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Fermat's Little Theorem

RSA

# 01204211 Discrete Mathematics

## Lecture 9a: Fermat's Little Theorem

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## Quick recap

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## Finding $a$ and $b$ : Extended Euclid Algorithm

We will modify the Euclid algorithm so that it also returns  $a$  and  $b$  together with  $\gcd(x, y)$ .

```
Algorithm Euclid(x,y):
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  if  $x \bmod y == 0$ :
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```
    return  $y, 0, 1$ 
```

```
  else:
```

```
     $g, a', b' = \text{Euclid}(y, x \bmod y)$ 
```

```
     $a = b'$ 
```

```
     $b = a' - b' \cdot \text{floor}(x / y)$ 
```

```
    return  $g, a, b$ 
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$$a'y + b'(x \bmod y) = g$$

$$ax + by = g$$

$$\left\lfloor \frac{x}{y} \right\rfloor$$

# Recap: Congruences

## Definition (congruences)

For an integer  $m > 0$ , if integers  $a$  and  $b$  are such that

$$a \bmod m = b \bmod m,$$

we write

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m}.$$

We also have that

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \iff m \mid (a - b)$$

## Recap: Multiplicative inverse modulo $m$

### Definition

The multiplicative inverse modulo  $m$  of  $a$ , denoted by  $a^{-1}$ , is an integer such that

$$a \cdot a^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}.$$

### Theorem 1

An integer  $a$  has a multiplicative inverse modulo  $m$  iff  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ .

extend gcd  $um$   
 $x \geq y$

$$x \cdot a + y \cdot m = 1 \quad \forall a$$
$$(x)a + (\cancel{y \cdot m}) \pmod{m} = 1 \pmod{m}$$

$=$

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$$5x \equiv 12 \pmod{25}$$

$$\cancel{5^{-1} \pmod{25}}$$

$$5 \cdot 5 = 25 \equiv 0 \pmod{25}$$

$$5 \cdot 10 = 50 \equiv 0 \pmod{25}$$

► Try to find factors of  $n$ . (Takes time  $\sqrt{n}$ )

$$5x \equiv 7 \pmod{19}$$

$$5^{-1} \cdot 5x \equiv 5^{-1} \cdot 7 \pmod{19}$$

$$5 \cdot 5^{-1} \equiv 1$$

$$\pmod{19}$$

$$\cancel{5^{-1} \cdot 5x} \equiv \boxed{5^{-1} \cdot 7} \pmod{19}$$

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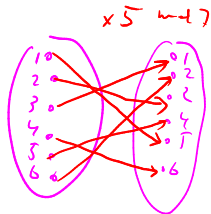
Is this coincidental? No. (We will prove that. But can you quickly tell why.)

Since  $B = C$ , the following terms are equal:

$$\left( \prod_{i \in B} i \right) \bmod 7 = \overset{1}{1} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{6} \bmod 7,$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} \left( \prod_{i \in C} i \right) \bmod 7 &= 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 1 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 \cdot 2 \bmod 7 \\ &= (1a) \cdot (2a) \cdot (3a) \cdot (4a) \cdot (5a) \cdot (6a) \bmod 7 \\ &= (\cancel{1} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdot \cancel{3} \cdot \cancel{4} \cdot \cancel{5} \cdot \cancel{6}) \cdot a^6 \bmod 7. \end{aligned}$$



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Since  $B = C$ , we have that  $\prod_{i \in B} i \equiv \prod_{i \in C} i \pmod{p}$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \cdot 2 \cdots (p-1) &\equiv (a1) \cdot (a2) \cdot (a3) \cdots (a(p-1)) \pmod{p} \\ &\equiv \cancel{1} \cdot \cancel{2} \cdots \cancel{(p-1)} \cdot a^{p-1} \pmod{p}. \end{aligned}$$

Since each of  $1, 2, \dots, p-1$  has an inverse modulo  $p$ , we can multiply both sides with  $1^{-1}, 2^{-1}, \dots, (p-1)^{-1}$  to obtain

$$1 \equiv a^{p-1} \pmod{p},$$

as required.

## Exercise

Prove that for any integer  $a$  and prime  $p$ ,

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

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We refer to  $a \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  such that  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$  and  $a^{n-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  as a **witness**. The other element  $b$  such that  $b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$  is called a **non-witness**.

How likely that we randomly choose an element and get a witness?

## Number of witnesses

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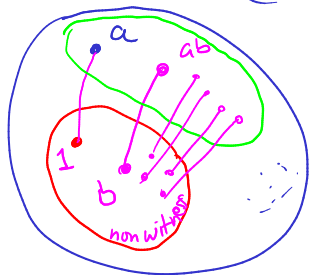
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Consider a non-witness  $b$  such that  $b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ . *(written)*

$ab$  witness?

$$(ab)^{n-1} \equiv a^{n-1} \cdot b^{n-1}$$

$$\equiv a^{n-1} \not\equiv 1$$



either witness or non 1 in  
or. witness  $\geq \frac{1}{2}(n-1)$

# Carmichael Number

A **Carmicheal number** is a composite number  $n$  where

$$b^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n},$$

for every  $b$  which are relatively prime to  $n$ .

$$\gcd(b, n) = 1$$

Carmicheal numbers are rare. The smallest is  $561 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 17$ . The next ones are 1105, 1729, and 2465. There are 20, 138, 200 Carmicheal numbers between 1 and  $10^{21}$ .

So, if we ignore Carmicheal numbers, the Fermat test is very good.

There are other probabilistic tests (e.g. Miller-Rabin test) that uses other properties that works for all numbers and there are deterministic algorithms for testing primes.

## Lemma 3

*If  $n$  is not a Carmicheal number, the Fermat test returns that  $n$  is a composite with probability at least  $1/2$ .*

Note that if you repeat the test for  $k$  times, the probability that it gives the wrong answer is at most  $1/2^k$ .

# Running time

$$\sqrt{n}$$

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