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Lecture 5: Arithmetic Modulo m, Primes and Greatest Common Divisors

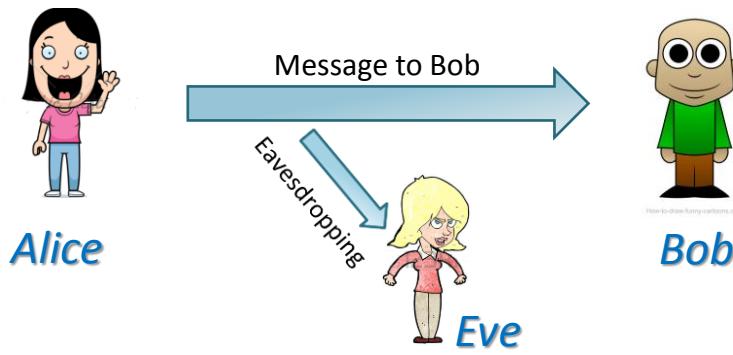
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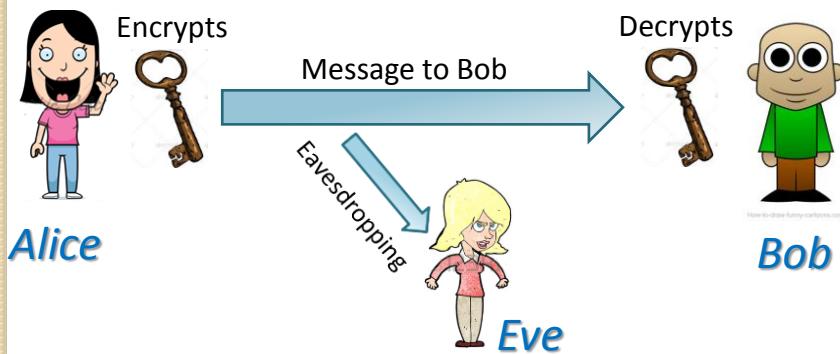
Our Problem: Encryption

- Alice needs to send bob a message.
- Eve can read the communications.
- Alice *encrypts* the message.



Classic Cryptography

- Alice and Bob exchange some information in advance, in a secure way.



Example: Atbash Cipher

- Replace each letter with a symbol, according to the sequence (*key*):

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N

“My hovercraft is full of eels”



“Nb slevixizug rh ufoo lu vvoh”

Other Historical Ciphers

- Scytale transposition cipher, used by the Spartan military.



- The Enigma machine in World War II.

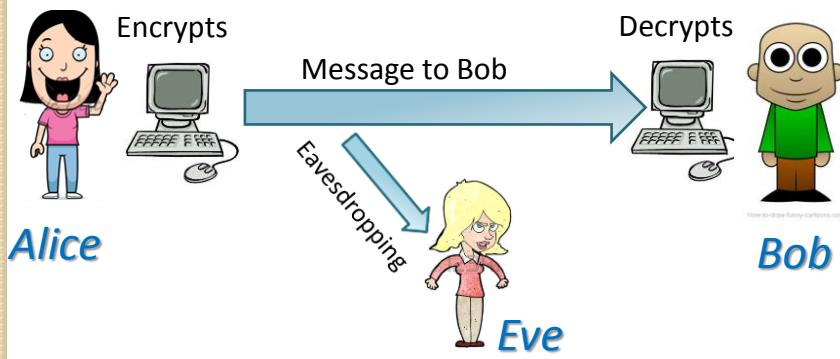


- Cipher runes.



The Internet

- **Problem.** When performing a secret transaction over the internet, we cannot securely exchange information in advance.



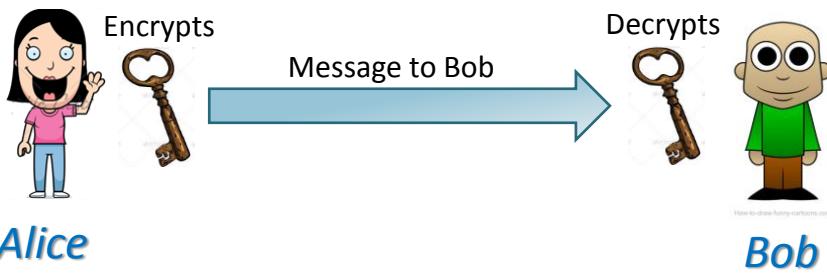
Public-key Cryptography

- **Idea.** Use a *public key* which is used for *encryption* and a *private key* used for *decryption*.
- Bob generates both keys. Keeps the private key and publishes the public one.



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- Alice encrypts her message with Bob's public key and sends it.



Public-key Cryptography

- Eve has the public key and the encrypted message.
- We need an action that is easy to do (*encrypt* using a public key) but very difficult to reverse (*decrypt* using a public key).

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- **Bad example.** The public key is the number k . We encrypt a number a as $a \cdot k$. The adversary can divide by k ...

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Prime factorization

Integers

- We consider the set of integers

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}.$$

- The expression " $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ " means that a is *in* the set \mathbb{Z} .

- For example, we have

$$1 \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad 10^2 \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

- On the other hand

$$0.3 \notin \mathbb{Z}, \quad \sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}.$$

Division

- Given two integers $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, we say that a divides b (or $a|b$) if there exists $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = sa$.
- True or false:

$$3|12 \quad \checkmark \quad 12|3 \quad \times$$

$$3|-15 \quad \checkmark \quad -3|3 \quad \checkmark$$

$$-7|0 \quad \checkmark \quad 0|-7 \quad \times$$

$$0|0 \quad \checkmark$$

Our First Proof

- **Claim.** If $a|b$ and $b|c$ then $a|c$.
- **Proof.**
 - There exists $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = as$.
 - There exists $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $c = bt$.
 - Therefore, $c = ast$.
 - Setting $r = st$, we have $c = ar$.

Our Second Proof

- **Claim.** If $a|b$ and $b|a$ then $a = \pm b$.
- **Proof.**
 - There exists $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = sb$.
 - There exists $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = ta$.
 - That is, $a = sta$.
 - $st = 1$ so either $s = t = 1$ or $s = t = -1$.

Prime Numbers

- A *natural number* is an integer that is non-negative. The set of natural numbers:
$$\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}.$$
- A number of $\mathbb{N} \setminus \{0, 1\}$ is said to be *prime* if its only positive divisors are one at itself.

Proof by Induction

- **Claim (Prime decomposition).** Every natural number $n \geq 2$ is either a prime or a product of primes.
- **Proof.**
 - **Induction basis:** The claim holds for 2.
 - **Induction step:** Assume that the claim holds for every natural number smaller than n .
 - If n is a prime, the claim holds for n .
 - Otherwise, we can write $n = ab$.
 - By the induction hypothesis, both a and b are either primes or a product of primes.
 - Thus, n is a product of primes.

Proof by Contradiction

- **Claim.** There exist infinitely many prime numbers.
 - **Proof.** Assume, for contradiction, that there exists a finite set of primes

$$P = \{p_1, p_2, p_3, \dots, p_n\}.$$
 - The number $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n + 1$ is not prime, since it is not in P .
 - The number $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_n + 1$ is prime, since it cannot be divided by any of the primes of P .
 - **Contradiction! So there must be infinitely many primes!**

More Division Properties

- **Claim.** Given two numbers $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, there are **unique** $q, r \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $r < b$ and $a = qb + r$.
- We say that q and r are the **quotient** and the **remainder** of dividing a with b .
- We write $r = a \bmod b$.
- **Proof by algorithm!**

Our First Algorithm

- **Input.** Two numbers $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$.
- **Output.** Two number $q, r \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a = qb + r$ and $r < b$.

- $q \leftarrow 0$ and $n \leftarrow a$.
- While $n \geq b$:
 - $n \leftarrow n - b$.
 - $q \leftarrow q + 1$.
- $r \leftarrow n$

$$\begin{array}{lll} a = 12 & b = 5 \\ q = 0 & n = 12 & r = ? \\ q = 1 & n = 7 & r = ? \\ q = 2 & n = 2 & r = ? \\ r = 2 & & \end{array}$$

Greatest Common Divisor

- We say that d is a *common divisor* of a and b (where $a, b, d \in \mathbb{N}$) if $d|a$ and $d|b$.
- The *greatest common divisor* of a and b , denoted $\text{GCD}(a, b)$, is a common divisor c of a and b , such that
 - If $d|a$ and $d|b$ then $d \leq c$.
 - Equivalently, if $d|a$ and $d|b$ then $d|c$.

Examples: GCD

- What is $\text{GCD}(18,42)$? **6**
- What is $\text{GCD}(50,100)$? **50**
- What is $\text{GCD}(6364800, 1491534000)$?
 - $\text{GCD}(2^7 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 13 \cdot 17, 2^4 \cdot 3^7 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 11 \cdot 31) = 2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 = 3600.$
- What can we do when dealing with numbers that are too large to factor?

GCD Property

- **Claim.** If $a = bq + r$ then

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

- **Example.**

$$66 = 21 \cdot 3 + 3$$



$$\text{GCD}(66, 21) = \text{GCD}(21, 3) = 3.$$

Computing GCD: General approach

- **Problem.** Compute $\text{GCD}(a, b)$.
 - Find $q_1, r_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = q_1 b + r_1$.
 - Since $\text{GCD}(a, b) = \text{GCD}(b, r_1)$, it suffices to compute the latter.
 - Find $q_2, r_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = q_2 r_1 + r_2$.
 - Since $\text{GCD}(b, r_1) = \text{GCD}(r_1, r_2)$, it suffices to compute the latter.
 - ...
 - Continue until obtaining a zero remainder (then the divider is the required GCD).

The Euclidean Algorithm

- **Input.** Two numbers $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$.
- **Output.** $\text{GCD}(a, b)$.

- $r \leftarrow a \bmod b$.
- While $r \neq 0$:
 - $a \leftarrow b$.
 - $b \leftarrow r$.
 - $r \leftarrow a \bmod b$.
- Output b .

$$a = 78 \quad b = 45$$

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$$a = 45 \quad b = 33 \quad r = 12$$

$$a = 33 \quad b = 12 \quad r = 9$$

$$a = 12 \quad b = 9 \quad r = 3$$

$$a = 9 \quad b = 3 \quad r = 0$$

Proof of GCD Property

- **Claim.** If $a = bq + r$ then

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

- **Proof.**

- Since $r = a - bq$, every common divisor of a and b is also a divisor of r . Thus,

$$\text{GCD}(a, b) | \text{GCD}(b, r)$$

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The End

- The Voynich manuscript:



Warm-up: The Fibonacci Numbers

- *Fibonacci numbers*:

$$F_0 = F_1 = 1 \quad F_i = F_{i-1} + F_{i-2}.$$

1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34, ...

- How many rounds of the algorithm are required to compute $GCD(F_n, F_{n-1})$?
 - Round 1: $r = F_n - F_{n-1} = F_{n-2}$.
 - Round 2: $r = F_{n-1} - F_{n-2} = F_{n-3}$.
 - ...
 - **Round n** : $r = F_1 - F_0 = 0$.

More GCDs

- **Theorem.** For any $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, there exist $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$GCD(a, b) = as + bt.$$

$$GCD(18, 27) = 9 \quad - 1 \cdot 18 + 1 \cdot 27 = 9$$

$$GCD(25, 65) = 5 \quad 8 \cdot 25 - 3 \cdot 65 = 5$$

The Extended Euclidean Algorithm

- Build a matrix: First two rows are $(a, 1, 0)$ and $(b, 0, 1)$.
- Every other row is obtained by subtracting the two rows above it, to obtain the next value of b .

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} 78 & 1 & 0 \\ 45 & 0 & 1 \\ 33 & 1 & -1 \\ 12 & -1 & 2 \\ 9 & 3 & -5 \\ 3 & -4 & 7 \end{array} \right) \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{lll} a = 78 & b = 45 \\ a = 78 & b = 45 & r = 33 \\ a = 45 & b = 33 & r = 12 \\ a = 33 & b = 12 & r = 9 \\ a = 12 & b = 9 & r = 3 \\ a = 9 & b = 3 & r = 0 \end{array} \right.$$

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Proof by Algorithm!

- **Theorem.** If $c = \text{GCD}(a, b)$, then there exist $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $as + bt = c$.

$$\left(\begin{array}{ccc} 78 & 1 & 0 \\ 45 & 0 & 1 \\ 33 & 1 & -1 \\ 12 & -1 & 2 \\ 9 & 3 & -5 \\ 3 & -4 & 7 \end{array} \right) \quad \begin{array}{c} \xrightarrow{\text{blue arrow}} \\ \text{Proof by algorithm} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{l} 78 = 1 \cdot 78 + 0 \cdot 45 \\ 45 = 0 \cdot 78 + 1 \cdot 45 \\ 33 = 1 \cdot 78 - 1 \cdot 45 \\ 12 = -1 \cdot 78 + 2 \cdot 45 \\ 9 = 3 \cdot 78 - 5 \cdot 45 \\ 3 = -4 \cdot 78 + 7 \cdot 45 \end{array}$$

Algorithm Correctness

- **Proof Sketch.**

 - **Induction basis.** Trivial for the first two rows.

 - **Induction step.**

$$\begin{matrix} R_i \\ R_{i+1} \\ R_{i+2} \end{matrix} = \begin{pmatrix} s_1 & s_2 & s_3 \\ t_1 & t_2 & t_3 \\ u_1 & u_2 & u_3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} s_1 &= a \cdot s_2 + b \cdot s_3, && \text{Induction} \\ t_1 &= a \cdot t_2 + b \cdot t_3, && \text{hypothesis} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u_1 &= s_1 - qt_1 = a(s_2 - qt_2) + b(s_3 - qt_3) \\ &= a \cdot u_2 + b \cdot u_3. \end{aligned}$$

Scales Problem

- We need to verify the weights of various objects by using scales.
- We have an unlimited amount of weights in two different integer sizes - a and b .
- For which values of a and b can we measure every possible integer weight?

- **Answer.** Whenever

$$GCD(a, b) = 1.$$



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Number Theory

- **Number theory:** the study of integers.
- Some famous theorems:
 - **Euclid.** There are infinitely many prime numbers.
 - **“Fermat’s last theorem”.** The equation $x^n + y^n = z^n$ has no integer solutions when $n > 2$.
 - **Lagrange 1770.** Every natural number can be represented as the sum of four integer squares.



$$15 = 1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 \quad 110 = 10^2 + 3^2 + 1^2 + 0^2$$



Number Theory (2)

- A couple of famous open problems:
 - **Twin prime conjecture.** There are infinitely many pairs of prime numbers that differ by two (5 and 7, 17 and 19, 41 and 43, ...).
 - **Goldbach's conjecture.** Every even integer greater than 2 can be expressed as the sum of two primes.



Congruences

- **Recall.** The remainder of dividing a by m can be written as

$$r = a \bmod m.$$

- If also $r = b \bmod m$, we say that “ a is **congruent** to b modulo m ”, and write

$$a \equiv b \bmod m.$$
 - Equivalently, $m|(a - b)$.
- The numbers 3, 10, 17, 73, 1053 are all congruent modulo 7.

Congruence Classes

- If $m = 2$, numbers are congruent if they have the **same parity**.
- If $m = 3$, there are three distinct classes of numbers

$$0 \equiv 3 \equiv 6 \equiv 9 \equiv \dots \bmod 3$$

$$1 \equiv 4 \equiv 7 \equiv 10 \equiv \dots \bmod 3$$

$$2 \equiv 5 \equiv 8 \equiv 11 \equiv \dots \bmod 3$$

- In general, we have exactly m **equivalence classes** of numbers.

Congruency is Transitive

- **Claim 1.** If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$ then $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$.

$$5 \equiv 55 \pmod{10}.$$

$$55 \equiv 95 \pmod{10}$$



$$5 \equiv 95 \pmod{10}$$

Congruency is Transitive

- **Claim 1.** If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$ then $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$.
- **Proof.** If $m|(a - b)$ and $m|(b - c)$ then $m|(a - c)$ since
$$a - c = (a - b) + (b - c).$$

Congruency and Addition

- **Claim 2.** If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then

$$a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}.$$

$$3 \equiv 15 \pmod{12}$$

$$2 \equiv 26 \pmod{12}$$



$$3 + 2 \equiv 15 + 26 \pmod{12}$$

Congruency and Addition

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$$a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}.$$

- **Proof.** If $m|(a - b)$ and $m|(c - d)$ then
 $m|((a + c) - (b + d))$.

Congruency and Multiplication

- **Claim 3.** If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then

$$ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}.$$

$$3 \equiv 15 \pmod{12}$$

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$$3 \cdot 2 \equiv 15 \cdot 26 \pmod{12}$$

Congruency and Multiplication

- **Claim 3.** If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then

$$ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}.$$

- **Proof.** We have

$$\begin{aligned} ac - bd &= (ac - cb) + (cb - bd) \\ &= c(a - b) + b(c - d). \end{aligned}$$

That is, $m | (ac - bd)$.

Relatively Prime Numbers

- Two integers $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ are *relatively prime* if $\text{GCD}(m, n) = 1$.
- **Claim 4.** If a and m are relatively prime, then there exists $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that

$$ab \equiv 1 \pmod{m}.$$

$$\text{GCD}(6,17) = 1$$



$$6 \cdot 3 = 1 \pmod{17}$$

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$$ab \equiv 1 \pmod{m}.$$

- **Proof.** There exist $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $as + mt = 1$. Taking $b = s$, we have $m|(ab + mt - 1) \Rightarrow m|(ab - 1)$.

A Cancellation Law

- **Claim 5.** If k, m are relatively prime, and $ak \equiv bk \pmod{m}$,
then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCD}(5,9) &= 1 \\ 1 \cdot 5 &\equiv 10 \cdot 5 \pmod{9} \\ &\downarrow \\ 1 &\equiv 10 \pmod{9} \end{aligned}$$

A Cancellation Law

- **Claim 5.** If k, m are relatively prime and $ak \equiv bk \pmod{m}$,
then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.
- **Proof.**

- By **Claim 4** there exist $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $ks \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.

$$a \equiv a \cdot 1 \equiv aks \equiv bks \equiv b \cdot 1 \equiv b \pmod{m}.$$

A Cancellation Law

- **Claim 5.** If k, m are relatively prime and $ak \equiv bk \pmod{m}$,
then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.
- What happens when $\text{GCD}(k, m) \neq 1$?

$$k = 4 \quad m = 8$$

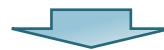
$$2 \cdot k \equiv 4 \cdot k \equiv 0 \pmod{8}$$

Latin Squares

- **Claim 6.** Let $a, b, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and let a, m be relatively prime. Then there is a *unique* x (\pmod{m}) such that $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

$$m = 11, \quad a = 5, \quad b = 6$$

$$5 \cdot x \equiv 6 \pmod{11}$$



$$x = 10.$$

Latin Squares

- **Claim 6.** Let $a, b, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ and let a, m be relatively prime. Then there is a *unique* x ($\text{mod } m$) such that $ax \equiv b \text{ mod } m$.
- **Proof.** By **Claim 4** there exists $s \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $as \equiv 1 \text{ mod } m$.
- Thus, $x = sb$ is one valid solution.
- Assume, **for contradiction**, that there are two *distinct* solutions x, x' .
 - Then $ax \equiv ax' \text{ mod } m$.
$$x = sax = sax' = x'.$$

Problem: Large Powers

- **Problem.** Compute $3^{100} \text{ mod } 7$.



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- **Problem.** Compute $3^{100} \bmod 7$.
- **Modest beginning.**

$$\begin{aligned}3^1 &\equiv 3 \bmod 7 \\3^2 &\equiv 3 \cdot 3^1 \equiv 2 \bmod 7 \\3^3 &\equiv 3 \cdot 3^2 \equiv 6 \bmod 7 \\3^4 &\equiv 3 \cdot 3^3 \equiv 4 \bmod 7 \\3^5 &\equiv 3 \cdot 3^4 \equiv 5 \bmod 7 \\3^6 &\equiv 3 \cdot 3^5 \equiv 1 \bmod 7 \\3^7 &\equiv 3 \cdot 3^6 \equiv 3 \bmod 7\end{aligned}$$

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$$3^{100} \equiv 3^{4+6 \cdot 16} \equiv 3^4 \cdot 1 \equiv 4 \bmod 7$$

Reminder: Some Congruent Properties

- **Addition.** If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$.
- **Products.** If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$.
- **Cancellation.** If $\text{GCD}(k, m) = 1$ and $ak \equiv bk \pmod{m}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.
- **Inverse.** If $\text{GCD}(a, m) = 1$, then there exists $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.

Warm-up: Division by Nine

- **Claim.** A number $a \in \mathbb{N}$ is divisible by 9 if and only if the sum of its digits is divisible by 9.
- Is 123456789 divisible by 9?

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 + 9 &= 45 \\ 4 + 5 &= 9 \end{aligned}$$



Warm-up: Division by Nine (2)

- **Claim.** A number $a \in \mathbb{N}$ is divisible by 9 if and only if the sum of its digits is divisible by 9.
 - **Proof.** Write a as $a_k a_{k-1} \cdots a_1 a_0$ where a_i is the $(i + 1)$ 'th rightmost digit of a .

$$\begin{aligned} a - (a_0 + a_1 + \cdots + a_k) &= \\ (a_0 \cdot 10^0 + a_1 \cdot 10^1 + a_2 \cdot 10^2 + \cdots) - (a_0 + \cdots + a_k) &= \\ &= a_1 \cdot 9 + a_2 \cdot 99 + a_3 \cdot 999 + \cdots \end{aligned}$$

- That is, $9|a - (a_0 + a_1 + \cdots + a_k)$

Warm-up: Division by Nine (3)

- **Claim.** A number $a \in \mathbb{N}$ is divisible by 9 if and only if the sum of its digits is divisible by 9.
 - **Proof.** Write a as $a_k a_{k-1} \cdots a_1 a_0$ where a_i is the $(i - 1)$ 'th rightmost digit of a .
 - We have: $9|a - (a_0 + a_1 + \cdots + a_k)$.
 - Equivalently,

$$a \equiv (a_0 + a_1 + \cdots + a_k) \bmod 9.$$

Casting Out Nines

- **Problem.** Is the following correct?
 $54,321 \cdot 98,765 = 5,363,013,565.$
- If this is correct, then
 $54,321 \cdot 98,765 \equiv 5,363,013,565 \text{ mod } 9.$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 + 4 + 3 + 2 + 1 &\equiv 6 \text{ mod } 9 \\ 9 + 8 + 7 + 6 + 5 &\equiv 2 \text{ mod } 9 \\ 5 + 3 + 6 + 3 + 0 + 1 + 3 + 5 + 6 + 5 &\equiv 1 \text{ mod } 9. \end{aligned}$$

$$6 \cdot 2 \not\equiv 1 \text{ mod } 9$$

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Casting Out Nines (cont.)

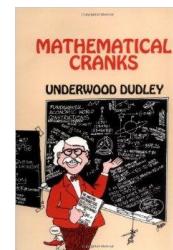
- Is the *casting out nines* technique always correct in verifying whether $a \cdot b = c$?
 - If the calculation $\text{mod } 9$ is wrong, the original calculation must be wrong.
 - If the calculation $\text{mod } 9$ is correct, the original calculation might still be wrong!

$$1 \cdot 2 \equiv 11 \text{ mod } 9.$$



Casting Out Nines Crank

- In the 1980's, a crank wrote a 124-page book explaining *the law of conservations of numbers* that he "developed for 24 years".
- This law "was perfected with 100% effectiveness".
- The book is basically 124 pages about the casting out nines trick. It does not mention that the method can sometimes fail.



Fermat's Little Theorem

- **Theorem.** For any prime p and integer a ,

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}.$$

- Examples:

$$15^7 \equiv 15 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$20^{53} \equiv 20 \pmod{53}$$

$$2^{1009} \equiv 2 \pmod{1009}$$



Pierre de Fermat

Fermat's Little Theorem

- **Theorem.** For any prime p and integer a ,

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}.$$

- **Proof.** By induction on a :

- We now prove only the case of $a \geq 0$.
- **Induction basis:** Obviously holds for $a = 0$.
- **Induction step:** Assume that the claim holds for a . In a later lecture we prove

$$(a + b)^p \equiv a^p + b^p \pmod{p}.$$
- Thus:

$$(a + 1)^p \equiv a^p + 1 \equiv a + 1 \pmod{p}.$$

A Corollary

- **Corollary.** If $a \in \mathbb{N}$ is not divisible by a prime p then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.
- **Proof.**
 - We have $\text{GCD}(a, p) = 1$.
 - **Fermat's little theorem:** $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$.
 - Combine with **cancelation property**: If $\text{GCD}(k, m) = 1$ and $ak \equiv bk \pmod{m}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

Euler's Totient Function

- **Euler's totient $\varphi(n)$** is defined as follows:
Given $n \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$, then

$$\varphi(n) = |\{x \mid 1 \leq x < n \text{ and } \text{GCD}(x, n) = 1\}|.$$

- In more words: $\varphi(n)$ is the number of natural numbers $1 \leq x \leq n$ such that x and n are relatively prime.

$$\varphi(12) = |\{1, 5, 7, 11\}| = 4$$

Leonhard Euler

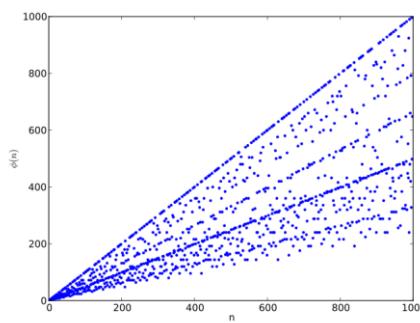


The Totient of a Prime

- **Observation.** If p is a prime number, then

$$\varphi(p) = p - 1.$$

The first thousand values of $\varphi(n)$:



Euler's Theorem

- **Theorem.** For any pair $a, n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\text{GCD}(a, n) = 1$, we have
$$a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}.$$

- This is a generalization of the claim
$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$
 (when p is prime).

The RSA Algorithm

- Public key cryptosystem.
- Discovered in 1977 by **Rivest**, **Shamir**, and **Adleman**.
- Still extremely common!



Ron Rivest



Adi Shamir



Leonard Adleman

RSA Public and Private Keys

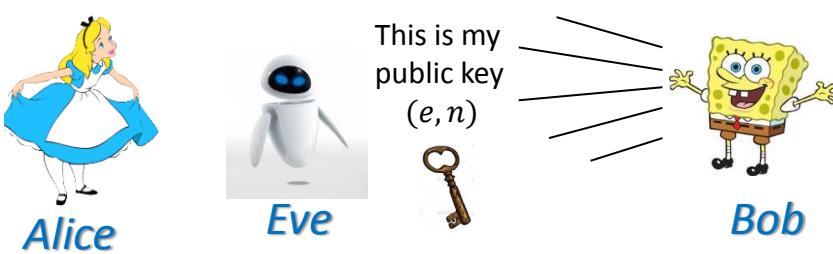
1. Choose two **LARGE primes p, q** (say, 500 digits).
2. Set $n = pq$.
3. Compute $\varphi(n)$, and choose $1 < e < \varphi(n)$ such that $\text{GCD}(e, \varphi(n)) = 1$.
4. Find d such that $de \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$.

Public key. n and e .

Private information. p, q , and d .

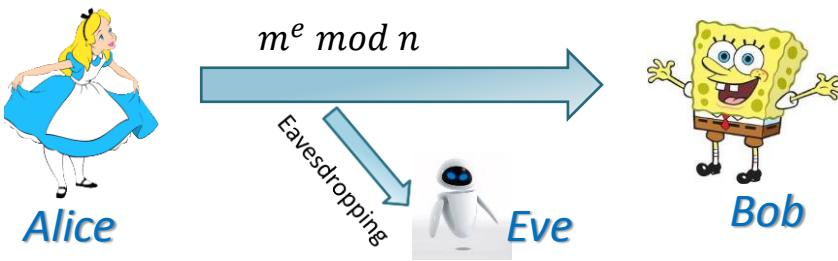
Preparing for Secure Communication

- Bob generates p, q, n, d, e , and transmits only e and n .



Encrypting a Message

- Alice wants to send Bob the number $m < n$ without Eve deciphering it.
- Alice uses n, e to calculate $X = m^e \text{ mod } n$, and sends X to Bob.



Decrypting a Message

- Bob receives message $X = m^e \text{ mod } n$ from Alice. Then he calculates:

$$\begin{aligned} X^d \text{ mod } n &\equiv m^{ed} \text{ mod } n \\ &\equiv m^{1+k\cdot\varphi(n)} \text{ mod } n \equiv m \text{ mod } n. \end{aligned}$$

$$de \equiv 1 \text{ mod } \varphi(n)$$

Euler's Theorem:

$$m^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \text{ mod } n$$

Slightly **cheating** since the theorem requires $\text{GCD}(m, n) = 1$



RSA in One Slide



- **Bob** wants to generate keys:
 - Arbitrarily chooses primes p and q .
sets $n = pq$ and finds $\varphi(n)$.
 - Chooses e such that $\text{GCD}(\varphi(n), e) = 1$.
 - Find d such that $de \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$.
- **Alice** wants to pass bob m .
 - Receives n, e from Bob.
 - Returns $X \equiv m^e \pmod{n}$.
- **Bob** receives X .
 - Calculates $X^d \pmod{n}$.



Example: RSA (with small numbers)

- **Bob** wants to generate keys:
 - Arbitrarily chooses primes $p = 61$ and $q = 53$.
 $n = 61 \cdot 53 = 3233$. $\varphi(3233) = 3120$.
 - Chooses $e = 17$ ($\text{GCD}(3120, 17) = 1$).
 - For $de \equiv 1 \pmod{3120}$, we have $d = 2753$.
- **Alice** wants to pass bob $m = 65$.
 - Receives n, e from Bob. Returns
 $m^e = 65^{17} \equiv 2790 \pmod{3233}$.
- **Bob** receives $X \equiv 2790 \pmod{3233}$.
 - Calculates $X^d = 2790^{3233} \equiv 65 \pmod{3233}$.

Some Details

- Bob needs to:
 - Find two large primes p, q .
 - Calculate n, d, e .
- Alice needs to
 - Use n, e to calculate $X = m^e \bmod n$.
- **Eve must not be able to**
 - **Use n, e, X to find m .**
- Bob needs to:
 - Use n, d, X to find m .

That is: Easy to compute a large power $\bmod n$. Hard to compute a large “root” $\bmod n$.

Taking Large Roots

- Eve has n, e , and Alice’s message $X \equiv m^e \bmod n$.
- If Eve can compute $X^{1/e} \bmod n$, she can read the message! (i.e., if she can factor n).
- So far nobody knows how to compute this in a reasonable time.
- Or do they?



Computing a Large Power

- **Problem.** How can we compute

$$65^{2^{4000}} \bmod 9721?$$

- **A naïve approach:**

$$65^2 \equiv 4225 \bmod 9721$$

$$65^3 \equiv 65 \cdot 65^2 \equiv 2437 \bmod 9721$$

$$65^4 \equiv 65 \cdot 65^3 \equiv 2869 \bmod 9721$$

...

- This approach requires 2^{4000} (about $1.3 \cdot 10^{1204}$) steps. **Impossible!**

Computing a Large Power – Fast!

- **Problem.** How can we compute

$$65^{2^{4000}} \bmod 9721?$$

$$65^2 \equiv 4225 \bmod 9721$$

$$65^4 \equiv 65^2 \cdot 65^2 \equiv 2869 \bmod 9721$$

$$65^8 \equiv 65^4 \cdot 65^4 \equiv 7195 \bmod 9721$$

$$65^{16} \equiv 65^8 \cdot 65^8 \equiv 3700 \bmod 9721$$

...

Only 4000 steps. **Easy!**

A Small Technical Issue

- What if we calculate a^b where b is not a power of two?
- We calculate $a, a^2, a^4, a^8, a^{16}, a^{32}, \dots$
- Every number can be expressed as a sum of distinct powers of 2.

$$57 = 32 + 16 + 8 + 1$$



$$a^{57} = a^{32}a^{16}a^8a$$

What is Left to Do?

- **Bob** wants to generate keys:
 - Arbitrarily chooses primes p and q . **?**
 - $n = pq$ ✓ find $\varphi(n)$. **?**
 - Chooses e such that $\text{GCD}(\varphi(n), e) = 1$.
 - Find d such that $de \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$. **?**
- **Alice** wants to pass bob m .
 - Receives n, e from Bob.
 - Returns $X \equiv m^e \pmod{n}$. ✓
- **Bob** receives X .
 - Calculates $X^d \pmod{n}$. ✓

Reminder: Euler's Totient Function

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Reminder #2: The RSA Algorithm

- **Bob** wants to generate keys:
 - Arbitrarily chooses primes p and q . ?
 - $n = pq$ ✓ find $\varphi(n)$. ?
 - Chooses e such that $\text{GCD}(\varphi(n), e) = 1$. ?
 - Find d such that $de \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$. ?
- **Alice** wants to pass bob m .
 - Receives n, e from Bob.
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- **Bob** receives X .
 - Calculates $X^d \pmod{n}$. ✓

Finding $\varphi(n)$

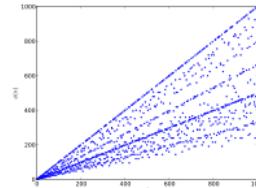
- **Problem.** Given $n = pq$, where p, q are large primes, find $\varphi(n)$.
 - We need the number of elements in $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ that are not multiples of p or q .
 - There are $\frac{n}{p} = q$ numbers are divisible by p .
 - There are $\frac{n}{q} = p$ numbers are divisible by q .
 - Only $n = pq$ is divided by both.
 - Thus: $\varphi(n) = n - p - q + 1$.

The RSA Algorithm

- **Bob** wants to generate keys:
 - Arbitrarily chooses primes p and q . ?
 $n = pq$ ✓ find $\varphi(n)$. ✓
 - Chooses e such that $\text{GCD}(\varphi(n), e) = 1$. ?
 - Find d such that $de \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$. ?
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- **Bob** receives X .
 - Calculates $X^d \pmod{n}$. ✓

Choose e s.t. $\text{GCD}(\varphi(n), e) = 1$

- **Problem.** Given $n = pq$, where p, q are large primes, find $e \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $\text{GCD}(\varphi(n), e) = 1$.
 - We can **choose arbitrary numbers** until we find one that is relatively prime to $\varphi(n)$.
 - For the “worst” values of $\varphi(n)$, a random number is **good with probability $1/\log \log n$** .



The RSA Algorithm

- **Bob** wants to generate keys:
 - Arbitrarily chooses primes p and q . **?**
 - $n = pq$ ✓ find $\varphi(n)$. ✓
 - Chooses e such that $\text{GCD}(\varphi(n), e) = 1$. ✓
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Find d such that $de \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$

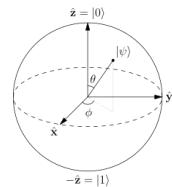
- **Recall.** Since $\text{GCD}(e, \varphi(n)) = 1$ then there exist $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $se + t\varphi(n) = 1$.
- That is, $se \equiv 1 \pmod{\varphi(n)}$.
- We can find s, t by the *extended Euclidean algorithm* from lecture 2.

The RSA Algorithm

- **Bob** wants to generate keys:
 - Arbitrarily chooses primes p and q . ?
 - $n = pq$ ✓ find $\varphi(n)$. ✓
 - Chooses e such that $\text{GCD}(\varphi(n), e) = 1$. ✓
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Quantum Computing

- A *bit* of a computer contains a value of either 0 or 1.
- A quantum computer contains *qubits*, which can be in superpositions of states.
- **Theoretically**, a quantum computer can easily factor numbers and decipher almost any known encryption.



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Finding Large Primes

- Let n be a LARGE integer (e.g., 2^{4000}).
- **The prime number theorem.** The probability of a random $p \in \{1, \dots, n\}$ being prime is about $1/\log n$.
- If we randomly choose numbers from $\{1, \dots, n\}$, we expect to have about $\log n$ iterations before finding a prime.
 - *But how can we check whether our choice is a prime or not?!*

Primality Testing

- Given a LARGE $q \in \mathbb{Z}$, how can we check whether q is prime?
- **The naïve approach.** Go over every number in $\{2, \dots, \sqrt{q}\}$ and check whether it divides q .
 - *But we chose our numbers to be too large for a computer to go over all of them!*

Recall: Fermat's Little Theorem

- For any prime p and integer a relatively prime to p , we have

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}.$$

- Pick a random integer a and check whether $a^q \equiv a \pmod{q}$.
 - If not, q is not a prime!
 - If yes, ???

Pierre de Fermat



Example: Fermat Primality Testing

- Is $n = 355207$ prime?

$$2^{355207} \equiv 84927 \pmod{355207}.$$

- n is not prime since $2^n \not\equiv 2 \pmod{n}$.

- We can try 1000 different values of a and see if $a^n \equiv a \pmod{n}$ for each of them.



Carmichael Numbers

- A number $q \in \mathbb{N}$ is said to be a **Carmichael number** if it is not prime, but still satisfies $a^q \equiv a \pmod{q}$ for every a that is relatively prime to q .
 - The smallest such number is 561.
 - Very rare – about one in 50 trillion in the range $1 - 10^{21}$.

R. D. Carmichael



Example: Carmichael Numbers

- **Claim.** Let $k \in \mathbb{N} \setminus \{0\}$ such that $6k + 1, 12k + 1$, and $18k + 1$ are primes. Then
$$n = (6k + 1)(12k + 1)(18k + 1)$$
is a **Carmichael number**.
- **Example.**
 - For $k = 1$, we have that 7, 13, 19 are primes.
 - $7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19 = 1729$ is a Carmichael number.

Proof

- We need to prove that for **any a that is relatively prime to n** , we have

$$a^n \equiv a \pmod{n}.$$

- **Recall.** Since $\text{GCD}(a, n) = 1$, this is equivalent to $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.
- We rewrite $n = 1296k^3 + 396k^2 + 36k + 1$.
- For any such a , we have

$$\begin{aligned} a^{n-1} &= a^{1296k^3 + 396k^2 + 36k} \\ &= (a^{6k})^{216k^2 + 66k + 6}. \end{aligned}$$

Proof (cont.)

- For any a relatively prime to n , we have

$$a^{n-1} = (a^{6k})^{216k^2 + 66k + 6}.$$

- **Recall.** If $a \in \mathbb{N}$ is not divisible by a prime p then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

- Since a and $6k - 1$ are relatively prime

$$a^{n-1} \equiv 1^{216k^2 + 66k + 6} \equiv 1 \pmod{6k + 1}.$$

- Similarly, we have $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{12k + 1}$ and $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{18k + 1}$.

- Since $a^{n-1} - 1$ is divisible by the three pairwise coprime integers $6k + 1, 12k + 1$, and $18k + 1$, it is also divisible by their product n . That is, $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.

Miller–Rabin Primality Test

- The *Miller–Rabin primality test* works on *every number*.



Gary Miller



Michael Rabin

Root of Unity

- **Claim.** For any prime p , the only numbers $a \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ such that $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ are 1 and $p - 1$.
- **Example.** The solutions to $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{1009}$ are exactly the numbers satisfying $a \equiv 1$ or $1008 \pmod{1009}$.

Root of Unity

- **Claim.** For any prime p , the only numbers $a \in \{1, \dots, p\}$ such that $a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ are 1 and $p - 1$.

- **Proof.**

$$a^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$a^2 - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$(a + 1)(a - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

- That is, either $p|(a + 1)$ or $p|(a - 1)$.

Roots of Unity Properties

- Given a prime $p > 2$, we write

$$p - 1 = 2^s d$$

where d is odd and $s \geq 1$.

- **Claim.** For any *odd* prime p and any $1 < a < p$, one of the following holds.

- $a^d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

- There exists $0 \leq r < s$ such that

$$a^{2^r d} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}.$$

Roots of Unity Properties (2)

- **Claim.** For any *odd* prime p and any $1 < a < p$, one of the following holds.
 - $a^d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.
 - There exists $0 \leq r < s$ such that $a^{2^r d} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.
- **Proof.**
 - By **Fermat's little theorem** $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.
 - Consider $a^{(n-1)/2}, a^{(n-1)/4}, \dots, a^{(n-1)/2^s}$. By the previous claim, each such root is $\pm 1 \pmod{n}$.
 - If all of these roots equal 1, we are in the first case. Otherwise, we are in the second.

Composite Witnesses

- Given a composite (non-prime) *odd* number n , we again write $n - 1 = 2^s d$ where d is odd and $s \geq 1$.
- We say that $a \in \{2, 3, 4, \dots, n - 2\}$ is a **witness** for n if
 - $a^d \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$.
 - For every $0 \leq r < s$, we have $a^{2^r d} \not\equiv -1 \pmod{n}$.

Example: Composite Witness

- **Problem.** Prove that 91 is not a prime.

$$90 = 2 \cdot 45.$$

$$2^{45} \equiv 57 \pmod{91}.$$

- 2 is a witness that 91 is not a prime.

There are Many Witnesses

- Given an odd composite n , the probability of a number $\{2, \dots, n - 2\}$ being a witness is at least $\frac{3}{4}$.
- Given an odd $n \in \mathbb{N}$, take i numbers and check if they are witnesses.
 - If we found a witness, n is composite.
 - If we did not find a witness, n is prime with probability at least

The End

