

# Basic/Intermediate Number Theory

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**Question**

**What are we doing?**

# Objective

1. Basics of modular arithmetics
2. Euclid's theorem to find GCD of a pair of numbers
3. Bezout's theorem, Extended Euclid's theorem
4. Linear Diophantine Equation
5. Inverse modulo
6. Chinese remainder theorem.
7. Euler totient function
8. Fermat's little theorem



# Things to be noted in today's class

1. We are only going to be dealing with “**integers**”.
2. We are only going to be dealing with  
**Addition, Multiplication, Subtraction, Division, Modular** operations.

# Basics of modular arithmetic

1. What is a **Modular** operation?

$$a \% N = ?$$

# Basics of modular arithmetic

## 2. Modular representation

if  $a = k * N + b$ , i.e,  $a \% N = b$ ,

then  $a = b \pmod n$

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3. What are integer factors?

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4. What is GCD of a pair of integers?

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## 5. What are Co-primes?



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# Euclid's theorem to find GCD

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Solution :

Suppose  $a < b$

$$\text{GCD}(a, b) = \text{GCD}(a, b \% a)$$



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# Bezout's identity

- Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers with greatest common divisor  $d$ .
- Then there exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $ax + by = d$ .

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Equations of the form  $ax + by = c$

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Then  $apd + bq d = gd$ ,

which is same as  $ax + by = c$ , where  $x = pd$ ,  $y = qd$ ,  $c = gd$ .





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# Inverse modulo

$$a * b = 1 \pmod{m}$$

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

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Since  $a, m$  are coprime

$$a \cdot x + m \cdot y = 1.$$

$$a \cdot x = 1 \pmod{m}.$$



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# Chinese remainder theorem

- Let  $n_1, \dots, n_k$  be integers greater than 1. Let us denote by  $N$  the product of the  $n_i$
- The Chinese remainder theorem asserts that if the  $n_i$  are **pairwise coprime**, and if  $a_1, \dots, a_k$  are integers such that  $0 \leq a_i < n_i$  for every  $i$ , then there is one and only one integer  $x$ , such that  $0 \leq x < N$  and  $x = a_i \pmod{n_i}$  for every  $i$ .

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$$\begin{aligned}x &= a_1 m_2 n_2 + a_2 m_1 n_1 \\&= a_1 (1 - m_1 n_1) + a_2 m_1 n_1 \\&= a_1 + (a_2 - a_1) m_1 n_1,\end{aligned}$$

# Chinese remainder theorem

- How to find for general case?



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# Euler's totient function $\phi(n)$

Number of numbers less than **n** which are coprime to **n**.

# Euler's totient function $\phi(n)$

$$\phi(ab) = \phi(a)\phi(b)$$

# Euler's totient function $\phi(n)$

$$\phi(p) = p - 1$$





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# Fermat's little theorem

Let  $p$  be a prime which does not divide the integer  $a$ , then  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .



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# Resources:

- a. <http://e-maxx.ru/algo/>
- b. [Modulus arithmetic - basic postulates](#) [Including modular linear equations , Continued fraction and Pell's equation]
  - Suggested Reading -
    1. Chapter 1 from Number Theory for Computing by SY Yan [ Recommended ]
    2. 31.1, 31.3 and 31.4 from Cormen
    3. [www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=primeNumbers](http://www.topcoder.com/tc?module=Static&d1=tutorials&d2=primeNumbers)
- c. [Fermat's theorem, Euler Totient theorem \( totient function, order , primitive roots \)](#)
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    1. 1.6, 2.2 from Number Theory by SY Yan
    2. 31.6 , 31.7 from Cormen
  - Problems
    1. <http://projecteuler.net/index.php?section=problems&id=70>
    2. <http://www.spoj.pl/problems/NDIVPHI/>
- d. [Chinese remainder theorem](#)
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    1. 31.5 from Cormen
    2. 1.6 from Number Theory by SY Yan
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    1. Project Euler 271
    2. [http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem\\_statement&pm=10551&rd=13903](http://www.topcoder.com/stat?c=problem_statement&pm=10551&rd=13903)
- e. [GCD using euclidean method](#)
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    1. 31.2 Cormen
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    1. GCD on SPOJ
    2. <http://uva.onlinejudge.org/external/114/11424.html>

# Problem - NDIVPHI on Spoj

## NDIVPHI - N DIV PHI\_N

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Given an integer  $N \leq 10^{40}$  find the smallest  $m \leq N$  such that  $m/\phi(m)$  is maximum.

### Input

$N_1$

$N_2$

⋮

⋮

⋮

$N_{20}$

### Output

$m_1$

$m_2$

⋮

⋮

⋮

$m_{20}$



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