

Number Theory

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How Many ways you can
divide n chocolates
evenly among some
number of people ?

Everytime someone spin it, it stop k step forward, how many ways you can choose k so that it will stop at every step? When number of step is n.



Given a set of available
bill/banknote

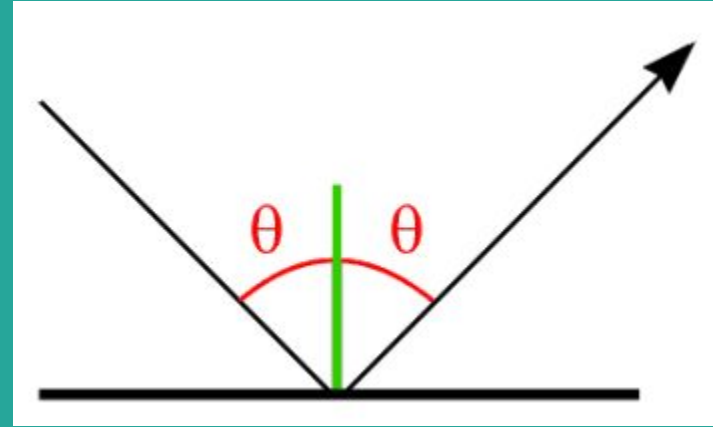
- What's the minimum amount you can change ?
- Given a amount , how to decide is it possible to make change of given amount ?

{12,15,24,45}

What is the minimum
amount you can make
changes?

Can we change 25 ?

You have a $n \times m$ rectangle, which has 4 vertices at $(0,0)$, $(n,0)$, (n,m) and $(0,m)$ accordingly. Also you have a ball at point (x,y) inside the rectangle, which is moving at a speed (v_x, v_y) . Meaning at $t=0$, the position of the ball is (x,y) , in next second it will be at point $(x+v_x, y+v_y)$. given that $|v_x| = |v_y|$. When ball hits at any boundary, the direction changes but velocity remains the same. Direction changes in a way such incoming angle is same as outgoing angle. The question is what is the position of the ball after t seconds?



Sets of Integers

Set	Name	Symbol
$\{\dots-2,-1,0,1,2\dots\}$	Integers	\mathbb{Z}
$\{0,1,2,3,4,5,\dots\}$	Non negative integers	\mathbb{Z}^+
$\{1,2,3,4,5,\dots\}$	Positive Integers	$\mathbb{Z}^+ , \mathbb{N}$
$\{0,1,2,\dots,n-1\}$	Additive group modulo n	\mathbb{Z}_n^+
$\{1,3,7,9\}_{10}$	Multiplicative group modulo n	\mathbb{Z}_n^*

Divisors

- Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, that is a , b and c are 3 integers
- And $c = ab$
- Then a and b both are divisor of c
- We write $a|c$, means a divide c
- In other word, a will be a divisor of c if there exist a integer b for which $c = ab$ is true.

Multiples

- A integer c is multiple of another integer a iff there exist a integer b or which $c=ab$ is true.

Properties

- If $d|a$ and $d|b$ then $d|(a-b)$ and $d|(a+b)$
 - Prove
- If $d|a$ and $d|b$ then $d|(ax+by)$
 - Prove
- $a|b$ and $b|a$ implies $a=\pm b$

Reminders

- $a \% b = a - \lfloor a/b \rfloor b$
- Sometime we call a modulo b , or simply $a \bmod b$
- $a \bmod b = a - (\text{largest multiple of } b \text{ which is less than or equal } a)$
- Well defined when a is negative
- Not defined when b is zero
- If $a \% m = b \% m$, then a and b are modular equivalent in modulo m , we write $a \equiv b \bmod m$
 - We'll talk more in later

Primes

- Any positive integer n has two trivial divisor , namely 1 and n .
- If n has no other divisor other than 1 and n , then n is called prime number.
- With the exception of 1 , so to be precise , a prime number has exactly two distinct divisor (1 has one divisor)
- To check whether a number is prime or not , we can search for a non trivial divisor .
- If $c=ab$ and $a \leq b$ then $a \leq \sqrt{c}$ and $b \geq \sqrt{c}$
- So we can bound our search till \sqrt{c}

Sieve / pruning and segmentation

- Normal sieve
- Mark all even number first
- Ignore even numbers (when you need the list only)
- Bitwise (using 32/64/128 bit number)
- Segmentation
- Variation (precalculating all prime factor/sod/nod till n)

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Prime numbers
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40	
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50	
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60	
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70	
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78	79	80	
81	82	83	84	85	86	87	88	89	90	
91	92	93	94	95	96	97	98	99	100	
101	102	103	104	105	106	107	108	109	110	
111	112	113	114	115	116	117	118	119	120	

GCD and LCM

- Gcd is greatest common divisor of 2 or more integer
 - $\gcd(10,15,25)=5$
- LCM is Lowest common multiple of two or more number.
- $\gcd(a,b)$ is smallest linear combination of a b
 - Let $s=ax+by$, s is positive and smallest possible for some $x,y \in \mathbb{Z}$
 - Let $q=\lfloor a/s \rfloor$, $a \% s = a - qs = a - q(ax+by) = a(1-qx) + b(-qy)$
 - So $a \% s$ is also a linear combination of a,b and we have $0 \leq a \% s < s$
 - But $a \% s$ cant be positive and less than s at the same time
 - So $a \% s = 0$ and $s|a$, with the same argument, we can show $s|b$
 - So $s \mid \gcd(a,b)$ [any common divisor divides gcd]
 - But $\gcd(a,b) \mid s$ [if $d|a$ and $d|b$ then $d|(ax+by)$]
 - So $s = \gcd(a,b)$

- $\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(b,a)$
- $\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(-a,b)$
- $\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(|a|,|b|)$
- $\gcd(a,0) = |a|$
- If $d|a$, $d|b$ then $d|\gcd(a,b)$
- $\gcd(xa,xb) = x.\gcd(a,b)$
- $\gcd(a,ka) = |a|$, for any $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- $\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(b,a \% b)$
- For any $x,y \in \mathbb{Z}$ $ax+by = z.\gcd(a,b)$ for some $z \in \mathbb{Z}$
- $\gcd(a,b)$ is smallest linear combination of a b

Coprime / Relatively primes

- Two or more integer are called relatively prime is they has no common divisor other than 1.
- In other word , if $\gcd(a,b) = 1$ then a and b are relatively prime

Integer factorization

- Any positive integer > 1 can be represented as a multiple of prime numbers only.
 - A prime number can contribute more than one time
 - $100 = 2 \times 2 \times 5 \times 5 = 2^2 5^2$
 - If no prime number occurs more than once, the number is called square-free
 - $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} p_3^{k_3} p_4^{k_4} \dots p_m^{k_m}$
- Such representation called prime factorization and it's unique for any positive integer
- We can calculate prime factorization of a integer in $O(\sqrt{n})$ time
- We can do some better if we have list of all prime numbers till \sqrt{n}

Basic counting functions (ϕ, σ_0, σ_1)

$$\phi(n) = \sum [a > 0 \wedge a < n \wedge \gcd(a, n) = 1]$$

$$\sigma_k(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^k$$

- Let's start with σ_0 , which simplifies to number of divisor of n .
 - Given a number, think we have it's prime factorization, then how can we construct a divisor? how many of them
- All three functions are multiplicative.
- $\phi(p)=p-1, \sigma_0(p)=2, \sigma_1(p)=p+1$ for any prime p
- $\phi(p^k)=p^k-p^{k-1}, \sigma_0(p^k)=k+1, \sigma_1(p^k)=1+p+p^2+p^3+..+p^k=(p^{k+1}-1)/(p-1)$
 - $p, 2p, 3p, 4p, \dots, p^{k-1}p(=p^k)$, whose are the number who is not co prime with p^k
- For any other number, prime factorize it and multiply the result from each prime component

GCD , Euclidean Algorithm, proofs and Applications

- $\gcd(a,b)=\gcd(b,a\%b)$
- Let $d=\gcd(a,b)$ and $q=\lfloor a/b \rfloor$ then $a\%b=a-qb$
- So $d|(a\%b)$, since $d|b$ so $d|\gcd(b,a\%b) \Rightarrow \gcd(a,b)|\gcd(b,a\%b)$
- Now let $d=\gcd(b,a\%b)$ and $q=\lfloor a/b \rfloor$ then $a=a\%b + qb$
- So $d|a$, since $d|b$ then $d|\gcd(a,b) \Rightarrow \gcd(b,a\%b)|\gcd(a,b)$
- So $\gcd(a,b)=\gcd(b,a\%b)$

Extended euclid

- $\gcd(a,b)=ax+by$
- $\gcd(a,0)=a=a\cdot 1+0\cdot 0$
- $\gcd(a,b)=\gcd(b,a\%b)$
- $ax+by=bu+(a\%b)v$ [assuming $\gcd(b,a\%b)=bu+(a\%b)v$, and we know u and v]
- $ax+by=bu+(a-bq)v$ [$q=\lfloor a/b \rfloor$]
- $ax+by=av+b(u-qv)$
- So we got, $x=v, y=u-qv$

Modular Arithmetics

- If $a \% m = b \% m$ then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$
- $a \% m = a - \lfloor a/m \rfloor m$
 - So $-16 \% 10 = -16 - \lfloor -16/10 \rfloor 10 = -16 - (-2)10 = -16 + 20 = 4$
- $(a+b) \% m = ((a \% m) + (b \% m)) \% m$
- $(a*b) \% m = ((a \% m) * (b \% m)) \% m$
- $a \% m$ is always non-negative regardless of a , assuming m is positive
- $a \% m = (a \% m + m) \% m$
 - Since $m \% m = 0$
- If $a < 0$ then $(a \% m + m) \% m$ will give a non-negative result (c/c++)
- Notice $(a/b) \% m$ is not well defined since we're dealing with integers only

Prove that $p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{6}$
Where p is prime and $p > 3$

work : try proving $p^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$
, where p is a prime and > 3

Multiplicative inverse

- Remember reciprocals ? dividing by 3 is same as multiplying by $\frac{1}{3}$ or 3^{-1}
- If we multiply 3 and it's inverse $\frac{1}{3}$ or 3^{-1} , we should get 1
 - $3*3^{-1}=3*\frac{1}{3}=1$, $a*a^{-1}=a*(1/a)=1$
- We can apply same argument here , like if $a*b \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$, we can treat b as a^{-1} or $1/a$ [and vice versa] whenever needs
 - $a*b \equiv 1 \pmod{m} \Rightarrow b \equiv 1/a \pmod{m} \Rightarrow b \equiv a^{-1} \pmod{m}$
 - $3*7 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$ so , $8/3 \equiv 8*7 \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$
- Does every number has a modular inverse ? does it depends on modulo ?
 - Prove that $a*b \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ is possible iff $\gcd(a,m)=\gcd(b,m)=1$
 - That is modular inverse of a number a exist in modulo m , if and only if $\gcd(a,m)=1$

Find a^{-1} modulo m

- Given $\gcd(a,m)=1$, find a^{-1} , that is find a number b such that $a*b \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$
- Let's say we have $\gcd(a,m)=ax+my=1$
 - We can find such x y by extended euclid algorithm
- Take the modulo m , we have $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ [since $my \% m = 0$]
 - Bingo, x is our modular inverse, $a^{-1} = x$
- If you don't wanna write extended euclid, here is another way for you
 - Let $q = \lfloor m/a \rfloor$, then $m \% a = m - qa$
 - $(m \% a) \equiv -qa \pmod{m}$
 - $(m \% a) \cdot a^{-1} \equiv -qa \cdot a^{-1} \pmod{m}$
 - $(m \% a) \cdot a^{-1} \equiv -q \pmod{m}$
 - $a^{-1} \equiv -q(m \% a)^{-1} \pmod{m}$
- We have (at least) two other ways for finding modular inverse. Will see later on

```
int modular_inverse(int a,int m){  
    if(a==1)  
        return 1;  
    return ((m-(m/a))*modular_inverse(m%a,m))%m;  
}
```

Integer hashing

- How to calculate $a \% m$ when a is way big and m fits in an integer variable ?
- We can extract digit by digit from a , and maintain the modulo m instead of actual a
- $6896454679 \% 999 = (6896454670 + 9) \% 999 = (6896454670 \% 999 + 9) \% 999$
- In that way we can determine whether the number a is a multiple of m or not.
- If sum of digits of n is divisible by 3 or 9 respectively then n is also divisible by 3 or 9, but why ?

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rem=0
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for(i=0;i<n;i++)
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    rem=(rem*10+a[i])%mod
```

Fermat little Theorem / Euler theorem

- Imagine a sequence $1, a, a^2, a^3, a^4, a^5, a^6, \dots$ In modulo m
- The sequence must end up with some kind of cycle [why?]
- What is the maximum and minimum length of that cycle ?
 - If $\gcd(a, m) = 1$, cycle will always form a circle , means $a^i \% m = 1$ for some $i > 0$
 - If $\gcd(a, m) \neq 1$ then cycle is likely to shape a p form other than circle
 - Maximum cycle length is $\phi(m)$, when m is prime it's $m-1$
 - For any a such $\gcd(a, m) = 1$, cycle length is a divisor of $\phi(m)$
- $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod p$ when p is a prime and $0 < a < p$ [Fermat Little theorem]
- $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod m$, where $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ [Euler theorem]
- If we agree on those fact above , these two theorem are direct conclusion from them
- Moreover , Fermat little theorem is just a special case of euler theorem.

Calculating modular inverse (again)

- Since $a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ we have $a \cdot a^{\varphi(m)-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$
- So , $a^{\varphi(m)-1}$ is the modular inverse of a in modulo m
- Moreover when m is prime , (say $m=p$) then $a^{-1} \equiv a^{p-2} \pmod{p}$

Binary Exponentiation

```
int pow(a,b):  
    if b==0:  
        return 1  
    res=pow(a,b/2)  
    res=res*res  
    if b is even:  
        return res  
    Else :  
        return res*a
```

```
int pow(a,b):  
    res=1  
    for(i=b;i>0;i=(i>>  
1))  
        If i is odd:  
            res=res*a  
        a=a*a  
    return res
```

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int pow(a,b):  
    res=1  
    for i=0 to 30:  
        If i'th bit of b  
is SET:  
            res=res*a  
        a=a*a  
    return res
```

- If we need to calculate $a^b \bmod m$, we can do that in exact same ways, just need to take modulo each time after any operation on res or a.
- The main problem here that we need a multiplication here, which limits the value of mod roughly in 10^9
- To demonstrate last two functions, expand b as a sum of distinct powers of 2

Binary Exponentiation (cont..)

- $a^{25} = a^{16+8+1} = a^{16} \cdot a^8 \cdot a^1$
- On each iteration we square a , means it's generates this sequence below
 - $a, a^2, a^4, a^8, a^{16}, a^{32}, a^{64}, a^{128}, a^{256}, \dots$
- We check corresponding bit of b to decide whether we need the current term in the results or not?

```
int pow(a,b,m):  
    res=1%m  
    for(i=b;i>0;i=(i>>1))  
        If i is odd:  
            res=res*a % m  
        a=a*a%m  
    return res
```

We still have the problem with the limits of m . we can have 64 bit unsigned variable in our computer, but our $ab \bmod m$ only work if m is 32 bit . We need to work it out.

Matrix exponentiation

- We can use the same idea to calculate exponent of a matrix (square matrix to be more specific)
- Just use the same code bellow , $\text{res} = 1$, need to change it as $\text{res} = I_n$, where res is a $n \times n$ matrix , I_n means identity matrix.
- $\text{a} = \text{a} * \text{a}$, just squaring a and then saving it into a again.
- $\text{res} = \text{res} * \text{a}$ (or you can write $\text{res} = \text{a} * \text{res}$) , is multiplying res with a .

Up to the limit

- We want to work out the overflow
- So, we'll just get rid of multiplication operator , (mod operator as well).
- More specifically , we want none of our calculation to exceed m
- We can pay extra $O(\log m)$ and do the multiplication exactly same way of pow()
- But now the problem is addition , though it's allow m to as large as $(2^{64}+2)/2 - 1$ with 64 bit unsigned int. But not quite $2^{64}-1$
- With the function add(), m is not a problem now. Note that add() has no cost.

```
int pow(a,b,m):
    res=1%m
    for(i=b;i>0;i=(i>>1))
        If i is odd:
            res=multiply(res,a,m)
        a=multiply(a,a,m)
    return res
int multiply(a,b,m):
    int res=0
    for(i=b;i>0;i=(i>>1))
        for(i=b;i>0;i=(i>>1))
            If i is odd:
                res=add(res,a,m)
            a=add(a,a,m)
    return res
int add(a,b,m):
    if m-b>a:
        return a+b
    else : return a-(m-b)
```

Multilevel exponent , applying modulo on exponent

- Recall fermat little theorem
 - $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod p$ when p is a prime and $0 < a < p$
- Let's say we want to calculate $a^x \pmod p$, where p is a prime , $0 < a < p$ and x is way to large , (Like 10000 digit decimal or 10^5 bit binary)
- With the previous algorithm for $\text{pow}(a,x,m)$, everything is fine . infact complexity is not gonna improved but it's not clear how we will check the last bit of x each time , or how will we divide it by 2 , or right shift by 1. If we need any extra cost to do that , our complexity will rise . Either way , it's a mess to work with such number.
- Let's assume $q = \lfloor x/(p-1) \rfloor$, and $r = x \% (p-1)$

Multilevel exponent , applying modulo on exponent

- $a^x \bmod p = a^{q(p-1)+r} = a^{q(p-1)} a^r = (a^{p-1})^q a^r \equiv 1^q a^r \bmod p \equiv a^r \bmod p$
- What we just showed is $a^x \bmod p \equiv a^{x \bmod p-1} \bmod p$, when p is prime and $1 < a < p$
- Using same set of arguments , with euler theorem we can conclude $a^x \bmod m \equiv a^{x \bmod \phi(m)} \bmod m$, the only restriction here is a and m needs to be co-prime.
- But , what if a and m is not coprime , can we do something ?
- $a^x \% m = a^{\phi(m) + (x \bmod \phi(m)) \% m} \bmod m$ if $x \geq \log_2(m)$
 - If m fit's in 64 bit then x just need to larger than 64
- But wait ? why this is true why we are multiplying $a^{\phi(m)}$, which is just one?
 - $a^{\phi(m)}$ is not just one , not always . only when a and m co-prime
 - $5^4 \% 10 = 0$, $0^{\text{anything}} \bmod \text{anything} = 0$
- Well , why this is true ?
 - ~~Still a question to me.~~ Will not fit here.

Generator

- Remember Z_n^* ? $Z_n^* = \{x: 0 < x < n \text{ and } \gcd(x, n) = 1\}$, the set of all positive coprime number with n which are smaller than n
- Also recall that $\phi(n)$ is the cardinality of that set.
- Any element g from this set , from a circular cycle when taking its exponent
 - $1, g, g^2, g^3, g^4, \dots \pmod n$
- Which is means there exist a (many) positive j for which $g^j \pmod n = 1$
- Let's say x is smallest positive such j for which $g^x \pmod n = 1$
 - $x \leq \phi(n)$, [conclusion from euler theorem]
- If $x = \phi(n)$ that means , it's 'generate' every single element of the set before it's getting back to 1
- If $x < \phi(n)$, then it's must be a divisor of $\phi(n)$ [again , euler theorem but how?]
- Z_n^* has a (or more) generator if and only if $n = 2, 4, p^i$ and $2p^i$, where p is prime and i is positive integer.

Generator

- To find a generator (after confirming that there exists one), we can do no better than brute force search
 - At least as far as I know
- However, we can speed up our search by using some facts
- If $a^x \bmod m = 1$ and $x < \phi(m)$, x could not be a generator
- We do not need to check all x , any x for which $a^x \bmod m = 1$ holds, must be a divisor of $\phi(m)$
- To check a candidate a , we need to verify $a^x \bmod m \neq 1$, where $x | \phi(m)$
- Yes, we need to check all a , but you'll find one before you get to the 100 in most cases.
- You can still improve the algorithm, by checking those divisors who cover others, namely for each prime divisor p , check $x = \phi(m)/p$. [see [Emaxx tutorial](#)]

Discrete log

- $a^x \equiv b \pmod{m}$, given a , b , m find x or report no such x exist.
- If any such x exist, one of them must be $< m$. In other words if there is any solution, one solution must be less than m . [why?]
- Let $p = \sqrt{m}$, and let $x = ip + j$, such that $j = x \% p$ and $i = \text{floor}(x/p)$
 - Note that, $i < p$ and $j < p$
- $a^{ip+j} \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow a^{ip} a^j \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow a^{ip} \equiv b \cdot a^{-j} \pmod{m}$
- $a^{ip} \equiv b \cdot a^{-j} \pmod{m}$
- We can calculate a^{ip} and store in a map for all $i < p$ then for each $b \cdot a^{-j}$ we can just look for the value in map.
- Cost of this algorithm is $O(\sqrt{m})$ if we can have constant lookup in map.

Discrete root

- $x^a \equiv b \pmod m$
- $x \equiv b^{1/a} \pmod m$
- $x \equiv b^{1/a \pmod{\phi(m)}} \pmod m$
- But $a^{-1} \pmod{\phi(m)}$ only exist if a and $\phi(m)$ are co-prime. Even if they are not coprime we can still have such x but we we'll not be able to calculate them in this way.
- Let $x \equiv g^y$ where g is a generator modulo m . (yeah, m must satisfy those condition to have a generator)
- For a constant modulo m , we can precal it's generator and use it for for free , when m is a variable , well we have to find a generator
 - We know how to find a generator , right ?

Discrete root

- If i replace x with g^y we got $(g^y)^a = b \pmod m$
- $g^{ya} = b \pmod m$, we need to find y
- $(g^a)^y = b \pmod m$, now t
- This is the exact same problem with solving discrete logarithm
- So, we can find such y and result will be g^y

Linear equations (diophantine)

- $ax \equiv b \pmod m$, given a, b, m find a x which will satisfy this equation.
- $ap + mq = g$, where $g = \gcd(a, m)$, we can find such p and q by running egcd
- If we take modulo m , we got $ap \equiv g \pmod m$
- By comparing 2 equation we can have $x = p(b/g)$, and that tells us b must be a multiple of g in order to apply this argument
 - Indeed , b must be a multiple of $\gcd(a, m)$ in order to have ANY solution to this equation
- If x is a solution of this equation then $x + (m/g)$ and $x - (m/g)$ is also satisfy the equation

Linear Diophantine Equation

- $ax + by = c$, given a, b, c
 - Find ANY x, y which will satisfy this equation
 - Find all solution in a given range
 - Or just count them
- $ax + by = g$ where $g = \gcd(a, b)$ we can find such x, y by running extended euclid

Let's say we found x_0 and y_0 , which is a solution for given a, b, c , by running extended euclid and further calculation. And let $g = \gcd(a, b)$

Then $ax_0 + by_0 = c$

$\Rightarrow ax_0 + by_0 + ab/g - ab/g = c$

$\Rightarrow ax_0 + ab/g + by_0 - ab/g = c$

$\Rightarrow a(x_0 + b/g) + b(y_0 - a/g) = c$

So, $(x_0 + b/g)$ and $(y_0 - a/g)$ is also a solution to the given equation, moreover , for any integer k

$a(x_0 + bk/g) + b(y_0 - ak/g) = c$

So, that's all the solution.

To find all solution in a range , see [My notes](#)

System of linear equation , CRT

Factorial modulo , nC_r modulo , wilson theorem

Fibonacci's

Roots of unity

- $x^n = 1 \pmod m$
- Some application needs to have n distinct x to satisfy this equation
- If Z_m^* has a generator g , and n is divisor of $\phi(m)$, then Let $p = \phi(m)/n$
- Then the sequence below will be n distinct root to the given equation
 - $1, g^p, g^{2p}, \dots, g^{(n-1)p}$
- Let's check $(g^{pi})^n = (g^{i \phi(m)/n})^n = g^{i \phi(m)} = (g^{\phi(m)})^i = 1^i = 1$

Trivial square roots of unity

Randomized Primality test

Millar robin test

Pollard rho factorization

Linear congruential generator

Next to learn

- Mobius inversion
- FFT and NTT
- Solving linear recurrence with matrix exponent
-