.

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

- The `solve_linear_congruence` function solves the congruence  $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$ . It first finds the GCD of  $a$  and  $n$  and checks if  $b$  is divisible by this GCD. If not, there are no solutions. If  $b$  is divisible, it reduces the problem to a simpler form and finds the modular inverse of the reduced coefficient. It then calculates all solutions based on this inverse.

### Example 35

Find integer  $x$  for which  $7x \equiv 13 \pmod{19}$

#### Solution

$\gcd(19, 7) = 1$  and so equation has 1 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,  $1 = 19(3) + 7(-8)$ .

### Solution (conti...)

Since we require  $13 = 19(n) + 7(x)$  for some  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we multiply  $1 = 19(3) + 7(-8)$  by 13 to get

$13 = 19(3 \times 13) + 7(-8 \times 13)$  which we compute mod 19 to get

$$13 = 19(1) + 7(10)$$

Thus,  $x = 10$

### Example 36

Solve  $4043n \equiv 27 \pmod{166361}$

### Solution

Here,  $\gcd(166361, 4043) = 13$  but  $13 \nmid 27$ . Hence the congruence has no solution.

## Example 37

# Find


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For larger integers, we use a big integer library such as `num-bigint` in Rust. The `BigInt` type is used to handle large integers, and the `num-bigint` crate provides the necessary functionality for working with these big integers. We also import `ToPrimitive` trait. The Rust code for this is here included.

```

1 use std::vec::Vec;
2 use num_bigint::BigInt;
3 use num_traits::{Zero, One, ToPrimitive};
4
5 fn main() {
6 let a: BigInt = "507444444444339383938392343327777777444442".parse().unwrap();
7 let b: BigInt = "1838383833838383837899999999999999999998".parse().unwrap();
8 let n: BigInt = "713388888888888828282828287777777777777774".parse().unwrap();
9
10     match solve_linear_congruence(&a, &b, &n) {
11         Some(solutions) => {
12 println!("Solutions to {x} (mod {n}): {:?}", a, b, n, solutions);
13         }
14         None => {
15 println!("The congruence {x} (mod {n}) has no solutions", a, b, n);
16         }
17     }
18 }
19
20 fn gcd_extended(a: &BigInt, b: &BigInt) -> (BigInt, BigInt, BigInt) {
21     if a.is_zero() {
22         return (b.clone(), BigInt::zero(), BigInt::one());
23     }
24     let (g, x1, y1) = gcd_extended(&(b % a), a);
25     let x = y1 - (b / a) * &x1;
26     let y = x1;
27     (g, x, y)
28 }
29

```







```

30 fn mod_inverse(a: &BigInt, n: &BigInt) -> Option<BigInt> {
31     let (g, x, _) = gcd_extended(a, n);
32     if !g.is_one() {
33         None
34     } else {
35         Some((x % n + n) % n)
36     }
37 }
38
39 fn solve_linear_congruence(a: &BigInt, b: &BigInt, n: &BigInt)
40 -> Option<Vec<BigInt>> {
41     let (g, _x, _) = gcd_extended(a, n);
42     // Prefix '_x' to suppress warning
43
44     if b % &g != BigInt::zero() {
45         return None; // No solutions
46     }
47
48     let a_prime = a / &g;
49     let b_prime = b / &g;
50     let n_prime = n / &g;
51
52     let x0 = (b_prime * mod_inverse(&a_prime, &n_prime)?) % &n_prime;
53     let mut solutions = Vec::new();
54
55     for i in 0..g.to_usize().unwrap() {
56         solutions.push((x0.clone() + i * &n_prime) % n);
57     }
58
59     Some(solutions)
60 }

```



Compiling this code prints

“The congruence  $5074444444443393839383923433277777777444442x$   
 $\equiv 18383838338383838378999999999999999999999998$   
(mod  $7133888888888888282828282877777777777777774$ ) has no so-  
lutions