

ACOL 202

Lecture 17

Theorem Let  $n$  and  $m$  be any two relatively prime integers. For any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_m$ , there exist one and only one integer  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{nm}$  such that  $x \bmod n = a$  and  $x \bmod m = b$ .

Only one  
Suppose not:

Let  $x$  and  $x'$  be such that . . . .

$$x \bmod n = a = x' \bmod n$$

$$x \bmod m = b = x' \bmod m$$

$$x - x' \bmod n = 0 \Rightarrow n \mid x - x'$$

$$x - x' \bmod m = 0 \Rightarrow m \mid x - x'$$

Claim If  $n$  and  $m$  are relatively prime, and  $n \mid a$  and  $m \mid a$  then  $nm \mid a$ .

$$\Rightarrow nm \mid x - x' \Rightarrow x = x'.$$

# Proof of the claims

$$n|a$$

$$m|a$$

$$\Rightarrow a = nk_1$$

$$ma = \underline{mnk_1}$$

$$a = mk_2$$

$$na = nmk_2$$

$$\exists \quad xn + ym$$

$$a = \underline{xn}a + y\underline{ma}$$

$$xnmk_2 + ymnk_1$$

$$= nm(xk_2 + yk_1)$$

Proof that there exist one such  $x$ .

$n, m$  are relatively prime.

Extended-Euclid  $(n, m) = (c, d, 1)$

$$cn + dm = 1 \Rightarrow \underline{acn + adm = a}$$

Claim

$$x = (adm + bcn) \bmod nm$$

We need to prove that  $a \bmod n = a$   
 $a \bmod m = b$

$$(a \bmod m + b \bmod n) \bmod nm$$

$$= (a \bmod m + b \bmod n) \bmod n \quad [\text{Tutorial 7 Q1}]$$

$$= (a \bmod m + 0) \bmod n$$

$$= (a \bmod m + a \bmod n) \bmod n$$

$$= a \bmod n = a.$$

Proved

## Exercise

Find  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{30}$

such that  $x \bmod 5 = 4$

and  $x \bmod 6 = 5$

$$n = 5 \quad a = 4 \quad c = -1$$

$$m = 6 \quad b = 5 \quad d = 1$$

$$(adm + bcn) \bmod nm$$

$$24 + (-25) \bmod 30 = -1 \bmod 30 = 29$$

Exercise

Find  $x$  such that  $x \bmod 7 = 1$  and  $x \bmod 9 = 5$

$$x \bmod 2 = 0$$

$$x \bmod 3 = 2$$

$$x \bmod 5 = 1$$

$$n \quad a$$

$$m \quad b$$

$$\text{Extended-Euclid}(2,3) = (c, d, 1)$$

$$y = (adm + bcn) \bmod nm$$

$$= -4 \bmod 6$$

$$= 2$$

$$x \bmod 6 = 2$$

$$n \quad a$$

$$x \bmod 5 = 1$$

$$c = -1$$

$$d = 1$$

$$(6 + 2 \cdot (-1) \cdot 5) \bmod 30$$

$$= -4 \bmod 30$$

$$= 26$$

General version  
( $k$  congruences)

Let  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k$  be integers that  
are pairwise relatively prime, for  
some  $k \geq 1$ . Let  $N = \prod_{i=1}^k n_i$ .

Then for any  $\langle a_1 \dots a_k \rangle$  such that  
 $a_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{n_i}$ , there exists  
one and only one integer  $x \in \mathbb{Z}_N$   
such that  $x \bmod n_i = a_i$   
for all  $i$ .



# Arithmetic over $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

## Division

$$\mathbb{Z}_9 = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 8\}$$

$$\text{half of } 6? = 3$$

$$8? = 4$$

$$3? = 6$$

$$3 \times 2 = 6$$

$$4 \times 2 = 8$$

$$6 \times 2 = 3$$

$$\underline{7} \times 2 = 5$$

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| 0 | 5 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 7 | 3 | 8 | 4 |

# Multiplicative identity and inverse ( $\mathbb{N}$ )

inverse Not Defined when  $x = 0$   
in every other case  $\frac{1}{x}$ .

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Multiplicative inverses in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

$a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  is  $a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

$$a a^{-1} = a^{-1} a = 1$$

If there is no such  $a^{-1}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$   
then not defined.

Multiplicative  
inverse of

2 in  $\mathbb{Z}_9$

5

3 in  $\mathbb{Z}_9$

not defined

Claim

Let  $n \geq 2$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

Then  $a^{-1}$  exists in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  iff

$n$  and  $a$  are  
relatively prime.

$$ax \bmod n = 1$$

$$ay \bmod n = 1$$

$$(ax - ay) \bmod n = 0$$

$$a(x - y) \bmod n = 0$$

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$$ax(x - y) \equiv_n 0$$

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There cannot be two multiplicative inverses of  $a$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

## Proof of the claim

By def<sup>n</sup>, multiplicative inverse  
of  $a$  exists in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$   
precisely when there is an  
integer  $x$  such that  
 $ax \equiv_n 1$ .

Claim

For any  $n \geq 2$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$   
there exists  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  
 $ax \equiv_n 1$  iff  $\exists y \in \mathbb{Z}_n$  st  $ay \equiv_n 1$ .

We'll prove the claim later.

$$ax \equiv_n 1$$

$$\text{iff } ax = kn + 1$$

$$\text{iff } ax - kn = 1$$

$$\text{iff } ax + (-k)n = 1$$

$$\text{iff } ax + yn = 1$$

There exists  $a^{-1}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  iff there exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $ax + yn = 1$ .

$a^{-1}$  exists in  $\mathbb{Z}_n \Rightarrow a$  and  $n$   
are relatively  
prime.

(Prove the Contrapositive)

$a$  and  $n$  not relatively  
prime

$$\gcd(a, n) = d (> 1)$$

$$d \mid a \quad d \mid n$$

$$a = k_1 d \quad n = k_2 d$$

$$\begin{aligned} ax &= x k_1 d \\ yn &= y k_2 d \end{aligned}$$

$$ax + yn = d(xk_1 + yk_2)$$

$\therefore a^{-1}$  does not exist  
in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .

The other direction follows from  
Extended - Euclid ( $a, n$ )

which gives  $(x, y, 1)$

such that  $ax + yn = 1$ .

Proof of the claim

One direction — trivial.

$$x \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$ax \bmod n = 1.$$

$$y = (x \bmod n)$$

$$ay \bmod n$$

$$= [a(x \bmod n)] \bmod n$$

$$= [a(x - \lfloor \frac{x}{n} \rfloor n)] \bmod n$$

$$= [ax - a\lfloor \frac{x}{n} \rfloor n] \bmod n$$



inverse (a, n)

$x, y, d = \text{Extended-Euclid}(a, n)$

if  $d = 1$

return  $x \bmod n$

else

return "  $a^{-1}$  does not  
exist "

Corollary If  $p$  is prime  
then every non-zero  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$   
has a multiplicative inverse  
in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ .

Lemma For any prime  $p$  and  
any non-zero  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$   
the first  $(p-1)$  multiples of  $a$   
 $\{1 \cdot a, 2 \cdot a, \dots, (p-1) \cdot a\}$  is precisely the set  
 $\{1, \dots, (p-1)\}$

Consider  $p = 7$

| $i$          | 1        | 2        | 3        | 4        | 5        | 6        |
|--------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| $4i \bmod 7$ | <u>4</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>5</u> | <u>2</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>3</u> |
| $5i \bmod 7$ | <u>5</u> | <u>3</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>6</u> | <u>4</u> | <u>2</u> |

$ia \bmod p$

~~$p \nmid ia$~~   
 $i \in \{1 \dots p-1\}$   
 $a \in \{1 \dots p-1\}$

# Fermat's Little Theorem

Let  $p$  be a prime  
and let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  where  
 $a \neq 0$ .

Then  $a^{p-1} \equiv_p 1$ .

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