

# Number Theory

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Def.

$$n \in \mathbb{Z} \setminus \{0\} \quad m \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad n|m \Leftrightarrow$$

$$m \in n\mathbb{Z} = \{kn : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

Def.

$$n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \mathbb{Z}_n = \mathbb{Z} / n\mathbb{Z}$$

element in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is called a residue class module  $n$ .

Def.

$n \in \mathbb{N}, \quad \mathbb{Z}_n^*$  is the group construct by all inversible element

$$\mathbb{Z}_n^* = \{k+n\mathbb{Z} : 0 \leq k \leq n-1, \exists l \in \mathbb{Z}, kl \equiv 1 \pmod{n}\}$$

Lemma I.

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

Proof.

denote  $c$  as a common divisor of  $a, b$

$$c|a, \quad c|b$$

$$\text{suppose } r = a - kb$$

$$\text{thus } r/d = a/d - kb/d \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{thus } d|r$$

therefore  $(a, b)$  and  $(b, a \bmod b)$  have same divisor

Lemma II.

$a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $ax + by = c$  has integer solution  $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(a, b) \mid c$

Proof.

if  $ax + by = c$  has integer solution.

$$\frac{c}{\gcd(a, b)} = \frac{a}{\gcd(a, b)} x + \frac{b}{\gcd(a, b)} y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\gcd(a, b) \mid c$$

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suppose

$$\begin{aligned} a &= m \cdot \gcd(a, b) \\ b &= n \cdot \gcd(a, b) \\ c &= k \cdot \gcd(a, b) \end{aligned}$$

function equivalent to  $mx + ny = k$   $\gcd(m, n) = 1$  ①

if  $mx + ny = 1$  has integer solution, so do equation ①

$$m = q_1 n + r_1 \quad 0 < r_1 < n$$

$$n = q_2 r_1 + r_2 \quad 0 < r_2 < r_1$$

$\vdots$

$$r_{n-2} = q_n r_{n-1} + r_n$$

$$r_{n-1} = q_{n+1} r_n + 1$$

thus  $\exists A_{n-2}, B_{n-1}$  that  $r_{n-2} A_{n-2} + r_{n-1} B_{n-1} = 1$

by induction

$$r_1 A_1 + r_2 B_2 = 1$$

$$b_1 A_0 + r_1 B_0 = 1$$

there exist integer solution for equation ①

Prop.  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_n^{\times} = \{ k + n\mathbb{Z} : 1 \leq k \leq n-1, \gcd(k, n) = 1 \}$   
 thus  $|\mathbb{Z}_n^{\times}| = \phi(n)$

especially, if  $p$  is a prime.

$\mathbb{Z}_p^{\times} = \{ 1 + p\mathbb{Z}, 2 + p\mathbb{Z}, \dots, (p-1) + p\mathbb{Z} \}$   
 thus  $|\mathbb{Z}_p^{\times}| = p-1$

Proof.  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, kl \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow kl = 1 + tn$   
 $\Leftrightarrow l \cdot k + (-t)n = 1$   
 $\Leftrightarrow \gcd(k, n) = 1$

Prop.  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +)$  is a cyclic group  
 $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \cdot)$  is a monoid  
 where  $(\cdot)$  is well-defined that  $(a + n\mathbb{Z})(b + n\mathbb{Z}) = ab + n\mathbb{Z}$   
 thus  $\mathbb{Z}_n^{\times}$  is a group

Prop.  $(G, \cdot)$  a finite group, for  $\forall a \in G$ ,  $a^{|G|} = e$

Proof.  $|\langle a \rangle| \mid |G|$  &  $|a| = |\langle a \rangle|$

$$a^{|G|} = (a^{|a|})^{|G|/|a|} = e^{|G|/|a|} = e$$

Prop.  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ ,  $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$   
 especially  $n$  is a prime  $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Proof.  $a^{|\mathbb{Z}_n^{\times}|} = a^{\phi(n)} = 1$   
 thus  $a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Theorem . (Wilson theorem)

$$(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow p \text{ is a prime } (p \neq 2)$$

Proof.

$$|\mathbb{Z}_p^\times| = p-1$$

if  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p^\times$  and its inverse is itself

$$\text{thus } a = a^{-1} \Leftrightarrow a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \Leftrightarrow p \mid (a^2 - 1) = (a+1)(a-1)$$

either  $p \mid (a+1)$  or  $p \mid (a-1)$

thus  $a = 1$  or  $p-1$

$$(p-1)! \equiv 1 \cdot (2 \cdot p-2) \cdot (3 \cdot p-3) \cdots (p-1) \equiv 1 \cdot 1 \cdot 1 \cdots (p-1) \equiv p-1 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$$