

# 01204211 Discrete Mathematics

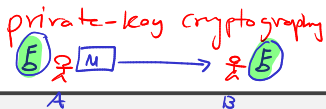
## Lecture 9b: RSA Review and Euler's Theorem

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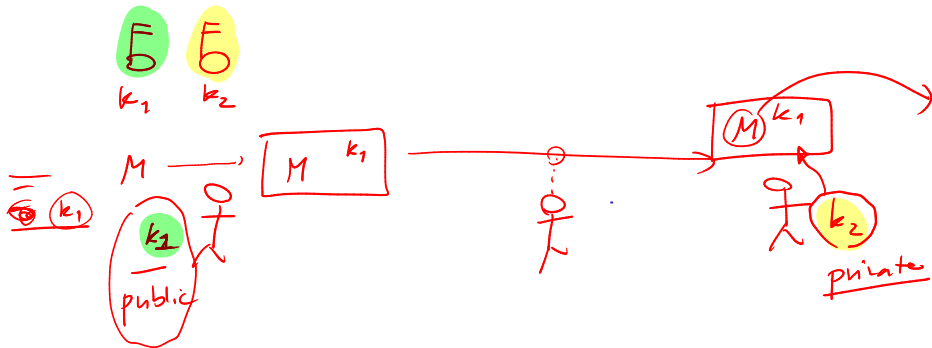
private-key cryptography



Alice (A) has a green circle with 'E' and a blue box with 'M'. An arrow points to Bob (B) who has a green circle with 'E'.

public-key cryptography

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## 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

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

## 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  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ .*

## Theorem 2 (Fermat's Little Theorem)

*If  $p$  is prime and  $a$  is an integer such that  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ ,*

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

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*Is this useful?* Yes! In the RSA algorithm.

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Assume  
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