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# Lucas' Theorem. Wilson's Theorem.

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Binomial-coefficients

#### Lucas' Theorem

Statement:

$$C(N, K) \% MOD = (C(n_0, k_0) * C(n_1, k_1) * ... * C(n_{m-1}, k_{m-1})) \% MOD$$

 $n_0$ ,  $n_1$ , ...  $n_{m-1}$  and  $k_0$ ,  $k_1$ , ...  $k_{m-1}$  are representations of the numbers N and K in the scale of notation with base MOD. In other words:

$$N = n_0 * MOD^0 + n_1 * MOD^1 + ... + n_{m-1} * MOD^{m-1}$$

$$K = k_0 * MOD^0 + k_1 * MOD^1 + ... + k_{m-1} * MOD^{m-1}$$

C(N, K) is Binomial coefficient (number of ways to choose K elements from a set of N elements).

Conditions: MOD is a prime number (look at the end of the article to know what can we do with not prime MOD), and you should be able to calculate  $C(n_i, k_i)$  % MOD, where  $(0 \le n_i, k_i < MOD)$ .

Advices: this theorem is very useful in case  $N \ge MOD$ , otherwise it's better to use formula C(N, K) = N! / ((N - K)! \* K!) and tricks #2 or #3 from there. If  $N \ge MOD$  then N! % MOD = 0, when C(N, K) % MOD is not necessary equals to 0.

Realization: let's see how can we get representation of some number N in the scale of notation with base **MOD**:

```
vector<int> getRepresentation(int N) {
    vector<int> res;
    while (N > 0) {
         res.push back(N % MOD);
         N /= MOD;
    return res:
}
```

Let n will be representation of N and k will be representation of K. They are not necessary have the same length. If K > N we can easily say that C(N, K) = 0. Otherwise k has less or equal length than n. To make them the same length we can add some extra zeroes to k and make them both of length of n, or we can take only some first elements of n and make them both of length of k. The second way has more sense because  $C(n_i, 0) = 1$ .

So the main part of code looks like:

```
vector<int> n = getRepresentation(N);
vector<int> k = getRepresentation(K);
long long res = 1;
for (int i = 0; i < k.size(); ++i) {
    res = (res * C(n[i], k[i])) % MOD;
}</pre>
```

Let's talk about function C(n[i], k[i]) in more detail. It's easy to see that  $(0 \le n[i], k[i] < MOD)$ , so we can use formula C(N, K) = N! / ((N - K)! \* K!) and trick #3 from there:

```
int C(int N, int K) {
    if (K > N) {
        return 0;
    }
    return (((fact[N] * binpow(fact[N - K], MOD - 2)) % MOD) * bi
}
```

Let's precalc all possible factorials modulo MOD and store them in the array fact:

```
long long fact[MOD];
fact[0] = 1;
for (int i = 1; i < MOD; ++i) {
    fact[i] = (fact[i - 1] * i) % MOD;
}</pre>
```

Function **binpow** is just Fast exponentation, it can calculate  $A^N$  % MOD in O(log(N)) time:

```
int binpow(int a, int n) {
   long long res = 1;
   while (n > 0) {
      if (n % 2 != 0) {
```

```
res = (res * a) % MOD;
}
a = ((long long)a * a) % MOD;
n /= 2;
}
return (int)res;
}
```

If n[i] and k[i] are small enough instead of using formulas and tricks we can just precalc Pascal's triangle and then get C(n[i], k[i]) in O(1):

```
int C[MOD][MOD];
for (int i = 0; i < MOD; ++i) {
    for (int j = 0; j <= i; ++j) {
        if (i == 0 || j == 0) {
            C[i][j] = 1;
        } else {
            C[i][j] = (C[i - 1][j - 1] + C[i - 1][j]) % MOD;
        }
    }
}</pre>
```

Trick with not prime MOD: let's factorize  $MOD = mod_1^{q1} * mod_2^{q2} * ... * mod_m^{qm}$  and calculate  $C(N, K) \% mod_1$ ,  $C(N, K) \% mod_2$ , ...  $C(N, K) \% mod_m$  using Lucas' Theorem. Now we can use Chinese remainder theorem to restore C(N, K) % MOD.

# Wilson's Theorem

Statement:

Natural number N is a prime number if and only if (N - 1)! + 1 is divisible by N.







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