

# Midterm Q&A

1) Use extended euclidean algorithm to find  $g^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$

If  $\gcd(g, p) = 1$  then  $\exists u, v$  integers

$$ug + pv = 1$$

$$ug \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$u = g^{-1}$$

2)

2.12. Let  $G$  be a <sup>abelian</sup> group, let  $d \geq 1$  be an integer, and define a subset of  $G$  by

$$G[d] = \{g \in G : g^d = e\}.$$

- (a) Prove that if  $g$  is in  $G[d]$ , then  $g^{-1}$  is in  $G[d]$ .
- (b) Suppose that  $G$  is commutative. Prove that if  $g_1$  and  $g_2$  are in  $G[d]$ , then their product  $g_1 * g_2$  is in  $G[d]$ .
- (c) Deduce that if  $G$  is commutative, then  $G[d]$  is a group.

Goal: Show that  $G[d] \subset G$  is also a group.

We call  $G[d]$  is a subgroup.

(i) Identity:  $e$  is an identity of  $G[d]$   
because  $e^d = e$ , hence  $e \in G[d]$ .

(ii) If  $g \in G[d]$ , then  $g^{-1} \in G[d]$  because

$$\left| \begin{array}{l} g \cdot g^{-1} = e \\ (g \cdot g^{-1})^d = e \\ g^d \cdot (g^{-1})^d = e \\ (g^{-1})^d = e \end{array} \right.$$

(iii) closure. For all  $g, h \in G[d]$ ,  $g \cdot h \in G[d]$ . because

$$(g \cdot h)^d = g^d \cdot h^d = e$$

(iv) associativity:  $G[d] \subseteq G$

$$\begin{array}{c} \nearrow \\ (a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c) \end{array}$$

3) a) What's the order of 2 in  $\mathbb{Z}_3^*$ ?

b) What's the order of 4 in  $\mathbb{Z}_5^*$ ?

c) Let  $p$  be prime.

What is the order of  $p-1$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$ ?

Justify your answer

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a)  $2, 2^2 = 1$

$$\text{ord}(2) = 2$$

b)  $4, 4^2 = 1$

$$\text{ord}(4) = 2$$

c)  $\text{ord}(p-1) = 2$

because 
$$\begin{aligned}(p-1)^2 &= p^2 - 2p + 1 \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{p}\end{aligned}$$

3. Solve

$$7^x \equiv 11 \pmod{67}$$

$\text{ord}(7)$  is a divisor of  $66 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 11$

$$\text{ord}(7) = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 11 = p_1 p_2 p_3$$

$$n_1 = 3 \cdot 11 \quad g_1 = g^{n_1} \quad h_1 = h^{n_1} \quad \text{ord}(g_1) = 2$$

$$n_2 = 2 \cdot 11 \quad g_2 = g^{n_2} \quad h_2 = h^{n_2} \quad \text{ord}(g_2) = 3$$

$$n_3 = 2 \cdot 3 \quad g_3 = g^{n_3} \quad h_3 = h^{n_3} \quad \text{ord}(g_3) = 11$$

Solve  $x_1, x_2, x_3$

$$g_1^{x_1} = h_1, \quad g_2^{x_2} = h_2, \quad g_3^{x_3} = h_3$$

Solve  $x$  s.t. 
$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv x_1 \pmod{p_1} \\ x &\equiv x_2 \pmod{p_2} \\ x &\equiv x_3 \pmod{p_3} \end{aligned}$$
 using CRT.

4.

Two congruences

$$x \equiv x_1 \pmod{p_1}$$

$$x \equiv x_2 \pmod{p_2}$$

$$p_1 u + p_2 v = 1$$

$$x = x_1 p_2 v + x_2 p_1 u$$


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Three congruences

$$x \equiv x_1 \pmod{p_1}$$

$$x \equiv x_2 \pmod{p_2}$$

$$x \equiv x_3 \pmod{p_3}$$

$$n_1 = p_2 p_3$$

$$n_2 = p_1 p_3$$

$$n_3 = p_1 p_2$$

$$\gcd(n_i, p_i) = 1 \quad n_i u_i + p_i v_i = 1$$

$$x = x_1 n_1 u_1 + x_2 n_2 u_2 + x_3 n_3 u_3$$


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Arbitrary number of congruences

$$x \equiv x_i \pmod{p_i}$$

$$N = p_1 \cdots p_n$$

$$n_i = N / p_i$$

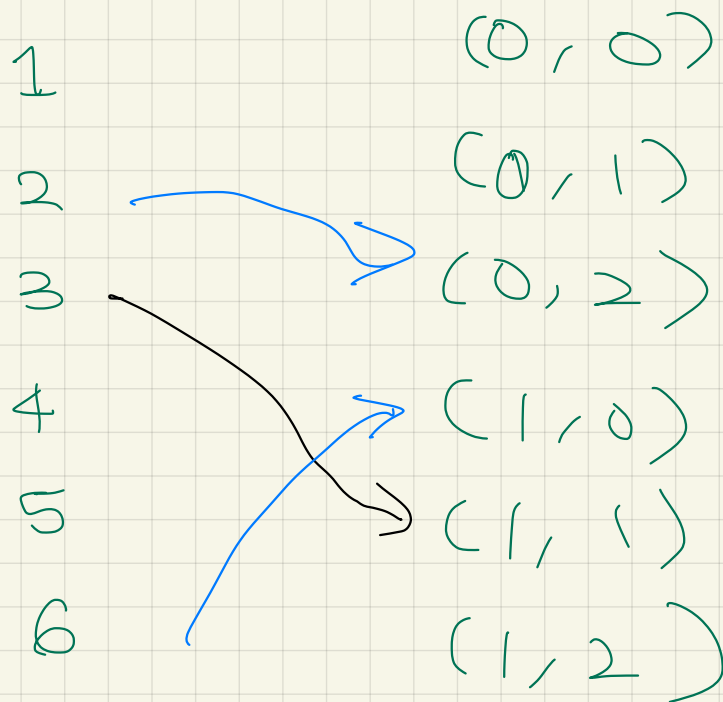
$$\text{Solve } n_i u_i + p_i v_i = 1$$

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i n_i u_i$$

5) prove that

$$(\mathbb{Z}_7^*, \cdot) \cong (\mathbb{Z}_2, +) \times (\mathbb{Z}_3, +)$$

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A generator of  $\mathbb{Z}_7^* = 3$

A generator of  $(\mathbb{Z}_2, +) \times (\mathbb{Z}_3, +) = (1, 1)$

order of an element divides order of group, which is 6

isomorphic function maps generator to

generator		
3	$3^2 = 2$	$3^3 = 6$
$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$	$\downarrow$
(1, 1)	(0, 2)	(1, 0)

$f(3^i) = i(1, 1)$