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Definitions

Definition (divisibility)

We say that an integer a **divides** b or b **is divisible by** a if there exist an integer k such that

$$b = ak.$$

If it is the case, we also write $a|b$. We also say that a is a **divisor** (or a **factor**) of b . On the other hand if a does not divide b , we write $a \nmid b$.

Examples

$\frac{a}{b}$ ✗

If $a|b$ and $a|c$, prove that $a|(b+c)$.

Proof: 1. ដោយសារ $a|b$ ទើប k គឺជាចំនួនគតិ ដែល $b=ka$

2. ដោយសារ $a|c$ ទើប l គឺជាចំនួនគតិ ដែល $c=la$

3. ពី ១ 66: 2 ទើបបាន $b+c=ka+la=(k+l)a$

4. ដោយសារ k 66: 2 ដូច្នេះ $k+l$ ក៏ជាចំនួនគតិ

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Exercise: IF $a|b$ and $b|c$, then $a|c$.

1. ដោយសារ $a|b$, ទើប k_a គឺជាចំនួនគតិ ដែល $b=k_a \cdot a$

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3. ពី 1 & 2, $c=k_b \cdot b = k_b \cdot k_a \cdot a$ 66: $k_b \cdot k_a$ គឺជាចំនួនគតិ

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$$b = qa + r,$$

where $0 \leq r < |a|$.



$$-10 = (4)(-3) + 2$$

$$10 = (-3)(-3) + 1$$

$$\begin{cases} 10 \div 3 = 3 \text{ remainder } 1 \\ -10 \div 3 = -4 \text{ remainder } 2 \\ 10 \div -3 = -4 \text{ remainder } -2 \end{cases}$$

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Examples:

$$\begin{aligned} 10 \bmod 3 &= 1 \\ -10 \bmod 3 &= 2 \\ 10 \bmod (-3) &= 1 \end{aligned} \quad (???)$$

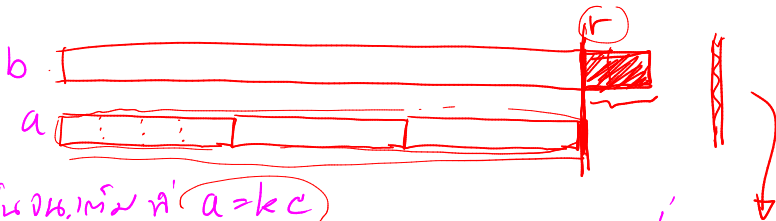
We use operator **mod** to denote an operation for finding the remainder of a division.
I.e., $a \bmod b$ is the remainder of dividing a with b .

Examples

known $a > 0$

Let r be the remainder of the division of b by a . Assume that $c|a$ and $c|b$. Prove that $c|r$.

$r = b \bmod a$, If $c|a$ and $c|b$, then $c|r$.



∃ $k \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a = kc$

known $r = b \bmod a$, ∃ integer q s.t.

$$b = aq + r = kc \cdot q + r$$

known $c|b$ ∃ integer l s.t. $b = lc$

$$\begin{aligned} lc &= k \cdot c \cdot q + r \\ r &= lc - kcq \\ &= (l - kq)c \end{aligned}$$

More examples

For every integer a , $a - 1 \mid a^2 - 1$.

$$\text{btwn } a^2 - 1 = \underline{(a+1)(a-1)} \dots$$

Primes

Definition (primes)

הגדרה: ראשוניים

- ▶ An integer $p > 1$ is a **prime** if its divisors are only p , $-p$, 1 , and -1 .
- ▶ If an integer $n > 1$ is not a prime, it is called a **composite**.
- ▶ Note: 1 is not a prime and also not a composite.

Fundamental theorem of arithmetic

Unique factorization

Every integer greater than 1 can be represented uniquely as a product of prime numbers, up to the order of the factors.

$$15 = 5 \cdot 3 \neq 3 \cdot 5$$

Algorithm for testing primes

2, 3, 4, ..., $n-1$

Recall our CheckPrime2 algorithm

$O(n) \times$

```
Algorithm CheckPrime2(n): // Input: an integer n
  if n <= 1:
    return False
  let s = square root of n
  i = 2
  while i <= s:
    if n is divisible by i:
      return False
    i = i + 1
  return True
```

$O(\sqrt{n})$

$= O(2^{\frac{\log_2 n}{2}})$

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Input: n arbitrary input (division)

$\log_2 n$
↑

RSA

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Side note: Recall that the first step in RSA is to find a pair of large primes. Typically we want them to be of size in the thousand bits.

(Fermat's Little Theorem)

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$$gcd(x, y) \geq 1$$

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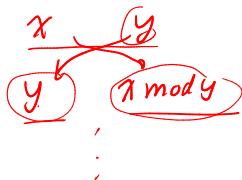
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Algorithm Euclid(x,y):  
  if  $x \bmod y == 0$ :  
    return y  
  else:  
    return Euclid(y, x mod y)
```



Handwritten calculation showing the steps of Euclid's algorithm for 2400 and 1250 :

$$\begin{array}{r} 2400, 1250 \\ \hline 1250, 1150 \\ \hline 1150, 100 \\ \hline 100, \quad \quad \quad \textcircled{50} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

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$x < y$, or $E(y, x \bmod y)$
 x

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Let's see how it works with Euclid(12311, 24324):

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Euclid(12311, 12013)

Euclid(12013, 298)

Euclid(298, 93)

Euclid(93, 19)

Euclid(19, 17)

Euclid(17, 2)

Euclid(2, 1)

Proofs

We have to prove two properties:

WPP from algo

WSP min & max

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Note that when $x < y$, $\text{Euclid}(x, y)$ just calls itself with both arguments swapped, i.e., $\text{Euclid}(y, x)$. After that, in each call, x is always larger than y . For simplicity of the analysis, we shall work only with the case that $x > y$.

Theorem 1

For any integers x and y such that $x > y$, $\text{Euclid}(x, y) = \gcd(x, y)$.

Proof.

We prove using strong induction. For the base case, note that when $y|x$, $\gcd(x, y) = y$; therefore, the base case of the algorithm is correct.

Our induction hypothesis is: for any $x' < x$ and $y' < y$, $\text{Euclid}(x', y') = \gcd(x', y')$.

→ Now assume that $y \nmid x$. The Euclid algorithm returns $\text{Euclid}(y, x \bmod y)$ as the gcd. Note that $y < x$ and $x \bmod y < y$. Therefore, we can use the I.H. to claim that

$$\text{Euclid}(y, x \bmod y) = \gcd(y, x \bmod y).$$

Thus, we are left to show that

$$\gcd(x, y) = \gcd(y, x \bmod y).$$



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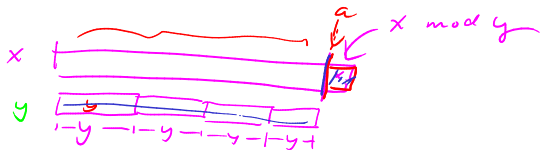
Let $\lfloor a \rfloor$ be the largest integer a' such that $a' \leq \lfloor a \rfloor$.

$$x \bmod y = \underbrace{x - \left\lfloor \frac{x}{y} \right\rfloor \cdot y}$$

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Lemma 3

$$\gcd(x, y) = \gcd(y, x \bmod y)$$

- if g divides x, y and z , g divides $y, x \bmod y$
 $\Rightarrow \gcd(y, x \bmod y) \geq \gcd(x, y)$
- if g divides $y, x \bmod y$, (Axiom), g divides x and y .
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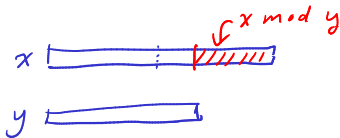
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$$\Rightarrow x \bmod y < x/2$$

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- ▶ How many times can that happen?
- ▶ The first argument can decrease by a factor of two for at most $\log x$ times.
Therefore, the Euclid algorithm runs in time $O(\log \max\{x, y\}) = O(\log x + \log y)$.

number polynomial-time

Computing power (Subroutine for RSA)

$$y = 2^k$$

How fast can we compute x^y ?

$$\underbrace{x \cdot x \cdot x \cdots x}_y$$

$O(y)$ — does 1 work $O(1)$

↑
Linear polynomial.

$$\begin{aligned} x^1 &= x \\ x \cdot x &= x^2 \\ x^2 \cdot x^2 &= x^4 \\ x^4 \cdot x^4 &= x^8 \end{aligned}$$

repeated squaring

in y iterations

```
t ← x
while y > 1:
    t ← t * t
    y ← y / 2
O(log y)
```

```
def power(x, y):
    if y == 0:
        return 1
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14 → 7
↓
(x³)²

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    a = power(x, y / 2)
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```

Repeated squaring (general y)

Algorithm power(x, y):

if $y == 0$:

return 1

else:

$a = \text{power}(x, \text{floor}(y / 2))$

if $y \bmod 2 == 0$:

return $a*a$

else

return $a*a*x$

// y is even

odd x

$$y = 2l + 1$$

$$\frac{x^l}{a} \cdot \frac{x^l}{a} \cdot x$$

→ $O(\log y)$

x - b bits
 (x^y) - $b \cdot 2^b$ bits

$$x^y \bmod n$$

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While the number of multiplication is small, the numbers involved is huge as x^y has $y \log x$ bits. Computing x^y exactly definitely takes a long time.

Repeated squaring (general y , mod n) \leftarrow colab RSA

$$\underline{m}^e (\underline{\text{mod } n})$$

* Computing $x^y \bmod n$:

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Algorithm power(x,y,n):
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  if y == 0:
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    return 1
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  else:
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    a = power(x, floor(y / 2)) mod n
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    if y mod 2 == 0:
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      return (a*a) mod n
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    else
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      return (a*a*x) mod n
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$O(\log y)$ sor

$y // 2$

mod %

amhar vildm $\boxed{n^3} \rightarrow 3 \log n$