

# Week 3

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- Properties Euler's Phi ( $\phi$ ) Function
- $\phi(p) = p - 1$ , for any prime  $p$ .
- $\phi(p^a) = p^{a-1}(p - 1)$ , for any prime  $p$  and any integer  $a \geq 1$ .
- $\phi(pq) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$ , for any two primes  $p$  and  $q$ .
- In fact,  $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)$ , for any two numbers which are relatively prime.

let  $\mathbf{Z}_n^*$  be set of numbers from 1 to  $n - 1$  but are relatively prime.

## Theorem

*If  $a \in \mathbf{Z}_n^*$ , then  $a^{\phi(n)} = 1 \pmod{n}$ .*

## Using Extended GCD Algorithm

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Function( $a, n$ )  
g,x,y:=XGCD( $a,n$ );  
If  $g \text{ eq } 1$  then Return( $x$ )  
  else Return("The Inverse Does not Exist"), end if;  
end function;
```

## Using Euler's Phi Function Result

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Function( $a, n$ )  
 $inva := a^{\phi(n)-1} \pmod{n}$ .  
Return( $inva$ );  
end function;
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The later function works only if  $a$  is relatively prime to  $n$ .

## 2.1 Euler's and Related Theorems

# Euler's Theorem

## Definition

*Remainders mod  $n$ : For  $n \geq 1$ , the set of remainders obtained by dividing integers by  $n$ , precisely these are elements of  $\mathbf{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$ .*

However, not all elements of  $\mathbf{Z}_n$  can be inverted. We define further the set of invertible numbers in  $\mathbf{Z}_n$ .

## Definition

*Reduced set of residues mod  $n$ : For  $n \geq 1$ , the reduced set of residues,  $R(n)$  is defined as set of residues modulo  $n$  which are relatively prime to  $n$ .*

Sometimes,  $R(n)$  is also represented as  $\mathbf{Z}^*(n)$ . In fact  $\phi(n) = \#R(n)$ , the cardinality(size) of the set  $R(n)$ .

Example:  $\phi(15) = 8$ , because  $\phi(15) = \phi(5 \times 3) = (4 \times 2) = 8$ .

$\phi(37) = 36$ , as 37 is a prime number.

Next we consider Euler's theorem.

# Euler's Theorem

## Theorem

If  $a \in \mathbf{Z}_n^*$ , then  $a^{\phi(n)} = 1 \pmod{n}$ .

**Proof:** Let  $R(n) = \{r_1, r_1, \dots, r_{\phi(n)}\}$ , be reduced set of residues modulo  $n$ . Now consider the set  $a R(n) = \{a r_1, a r_1, \dots, a r_{\phi(n)}\}$ . Since  $a$  is relatively prime to  $n$ , the set  $aR(n)$  is identically equal to  $R(n)$ . Note that the process of multiplying  $a$  only rearranges the residues in  $R(n)$ . Hence we can multiply all the elements in  $R(n)$  and equate with the multiplication of all the elements of  $a R(n)$ . Hence we can write:

$$r_1 \times r_2 \cdots \times r_{\phi(n)} = (ar_1) \times (ar_2) \cdots \times (ar_{\phi(n)}).$$

Note that  $r_i$ s are relatively prime to  $n$  and hence we can cancel  $r_i$  in the above equation by multiplying  $r_i^{-1}$  to both the side of the equation. Then the above equation simplifies to

$$1 = a^{\phi(n)}. \text{ Hence the result.}$$



# Euler's Theorem example when $n = pq$

When  $n = pq$ ,  $p$  and  $q$  are primes, then  $\phi(n) = (p - 1)(q - 1)$ .

## Theorem

*If  $a \in \mathbf{Z}_{pq}^*$ , then  $a^{(p-1)(q-1)} = 1 \pmod{pq}$ .*

The above result will be used in next week lectures.

Example:  $n = 35$ ,  $\phi(35) = 24$ , because

$$\phi(35) = (\phi(7) \times \phi(5)) = (6 \times 4) = 24.$$

2 is relatively prime to 35

$$2^{24} \pmod{35} = 1$$

# Fermat's Theorem

## Theorem

*Let  $p$  be a prime number, then if  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ , then*

$$a^{p-1} = 1 \pmod{p}.$$

This is the particular case of Euler's Theorem when  $n$  is prime.

## Fermat's Little Theorem

## Theorem

*Let  $p$  be a prime number,*

$$a^p = a \pmod{p}, \text{ for any integer } a.$$

When  $a$  is relatively prime, the theorem follows from the Fermat's theorem. When  $a$  is multiple of  $p$ , the result is trivially true.

# Fermat's Theorem and Implications

- When  $p$  is a prime number, we learn that all nonzero numbers less than  $p$  are relatively prime and hence they are closed modulo  $p$ .
- In otherwords, all nonzero elements are invertible in  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ .
- They are closed under addition modulo  $p$ .
- Hence  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  is closed under addition and multiplication mod  $p$ .
- In fact,  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  is a finite field, a structure extensively used in Cryptography.

## 2.2 Groups, Rings and Fields

# Recap of Group, Ring, and Field

Let us visit a few concepts that we have learnt already. A *Group* is a set  $G$  together with a binary operation  $\cdot$  on  $G$  such that the following three properties hold:

- $\cdot$  is *associative*; that is, for any  $a, b, c \in G$

$$a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$$

- There is an *identity* element  $e$  in  $G$  such that for all  $a \in G$ ,

$$a \cdot e = e \cdot a = a$$

- For each  $a \in G$ , there exists an *inverse* element  $a^{(-1)} \in G$  such that

$$a \cdot a^{-1} = a^{-1} \cdot a = e$$

- If the group also satisfies

For all  $a, b \in G$ ,

$$a \cdot b = b \cdot a$$

then the group is called *abelian* (or *commutative*).

A *Ring*  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a set  $R$ , together with two binary operations, denoted by  $+$  and  $\cdot$ , such that:

- $R$  is an abelian group with respect to  $+$ .
- $\cdot$  is associative; that is,  $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in R$ .
- The *distributive laws* hold; that is, for all  $a, b, c \in R$  we have  $a \cdot (b + c) = a \cdot b + a \cdot c$  and  $(b + c) \cdot a = b \cdot a + c \cdot a$

We note that the set  $\mathbf{Z}_p = \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ , where  $p$  is a prime number, satisfies axioms of a field.

- The set is closed under addition.
- Since  $p$  is prime number, any nonzero element in  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  has an inverse (Use Extended Euclidean algorithm).
- you can verify that additions and multiplications are distributive.

In  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ , unlike in Integers,  $p$  times any element in the field is zero in the field. This leads to a concept called “characteristic” of a field. We also denote  $\mathbf{Z}_p^*$  as a set of non-zero elements of  $\mathbf{Z}_p$ .

# Characteristic of $F$

## Definition

*Let  $F$  be a field with the multiplicative identity 1 and the additive identity 0. The characteristic of  $F$ , sometimes written as  $\text{char}(F)$ , is the smallest integer  $n \geq 0$  such that addition of the 1 with itself  $n$  times results in 0. i.e  $n(1) = 0$ .*

Note that for real and complex fields you cannot find a positive integer  $n$  satisfying the above criteria. Hence, the characteristic of real and complex fields is 0.

In contrast for residue class rings  $\mathbf{Z}_n$ , the characteristic is  $n$ .

When  $n$  is prime,  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  is a field and accordingly the characteristic of  $\mathbf{Z}_p$  is  $p$ . One of the consequences of the above property is that  $p \cdot \alpha = 0$  in the field for any  $\alpha$  in the field.

$\mathbf{Z}_p$  is the main source of prime fields. Another class of finite fields are those whose size is a power of prime, we will consider this class later.



## 2.3 Functions and Chinese Remainder Theorem

**Definition:** A function is defined by a triplet  $\langle X, Y, f \rangle$ , where  $X$ : a set called domain;  $Y$ : a set called range or codomain and  $f$ : a rule which assigns to each element in  $X$  precisely one element in  $Y$ .

It is denoted by  $f : X \rightarrow Y$

Example: Let  $X = Y = \mathbf{Z}_5$ , Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  given by  $f(x) = 2 * x$  is a function.

**Image** : If  $x \in X$ , the image of  $x$  in  $Y$  is an element  $y \in Y$  such that  $y = f(x)$ .

**Pre-image** : If  $y \in Y$ , then a Pre-image of  $y$  in  $X$  is an element  $x \in X$  such that  $f(x) = y$ .

**Image of a function  $f$  ( $Im(f)$ )**: A set of all elements in  $Y$  which have at least one Pre-image.

$$Im(f) = \bigcup_{x \in X} \{f(x)\} \quad (1)$$

# One-to-one (injective) Function

A function is one-to-one (injective) if each element in the codomain  $Y$  is the image of **at most** one element in the domain  $X$ . In other words, each element  $x$  in  $X$  is related to different  $y$  in  $Y$ , never two different elements in  $X$  map to a same element in  $Y$ . We can say that  $|X| \leq |Y|$ . An alternate definition would be, a  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is one-to-one ( injective), provided

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \text{ implies } x_1 = x_2.$$

**Examples:** Let  $X = Y = \mathbf{Z}_4$ , Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  given by  $f(x) = 3 * x$  is a one-to-one function. However  $f(x) = x^2$  is not a one-to-one function.

# Onto (surjective) Function

A function is Onto (surjective) if each element in the codomain  $Y$  is the image of **at least** one element in the domain  $X$ .

A function  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is onto if  $Im(f) = Y$

We can say that, if  $f$  is onto then  $|Y| \leq |X|$ .

**Example:** Let  $X = Y = \mathbf{Z}_5$ , Then  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  given by  $f(x) = x^2$  is a onto function.

**Bijection:** A function which is both one-to-one and onto.

In this case, we have  $|X| \leq |Y|$  and  $|Y| \leq |X|$ . This implies  $|X| = |Y|$ .

If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is one-to-one then  $f : X \rightarrow Im(f)$  is a bijection.

If  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  is onto and  $X$  and  $Y$  are finite sets of the same size then  $f$  is a bijection.

Let  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime number,  $X = \mathbf{Z}_{mn}$ ,  $Y = \mathbf{Z}_m \times \mathbf{Z}_n$ .  
Then the mapping

$$f : X \rightarrow Y, f(x) = ((x \bmod m), x \bmod n),$$

is a bijection.

**Example:**  $X := \mathbf{Z}_6$ ,  $Y = \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_3$ . The function  $f$  given below is a bijection:

$X = \mathbf{Z}_6$	$\rightarrow$	$\mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_3$
0	$\rightarrow$	(0, 0)
1	$\rightarrow$	(1, 1)
2	$\rightarrow$	(0, 2)
3	$\rightarrow$	(1, 0)
4	$\rightarrow$	(0, 1)
5	$\rightarrow$	(1, 2)

Table:  $f : \mathbf{Z}_6 \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_2 \times \mathbf{Z}_3$

# Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

Let  $n_1, n_2$  be pair-wise relatively prime integers, the system of simultaneous congruences

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1},$$

$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2},$$

has a unique solution modulo  $n = n_1 n_2$ .



Note that the mapping  $f : \mathbf{Z}_{n_1 n_2} \rightarrow \mathbf{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbf{Z}_{n_2}$  given by  $f(x) \rightarrow x \bmod n_1, x \bmod n_2$  is a bijection.

The proof has two points. First show that the function is one-to-one. If there exists two elements  $x$  and  $y$  such that

$$x \bmod n_1 = y \bmod n_1,$$

and

$$x \bmod n_2 = y \bmod n_2,$$

then  $x - y$  is divisible by both  $n_1$  and  $n_2$ . Since  $n_1$  and  $n_2$  are relatively prime,  $x - y$  is divisible by  $n_1 n_2 = n$ . Hence  $x$  and  $y$  are identical equal modulo  $n$ . This proves that the function is one-to-one. In the next slide, we give an explicit construction for the inverse function which proves that the map is onto. Hence the  $f$  is bijection.

In fact, Chinese Remainder theorem gives a construction method to obtain the inverse function. Let

$$N_1 = n/n_1 = n_2, N_2 = n/n_2 = n_1.$$

Choose

$$M_1 = (N_1)^{-1} \pmod{n_1}$$

and

$$M_2 = (N_2)^{-1} \pmod{n_2}$$

Then the solution to the simultaneous congruences is given by

$$x = a_1 (N_1 M_1) + a_2 (N_2 M_2) \pmod{n}.$$

You can immediately verify that  $x$  determined as above satisfies the congruences (This is because  $N_1 \pmod{n_2} = 0$  and  $N_2 \pmod{n_1} = 0$ )

# Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

If  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  are pair-wise relatively prime integers,  $k$  being a positive integer, the system of simultaneous congruences

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1},$$

$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2},$$

$$x \equiv a_3 \pmod{n_3},$$

...

$$x \equiv a_k \pmod{n_k},$$

has a unique solution modulo  $n = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$ .

Let

$$N_i = n/n_i$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

Choose

$$M_i = (N_i)^{-1} \pmod{n_i},$$

for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ .

Then the solution is given by

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^k a_i N_i M_i \pmod{n}.$$

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