

## Day 04 - Ciphers Using Modular Arithmetic

## Last time

**Theorem 1** (Quotient-Remainder Theorem). Given an integer  $A$  and a positive integer  $B$ . Then there exist integers  $q, r$  (obtained through long division) such that  $A = B \cdot q + r$  where  $0 \leq r < B$ .

Here,  $q$  is **quotient** and  $r$  is **remainder**. We say  $r = A \bmod B$ .

If  $a, b$  are two integers with the same remainder under modulo  $m$ , then we say  $a$  and  $b$  are **congruent modulo  $m$**  and write  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .

Ex:  $-8$  and  $8$  are congruent mod 16.

$$8 = 16 \times 0 + 8 \rightarrow \text{remainder } 8$$

$$-8 = 16 \times (-1) + 8$$

$$8 \equiv -8 \pmod{16}$$

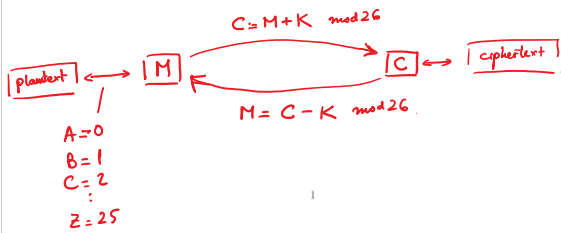
$$A = B \cdot q + r$$

quotient      remainder

## Vernam cipher

Randomize 2 short keys  $U$  and  $V$ .

Construct long key  $K = U + V \pmod{26}$ .



**Definition 1** (Inverse in modular arithmetic). If  $A \cdot C = 1 \pmod{B}$  then  $C$  is the modular inverse of  $A$  under mod  $B$ . Denote  $C = A^{-1} \pmod{B}$ .

If  $A^{-1}$  exists then we say that  $A$  is **invertible** under modulo  $B$ .

Use the multiplication table to find the inverses under mod 26

look for 1 inside the table.  
then row & column of this entry form a pair of inverses

$$\begin{array}{l|l}
 1^{-1} = 1 & 7^{-1} = 15 \quad ; \quad 15^{-1} = 7 \\
 3^{-1} = 9 \quad ; \quad 9^{-1} = 3 & 11^{-1} = 19 \quad ; \quad 19^{-1} = 11 \\
 5^{-1} = 21 \quad ; \quad 21^{-1} = 5 & 13^{-1} = 23 \quad ; \quad 23^{-1} = 17 \\
 & 25^{-1} = 25
 \end{array}$$

There are 12 invertible numbers in mod 26.

$$\gcd(\text{any of these 12}, 26) = 1$$

These 12 numbers are co-prime to 26

**Definition:** Let  $d, n$  be integers. We say " $d$  divides  $n$ " or " $n$  is divisible by  $d$ " if there exist an integer  $r$  such that  $n = d \cdot r$ . We write  $d|n$  to denote that  $d$  divides  $n$ . In this case, we also say that  $d$  is a **divisor** of  $n$ .

Suppose we have two non-zero integers  $m, n$ . Then the **common divisor** of  $m$  and  $n$  is a positive integer  $d$  such that  $d|m$  and  $d|n$ .

The **greatest common divisor (GCD)** of two positive integers  $m$  and  $n$  is a common divisor  $d$  such that for every other common divisor  $d'$  of  $m$  and  $n$ ,  $d'|d$ . We write  $d = \gcd(m, n)$ .

If  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$  then  $m$  and  $n$  are said to be **relatively prime** or **coprime**.

**Theorem 2.**  $a$  is invertible under modulo  $n$  if and only if  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ .

Ex:  $\gcd(60, 42)$

Find prime factorization of 60 & 42

$$60 = 2^2 \times 3^1 \times 5^1$$

$$42 = 2^1 \times 3^1 \times 7^1$$

To get the gcd, collect all the common primes and raise them to the lowest power in the factorization

$$\gcd = 2^1 \times 3^1 = 6$$

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Ex: Solve for  $x$ :

$$(a) \quad 7x + 5 = y \pmod{26}$$

$$7x = y - 5 \pmod{26}$$

$$15 \cdot 7x = 15(y - 5) \pmod{26}$$

$$x = 15(y - 5) \pmod{26}$$

$$(b) \quad 8x + 5 = 10 \pmod{26}$$

$$8x = 5 \pmod{26}$$

No soln.

Another alphabet has 29 letters

Choices for  $a$ :  $29 - 1 = 28$  (1, 2, 3, ..., 28 a prime number)

Choices for  $b$ : 29

$$|K| = 28 \times 29$$

**Affine cipher**

A key is given by a pair of integers  $(a, b)$  where

- $a$  relatively prime to 26 and

- $0 \leq b \leq 25$ .

$a$  must have an inverse mod 26.

For each plaintext number  $x$  and ciphertext number  $y$ .

- Encryption function  $y = E(x) = ax + b \pmod{26}$

- Decryption function  $x = D(y) = a^{-1}(y - b) \pmod{26}$

**Example.** Encrypt the word **SWORD** using the affine cipher mod 26 for  $a = 9$  and  $b = 15$ .

plaintext	S	W	O	R	D
$x$	18	22	14	17	3
$y = ax + b \pmod{26}$	21	5	11	12	16
ciphertext	V	F	L	M	Q

$$9 \times 18 + 15 = 21$$

$$9 \times 22 + 15 = 31 = 5$$

$$9 \times 14 + 15 = 11$$

⋮

$$a^{-1} = 11$$

**Example.** Decrypt the ciphertext **VFLMQ** knowing it was encrypted using affine cipher mod 26 for  $a = 9$  and  $b = 15$ .

ciphertext	V	F	L	M	Q
$y$	21	5	11	12	16
$x = a^{-1}(y - b) \pmod{26}$	18	22	14	17	3
plaintext	S	W	O	R	D

$$a^{-1}(y - b)$$

$$11 \times (21 - 15) = 11 \times 6 = 66 = 18$$

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### Modulo arithmetic on matrices

**Definition.** Let  $A, B$  be  $m \times n$  matrices with integer entries. We say that  $A$  and  $B$  are **congruent modulo  $m$**  if

$$a_{i,j} \equiv b_{i,j} \pmod{m} \quad \text{for all entries } a_{i,j}, b_{i,j}. \text{ We write } A \equiv B \pmod{m}.$$

**Example.** In modulo 5, consider  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ .

•  $A + 2B \pmod{5} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 4 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 7 \\ 8 & 5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 2 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{5}$$

•  $AB \pmod{5} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 10 \\ 5 & 6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{5}.$$

•  $BA \pmod{5} =$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 6 & 5 \\ 10 & 11 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{5}.$$

**Definition.** Let  $m$  be a given modulus and let  $A$  be an  $n \times n$  matrix with integer entries.  $A$  is said to be **invertible modulo  $m$**  if there exists an  $n \times n$  matrix  $B$  such that

$$AB = I \pmod{m} \text{ and } BA = I \pmod{m}.$$

We write " $A^{-1} = B \pmod{m}$ " to denote  $B$  is the inverse of  $A$  modulo  $m$ .

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**Definition.** The **determinant** of  $A$  modulo  $m$  is  $\det(A)$  reduced mod  $m$ .

**Example.** Find the determinant of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 \\ -9 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  under mod 10.

$$\det(A) = ad - bc = (3)(8) - (-9)(4) = 60 = 0 \pmod{10}$$

**Theorem 3.** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is an integer entries then the determinant of  $A$  under modulo  $m$  is given by

$$\det(A) = ad - bc \pmod{m}.$$

$A$  is invertible modulo  $m$  if and only if  $\det(A)$  is relatively prime to  $m$ . In this case, the inverse is given by

$$A^{-1} = \det(A)^{-1} \begin{bmatrix} d & -b \\ -c & a \end{bmatrix} \pmod{m}$$

**Example.** Find the inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 8 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$  under mod 26.

$$\det(A) = (11)(1) - (8)(4) = 5 \pmod{26}$$

Here,  $\gcd(5, 26) = 1$  then  $A$  is invertible.

$$\det(A)^{-1} = 5^{-1} = 21 \pmod{26}.$$

$$A^{-1} = 21 \begin{bmatrix} 11 & -4 \\ -8 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \dots = \begin{bmatrix} 23 & 20 \\ 14 & 21 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{26}.$$

Check that  $A \cdot A^{-1} = I \pmod{26}$   
 $A^{-1} \cdot A = I \pmod{26}.$