

## Homework 4

1. **An Example of Extended GCD Algorithm (20 points).** Recall that the extended GCD algorithm takes as input two integers  $a, b$  and returns a triple  $(g, \alpha, \beta)$ , such that

$$g = \gcd(a, b), \text{ and } g = \alpha \cdot a + \beta \cdot b.$$

Here  $+$  and  $\cdot$  are integer addition and multiplication operations, respectively.

Find  $(g, \alpha, \beta)$  when  $a = 310, b = 2020$ .

**The following calculations are based on this code snippet:**

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XGCD(A,B):
    if B = 0:
        return (A,1,0)

    R = A%B
    M = (A-R)/B
    (G, a', B') = XGCD(B,R)

    return (G, B', a' - B' * M)
```

Note that this is a recursive algorithm. The functions executed are listed largest to smallest. For simplicity, I calculate  $\text{XGCD}(2020,310)$  instead. This will be adjusted later.

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XGCD(2020,310):
    R = 2020%310 = 160
    M = (2020-160)/310 = 6
    (G, a', B') = XGCD(310,160) = (10,-1,2)

    return (G, B', a' - B' * M) = (10,2,-1-(2*6)) = (10,2,-13)
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XGCD(310,160):
    R = 310%160 = 150
    M = (310-150)/160 = 1
    (G, a', B') = XGCD(160,150) = (10,1,-1)

    return (G, B', a' - B' * M) = (10,-1,1-(-1*1)) = (10,-1,2)
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XGCD(160,150):
  R = 160%150 = 10
  M = (160-10)/150 = 1
  (G, a', B') = XGCD(150,10) = (10,0,1)

  return (G, B', a' - B' * M) = (10,1,0-(1*1)) = (10,1,-1)

XGCD(150,10):
  R = 150%10 = 0
  M = (150-0)/10 = 0
  (G, a', B') = XGCD(10,0) = (10,1,0)

  return (G, B', a' - B' * M) = (10, 0, 1-(0*0)) = (10,0,1)

XGCD(10,0):
  if B = 0:
    return (A,1,0) = (10,1,0)

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The result is  $\text{XGCD}(2020,310) = (10,2,-13)$ . However, we were supposed to calculate  $\text{XGCD}(310,2020)$ , so we just swap the numbers around.

Therefore, our final answer is that  $\text{XGCD}(310,2020) = (10,-13,2)$ , where  $10 = -13 * 310 + 2 * 2020 = -4030 + 4040 = 10$ .

2. (20 points). Suppose we have a cryptographic protocol  $P_n$  that is implemented using  $\alpha n^2$  CPU instructions, where  $\alpha$  is some positive constant. We expect the protocol to be broken with  $\beta 2^{n/10}$  CPU instructions.

Suppose, today, everyone in the world uses the primitive  $P_n$  using  $n = n_0$ , a constant value such that even if the entire computing resources of the world were put together for 8 years we cannot compute  $\beta 2^{n_0/10}$  CPU instructions.

Assume Moore's law holds. That is, every two years, the amount of CPU instructions a CPU can run per second doubles.

- (a) (5 points) Assuming Moore's law, how much faster will be the CPUs 8 years into the future as compared to the CPUs now?

**Assuming Moore's law, CPUs will be 16x faster 8 years in the future as compared to CPUs now.**

- (b) (5 points) At the end of 8 years, what choice of  $n_1$  will ensure that setting  $n = n_1$  will ensure that the protocol  $P_n$  for  $n = n_1$  cannot be broken for another 8 years?

**To solve this, we need to make sure that we use a value of  $n_1$  such that  $16 * \beta 2^{n_0/10} = \beta 2^{n_1/10}$ .**

$$\beta 2^{n_1/10} = 16 * \beta 2^{n_0/10}$$

$$2^{n_1/10} = 16 * 2^{n_0/10}$$

$$2^{n_1/10} = 2^{(n_0/10)+4}$$

$$2^{n_1/10} = 2^{(n_0+40)/10}$$

$$\frac{n_1}{10} = \frac{n_0+40}{10}$$

$$n_1 = n_0 + 40$$

**Therefore, if we set  $n_1 = n_0 + 40$ , the protocol  $P_n$  should be secure for another 8 years.**

- (c) (5 points) What will be the run-time of the protocol  $P_n$  using  $n = n_1$  on the new computers as compared to the run-time of the protocol  $P_n$  using  $n = n_0$  on today's computers?

We can set  $n_1 = n_0 + 40$ , and we know that the number of instructions executed (run-time) for  $P_n = \alpha n^2$  for some  $n$ .

Since we see that the run-time protocol  $P_n$  using  $n = n_0$  on today's computers is  $\alpha * n_0^2$ , it follows that the protocol  $P_n$  using  $n = n_1$  on today's computers has run-time  $\alpha * n_1^2$ . Since  $n_1 = n_0 + 40$ , the new protocol runs, in terms of  $n_0$ , in time  $\alpha * (n_0 + 40)^2$  on today's computers. However, since the new protocol runs on the new computers, which are 16x faster, we divide the run-time by 16. Therefore, the final run-time for the new protocol on the new computers, in terms of  $n_0$ , is  $(\alpha(n_0 + 40)^2)/16$ .

Taking the ratio between the two gives us the following equation:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{(\alpha(n_0+40)^2)/16}{\alpha n_0^2} \\ &= \frac{n_0^2 + 80n_0 + 1600}{16 * n_0^2} \end{aligned}$$

- (d) (5 points) What will be the run-time of the protocol  $P_n$  using  $n = n_1$  on today's computers as compared to the run-time of the protocol  $P_n$  using  $n = n_0$  on today's computers?

This part uses the same logic as part (c). I've already stated the following (on today's computers, and in terms of  $n_0$ ):

- i. The old protocol's run-time is  $\alpha * n_0^2$ .
- ii. The new protocol's run-time is  $\alpha * (n_0 + 40)^2 = \alpha(n_0^2 + 80n_0 + 1600)$ .

If we take the ratio between the two, we get the following:

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{\alpha * (n_0 + 40)^2}{\alpha * n_0^2} \\ &= \frac{n_0^2 + 80n_0 + 1600}{n_0^2} \end{aligned}$$

(*Remark:* This problem explains why we demand that our cryptographic algorithms run in polynomial time and it is exponentially difficult for the adversaries to break the cryptographic protocols.)

3. **Finding Inverse Using Extended GCD Algorithm (20 points).** In this problem we shall work over the group  $(\mathbb{Z}_{503}^*, \times)$ . Note that 503 is a prime. The multiplication operation  $\times$  is “integer multiplication mod 503.”

Use the Extended GCD algorithm to find the multiplicative inverse of 50 in the group  $(\mathbb{Z}_{503}^*, \times)$ .

**First off,**

$$\mathbf{XGCD(X,P) = XGCD(50,503) = (1,-171,17)}$$

**The proof used in class states that:**

$$1 = \alpha * X + \beta * P$$

$$1 = \alpha * X + \beta * 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$1 = \alpha * X \pmod{p}$$

**So  $a \pmod{p}$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $X$  in the group.**

**Therefore,  $mult.inv(50) = -171 \pmod{503} = 332$ .**

4. **Another Application of Extended GCD Algorithm (20 points).** Use the Extended GCD algorithm to find  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 1538\}$  that satisfies the following two equations.

$$x = 10 \pmod{19}$$

$$x = 7 \pmod{81}$$

Note that 19 is a prime, but 81 is not a prime. However, we have the guarantee that 19 and 81 are relatively prime, that is,  $\gcd(81, 19) = 1$ . Also note that the number  $1538 = 19 \cdot 81 - 1$ .

**First off, we can calculate that**  $XGCD(81, 19) = (1, 4, -17) \rightarrow 81 * 4 - 19 * -17 = 1$

**We can also see that**  $81 * 4 = 324 = 1 \pmod{19}$ . **Therefore, 4 is 81's inverse mod 19.**  
**Also,**  $19 * -17 = -323 = 1 \pmod{81}$ . **Therefore, -17 is 19's inverse mod 81.**

**Using those deductions, we know that:**

$$10 * (81 * 4) = 10 \pmod{19}$$

**and**

$$7 * (19 * -17) = 7 \pmod{81}$$

**Finally, from HW3 5(c), we concluded that**  $x = a * x_p + b * x_q$  **satisfies**  $x$  **for**  $x \pmod{p} = a$  **and**  $x \pmod{q} = b$ . **Plugging what we have into that equation, we get the following:**

$$x = a * x_p + b * x_q$$

$$x = 10 * (81 * 4) + 7 * (19 * -17)$$

$$x = 3240 - 2261$$

$$x = 979 \pmod{1539}$$

$$x = 979$$

**Therefore, we can conclude that the**  $x \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 1538\}$  **that satisfies**  $x = 10 \pmod{19}$  **and**  $x = 7 \pmod{81}$  **is** 979.

5. **Square Root of an Element (20 points).** Let  $p$  be a prime such that  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . For example,  $p \in \{3, 7, 11, 19, \dots\}$ .

We say that  $x$  is a square-root of  $a$  in the group  $(\mathbb{Z}_p^*, \times)$  if  $x^2 = a \pmod{p}$ . We say that  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  is a quadratic residue if  $a = x^2 \pmod{p}$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . Prove that if  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$  is a quadratic residue then  $a^{(p+1)/4}$  is a square-root of  $a$ .

(Remark: This statement is only true if we assume that  $a$  is a quadratic residue. For example, when  $p = 7$ , 3 is not a quadratic residue, so  $3^{(7+1)/4}$  is not a square root of 3.)

**If  $(a^{(p+1)/4})^2 = a \pmod{p}$ , we can say that  $a^{(p+1)/4}$  is a square root of  $a$ .**

**We can start by squaring  $a^{(p+1)/4}$ :**

$$\frac{(a^{(p+1)/4})^2}{a^{(p+1)/2}}$$

**We also know that  $a$  is a quadratic residue, so  $a = x^2 \pmod{p}$  for some  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . Substituting that into what we had above,**

$$\frac{(x^2)^{(p+1)/2} \pmod{p}}{x^{(p+1)} \pmod{p}}$$

**Splitting that equation apart, and remembering that  $x^p = x \pmod{p}$  (which we proved in previous homeworks),**

$$\begin{aligned} & x^{(p+1)} \pmod{p} \\ & x^p * x \pmod{p} \\ & x * x \pmod{p} \\ & x^2 \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$

$$(a^{(p+1)/4})^2 = x^2 \pmod{p}$$

**And since  $a = x^2 \pmod{p}$ ,**

$$(a^{(p+1)/4})^2 = a \pmod{p}$$

**Therefore, we can confidently conclude that  $a^{(p+1)/4}$  is a square root of  $a$ .**

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