

DTS203TC

Design and Analysis of Algorithms

Lecture 18: Number Theory

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Learning Outcome

- Divisibility and Primes
- Modular arithmetic
- Euclid's *GCD* algorithm
- Modular Multiplicative Inverses
- Euler's totient function

Divisibility and divisors

- The notion of **one integer being divisible by another** is key to the theory of numbers.
- If **a** and **d** are integers with $d \neq 0$, we say that **d divides a** if there is an integer **k** such that $a = k \cdot d$.
 - The notation **$d \mid a$** (read "**d divides a**")
 - **d** is a divisor of **a**.
 - For example, the divisors of 24 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, and 24.
- Every positive integer **a** is divisible by the **trivial divisors** 1 and **a**. The **nontrivial divisors** of **a** are the **factors** of **a**.

Prime and Composite Numbers

- An integer $a > 1$, whose only divisors are trivial divisors **1** and **a** is a **Prime number**.
- An integer $a > 1$, which is not a Prime number, is called **Composite Number**.
- 1 is called unit, and it is neither prime nor composite. Similarly, 0 and all negative integers are neither prime nor composite.

Exercise

- Find all the first 10 prime numbers.
 - 2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29
- Is 39 a composite number?
 - Yes. $39=3 \times 13$

Division Theorem

- "For any integer a and any positive integer n , there exist unique integers q and r such that $0 \leq r < n$ and $a = qn + r$ ".
- The value $q = \lfloor a/n \rfloor$ is the **quotient** of the division.
- The value $r = a \bmod n$ is the **remainder** of the division.
 - $n \mid a$ (n divides a), if and only if $a \bmod n = 0$

Find the quotient and the remainder of 12 and 67.

The quotient: **5**

The remainder: **7**

Common Divisors

- If d is a divisor of a and d is also divisor of b then d is a common divisor of a and b .
 - '1' is a common divisor of any two integers.
 - If $a \mid b$ and $b \mid a$ then $a = \pm b$
- Important Property:
 - If $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$ then $d \mid (a + b)$ & $d \mid (a - b)$
More generally, if $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$ then $d \mid (ax + by)$

Find all the common divisors of 24 and 30.

1, 2, 3, 6

Greatest Common Divisor (GCD)

- The **GCD** of two **integers a and b**, not both Zero, is the **largest** of the common divisors of a and b.
 - $\gcd(24, 30) = 6$
 - $\gcd(5, 7) = 1$
- Elementary properties of the GCD function:
 - $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a)$
 - $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(-a, b)$
 - $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(|a|, |b|)$
 - $\gcd(a, 0) = |a|$
 - $\gcd(a, ka) = |a|$ for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Relatively Prime Integers

- Two integers a and b are **relatively prime** (also called co-prime) if their only common divisor is 1.

$$\gcd(a, b) = 1$$

- For example, 8 and 15 are relatively prime.

Are 10 and 21 relatively prime?

Unique factorization

- There is exactly one way to write any composite integer a as a product of the form:

$$a = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_r^{e_r}$$

Where the p_i are prime, and the e_i are positive integers.

For example, the number 6000 is uniquely factored into primes as $2^4 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^3$

What is the unique factorization of the number 770 ?

$$2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$$

Greatest Common Divisors (GCD)

Let there are two positive integers a and b

$$a = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_r^{e_r}$$

$$b = p_1^{f_1} p_2^{f_2} \dots p_r^{f_r}$$

Here, $\gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min(e_1, f_1)} p_2^{\min(e_2, f_2)} \dots p_r^{\min(e_r, f_r)}$

Find the value of $\gcd(90, 150)$ using the above rule.

$$a = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5$$

$$b = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2$$

So, $\gcd(a, b) = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 = 30$

Exercise

- Find the value of $\gcd(24, 30)$

GCD recursion theorem

For any non-negative integer a and any positive integer b , we have

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$$

Proof

- We shall show that $\gcd(a, b)$ and $\gcd(b, a \bmod b)$ divide each other.

- Case 1: $\gcd(a, b) \mid \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$

Let $d = \gcd(a, b)$, then $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$.

Here, $a \bmod b = a - qb$ where $q = \lfloor a/b \rfloor$

Since, $a \bmod b$ is a linear combination of a and b , we can say that $d \mid (a \bmod b)$.

So, $d \mid b$ and $d \mid (a \bmod b) \Rightarrow d \mid \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$
 $\Rightarrow \gcd(a, b) \mid \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$

Proof

■ Case 2: $\gcd(b, a \bmod b) \mid \gcd(a, b)$

Let $d = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$, then $d \mid b$ and $d \mid a \bmod b$.

Here, $a = qb + (a \bmod b)$ where $q = \lfloor a/b \rfloor$

Since, a is a linear combination of b and $(a \bmod b)$, we can say that $d \mid a$.

So, $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b \Rightarrow d \mid \gcd(a, b)$

$\Rightarrow \gcd(b, a \bmod b) \mid \gcd(a, b)$

From Case 1 and 2, we can say that:

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$$

Euclid's Algorithm

- Let a and b are non-negative integers.

EUCLID(a, b)

if ($b == 0$)

return a

else return EUCLID($b, a \bmod b$)

Find the value of $\gcd(30, 21)$ using Euclid Algorithm.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{EUCLID}(30, 21) &= \text{EUCLID}(21, 9) \\ &= \text{EUCLID}(9, 3) \\ &= \text{EUCLID}(3, 0) \\ &= 3.\end{aligned}$$

Extended Euclid's Algorithm

- In this algorithm, we find additional information like the values of x and y , where

$$d = \gcd(a, b) = ax + by$$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

 return ($a, 1, 0$)

else

 (d', x', y') = EXTENDED-EUCLID($b, a \bmod b$)

 (d, x, y) = ($d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y'$)

 return (d, x, y)

Extended Euclid's Algorithm

In the algorithm,

$$d = ax + by$$

$$d' = bx' + (a \bmod b) y'$$

Because $d = d'$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} ax + by &= bx' + (a \bmod b) y' \\ &= bx' + (a - b \lfloor a/b \rfloor) y' \\ &= ay' + b(x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y') \end{aligned}$$

So, $x = y'$ and $y = (x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

Exercise

- Find the value of $\gcd(99, 78)$ and corresponding x, y values using Extended-Euclid Algorithm.

a	b	$[a/b]$	d	x	y
99	78				

Exercise

$\text{gcd}(99, 78)$

$a = 99, b = 78, \lfloor a/b \rfloor = 1$

$\text{gcd}(99, 78) = \text{gcd}(78, 21)$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return $(a, 1, 0)$

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1			

Exercise

$\text{gcd}(78, 21)$

$a = 78, b = 21, \lfloor a/b \rfloor = 3$

$\text{gcd}(78, 21) = \text{gcd}(21, 15)$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return $(a, 1, 0)$

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1			
78	21	3			

Exercise

$\text{gcd}(21, 15)$

$a = 21, b = 15, \lfloor a/b \rfloor = 1$

$\text{gcd}(21, 15) = \text{gcd}(15, 6)$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return $(a, 1, 0)$

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1			
78	21	3			
21	15	1			

Exercise

$\text{gcd}(15, 6)$

$a = 15, b = 6, \lfloor a/b \rfloor = 2$

$\text{gcd}(15, 6) = \text{gcd}(6, 3)$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return $(a, 1, 0)$

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1			
78	21	3			
21	15	1			
15	6	2			

Exercise

$\text{gcd}(6, 3)$

$a = 6, b = 3, \lfloor a/b \rfloor = 2$

$\text{gcd}(6, 3) = \text{gcd}(3, 0)$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return $(a, 1, 0)$

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1			
78	21	3			
21	15	1			
15	6	2			
6	3	2			

Exercise

$\text{gcd}(3, 0)$

$a = 3, b = 0, \lfloor a/b \rfloor = -$

Return: $d = 3, x=1, y=0$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return $(a, 1, 0)$

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1			
78	21	3			
21	15	1			
15	6	2			
6	3	2			
3	0	-	3	1	0

Exercise

$$d' = 3, x' = 1, y' = 0$$

$$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$$

$$\text{So, } d = 3, x = 0, y = 1$$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return (a, 1, 0)

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1			
78	21	3			
21	15	1			
15	6	2			
6	3	2	3	0	1
3	0	-	3	1	0

Exercise

$$d' = 3, x' = 0, y' = 1$$

$$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$$

$$\text{So, } d = 3, x = 1, y = -2$$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return (a, 1, 0)

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1			
78	21	3			
21	15	1			
15	6	2	3	1	-2
6	3	2	3	0	1
3	0	-	3	1	0

Exercise

$$d' = 3, x' = 1, y' = -2$$

$$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$$

$$\text{So, } d = 3, x = -2, y = 3$$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return (a, 1, 0)

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1			
78	21	3			
21	15	1	3	-2	3
15	6	2	3	1	-2
6	3	2	3	0	1
3	0	-	3	1	0

Exercise

$$d' = 3, x' = -2, y' = 3$$

$$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$$

$$\text{So, } d = 3, x = 3, y = -11$$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return (a, 1, 0)

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1			
78	21	3	3	3	-11
21	15	1	3	-2	3
15	6	2	3	1	-2
6	3	2	3	0	1
3	0	-	3	1	0

Exercise

$$d' = 3, x' = 3, y' = -11$$

$$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$$

$$\text{So, } d = 3, x = -11, y = 14$$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return (a, 1, 0)

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1	3	-11	14
78	21	3	3	3	-11
21	15	1	3	-2	3
15	6	2	3	1	-2
6	3	2	3	0	1
3	0	-	3	1	0

Exercise

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(99, 78) &= 3 \quad \leftarrow \text{d} \\ &= -11 * 99 + 14 * 78 \\ &\quad \begin{matrix} \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow & \uparrow \\ \text{x} & \text{a} & \text{y} & \text{b} \end{matrix} \end{aligned}$$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return (a, 1, 0)

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
99	78	1	3	-11	14
78	21	3	3	3	-11
21	15	1	3	-2	3
15	6	2	3	1	-2
6	3	2	3	0	1
3	0	-	3	1	0

Modular Arithmetic

- We can partition the integers into n equivalence classes according to their remainders modulo n . The equivalence class modulo n containing an integer a is:

$$[a]_n = \{a + kn : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

- For Example, $[3]_7 = \{\dots, -11, -4, 3, 10, 17, \dots\}$; we can also denote this set by $[-4]_7$ and $[10]_7$.
- We can write $a \in [b]_n$ or $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$. a and b are said to be congruent modulo n

$(\text{mod } n)$ applies to the entire equation

Modular Arithmetic

- *Examples:*

- $2 \equiv -3 \pmod{5}$
- $-8 \equiv 7 \pmod{5}$
- $-3 \equiv -8 \pmod{5}$
- $38 \equiv 14 \pmod{12}$

$$[a]_n = \{a + kn : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Properties

Properties [\[edit \]](#)

The congruence relation satisfies all the conditions of an [equivalence relation](#):

- Reflexivity: $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$
- Symmetry: $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$ for all a, b , and n .
- Transitivity: If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$, then $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$

If $a_1 \equiv b_1 \pmod{n}$ and $a_2 \equiv b_2 \pmod{n}$, or if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, then:^[1]

- $a + k \equiv b + k \pmod{n}$ for any integer k (compatibility with translation)
- $ka \equiv kb \pmod{n}$ for any integer k (compatibility with scaling)
- $a_1 + a_2 \equiv b_1 + b_2 \pmod{n}$ (compatibility with addition)
- $a_1 - a_2 \equiv b_1 - b_2 \pmod{n}$ (compatibility with subtraction)
- $a_1 a_2 \equiv b_1 b_2 \pmod{n}$ (compatibility with multiplication)
- $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n}$ for any non-negative integer k (compatibility with exponentiation)
- $p(a) \equiv p(b) \pmod{n}$, for any [polynomial](#) $p(x)$ with integer coefficients (compatibility with polynomial evaluation)

If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, then it is generally false that $k^a \equiv k^b \pmod{n}$. However, the following is true:

- If $c \equiv d \pmod{\varphi(n)}$, where φ is [Euler's totient function](#), then $a^c \equiv a^d \pmod{n}$ —provided that a is [coprime](#) with n .

For cancellation of common terms, we have the following rules:

- If $a + k \equiv b + k \pmod{n}$, where k is any integer, then $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$
- If $ka \equiv kb \pmod{n}$ and k is coprime with n , then $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$
- If $ka \equiv kb \pmod{kn}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

From wikipedia

Modular Multiplicative Inverse

- A modular multiplicative inverse of an integer a is an integer x such that ax is congruent to 1 modular some modulus n .

$$ax \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

We will also denote x with $a^{-1} \bmod n$

Find the multiplicative inverses of the following, where $n = 7$

1 2 3 4 5 6

Answer: 1 4 5 2 3 6

Modular Multiplicative Inverse

- Modular inverse doesn't always exist. E.g., $a = 2$ and $n = 4$.
- The modular inverse exists if and only if a and n are **relatively prime** (i.e. $\gcd(a, n) = 1$).
- Multiplicative group of integers modulo n :

$$0 \leq a < n$$

$$Z_n^* = \{a \in Z_n : \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$$

Exercise

- What is Z_{12}^* ?

$$Z_n^* = \{a \in Z_n : \gcd(a, n) = 1\}$$

$$Z_{12}^* = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$$

- What is Z_{15}^* ?

$$Z_{15}^* = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$$

Question: How many elements are there in Z_n^* ?

Euler's totient function

- Also called Euler's phi function

$$\phi(n) = |Z_n^*| = n \prod_{p: p \text{ is prime and } p|n} \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)$$

Example

$$Z_{12}^* = \{1, 5, 7, 11\}$$

$$|Z_{12}^*| = \phi(12) = 12 * \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) = 4$$

$$Z_{15}^* = \{1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14\}$$

$$|Z_{15}^*| = \phi(15) = 15 * \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{5}\right) = 8$$

Back to Modular Multiplicative Inverse

- How to find modular inverse?
- Consider the equation (with unknown x and y):

$$ax + ny = 1$$

When $\gcd(a,n)=1$, the equation has a solution which can be found using the **Extended Euclid Algorithm**.

If we take modulo n of both sides, we can get rid of ny , and the equation becomes:

$$ax \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

x is the modular inverse of a

Exercise

Evaluate $17^{-1} \bmod 91$

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return $(a, 1, 0)$

else

$(d', x', y') = \text{EXTENDED-EUCLID}(b, a \bmod b)$

$(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - \lfloor a/b \rfloor y')$

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
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Exercise

Evaluate $17^{-1} \bmod 91$

$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(17, 91) &= \gcd(91, 17) = 1 \\ &= 91 * 3 + 17 * (-16)\end{aligned}$$

We have $17^{-1} \equiv -16 \equiv 75 \pmod{91}$, Since $17 * 75 = 1275 = 14 * 91 + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{91}$,

EXTENDED-EUCLID(a, b)

If $b = 0$

return (a, 1, 0)

else

(d', x', y') = EXTENDED-EUCLID(b, a mod b)

(d, x, y) = (d', y', x' - $\lfloor a/b \rfloor y'$)

return (d, x, y)

a	b	$\lfloor a/b \rfloor$	d	x	y
91	17	5	1	3	-16
17	6	2	1	-1	3
6	5	1	1	1	-1
5	1	5	1	0	1
1	0	-	1	1	0

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