

# 16-Powers Modulo m and Successive Squaring

How would you compute  $5^{1000000000000000} \pmod{12830603}$ ?

$$12830603 = 3571 \cdot 3593$$

$$\phi(12830603) = \phi(3571)\phi(3593) = 3570 \cdot 3592 = 12823440.$$

*Euler's Formula*

$a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  for any  $a$  and  $m$  with  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$

so we can use the fact that

$$1000000000000000 = 7798219 \cdot 12823440 + 6546640$$

to "simplify" our problem,

$$\begin{aligned} 5^{1000000000000000} &= (5^{12823440})^{7798219} \cdot 5^{6546640} \\ &\equiv 5^{6546640} \pmod{12830603}. \end{aligned}$$

more than 4 million digits!!!

- It is possible to use the computation of  $a^k \pmod{m}$  to encode and decode messages.

## Successive Square Method

$$??? \equiv 7^{327} \pmod{853}$$

### Table of $2^k$ -powers of 7 modulo 853

$7^1$	$\equiv$	7	$\equiv$	$7 \pmod{853}$
$7^2$	$\equiv$	49	$\equiv$	$49 \pmod{853}$
$7^4 \equiv (7^2)^2$	$\equiv$	$(49)^2$	$\equiv$	2401 $\equiv 695 \pmod{853}$
$7^8 \equiv (7^4)^2$	$\equiv$	$(695)^2$	$\equiv$	483025 $\equiv 227 \pmod{853}$
$7^{16} \equiv (7^8)^2$	$\equiv$	$(227)^2$	$\equiv$	51529 $\equiv 349 \pmod{853}$
$7^{32} \equiv (7^{16})^2$	$\equiv$	$(349)^2$	$\equiv$	121801 $\equiv 675 \pmod{853}$
$7^{64} \equiv (7^{32})^2$	$\equiv$	$(675)^2$	$\equiv$	455625 $\equiv 123 \pmod{853}$
$7^{128} \equiv (7^{64})^2$	$\equiv$	$(123)^2$	$\equiv$	15129 $\equiv 628 \pmod{853}$
$7^{256} \equiv (7^{128})^2$	$\equiv$	$(628)^2$	$\equiv$	394384 $\equiv 298 \pmod{853}$

$$\begin{aligned}
327 &= 256 + 71 \\
&= 256 + 64 + 7 \\
&= 256 + 64 + 4 + 3 \\
&= 256 + 64 + 4 + 2 + 1.
\end{aligned}$$

binary expansion of 327

Now we use the binary expansion of 327 to compute

$$\begin{aligned}
7^{327} &= 7^{256+64+4+2+1} \\
&= 7^{256} \cdot 7^{64} \cdot 7^4 \cdot 7^2 \cdot 7^1 \\
&\equiv 298 \cdot 123 \cdot 695 \cdot 49 \cdot 7 \pmod{853} \\
&\equiv 828 \cdot 695 \cdot 49 \cdot 7 \pmod{853} \\
&\equiv 538 \cdot 49 \cdot 7 \pmod{853} \\
&\equiv 772 \cdot 7 \pmod{853}
\end{aligned}$$

$$7^{327} \equiv 286 \pmod{853} \quad \text{We are done!!!} \quad \text{😊}$$

*You can compute it directly-*

$$\begin{aligned}
7^{327} &= 22236123868955180582 \dots\dots\dots 32584937995509879543 \, 237 \\
&\equiv 286 \pmod{853}.
\end{aligned}$$

237 digits omitted

It is completely infeasible to compute  $a^k$  exactly when  $k$  has, say, 20 digits.

## Algorithm 1 (Successive Squaring to Compute $a^k \pmod m$ ).

The following steps compute the value of  $a^k \pmod m$ :

1. Write  $k$  as a sum of powers of 2 ,

$$k = u_0 + u_1 \cdot 2 + u_2 \cdot 4 + u_3 \cdot 8 + \cdots + u_r \cdot 2^r ,$$

where each  $u_i$  is either 0 or 1.

(This is called the binary expansion of  $k$ .)

2. Make a table of **powers of  $a$  modulo  $m$**  using successive squaring.

$a^1$			$\equiv A_0 \pmod m$
$a^2$	$\equiv (a^1)^2$	$\equiv (A_0)^2$	$\equiv A_1 \pmod m$
$a^4$	$\equiv (a^2)^2$	$\equiv (A_1)^2$	$\equiv A_2 \pmod m$
$a^8$	$\equiv (a^4)^2$	$\equiv (A_2)^2$	$\equiv A_3 \pmod m$
	.		
	.		
	.		
$(a)^{2^r}$	$\equiv (a^{2^{r-1}})^2$	$\equiv (A_{r-1})^2$	$\equiv A_r \pmod m$

Note that to compute each line of the table you only need to take the number at the end of the previous line, square it, and then reduce it modulo  $m$ . Also note that the table has  $r + 1$  lines, where  $r$  is the highest exponent of 2 appearing in the binary expansion of  $k$  in Step 1.

### 3. The product

$$A_0^{u_0} \cdot A_1^{u_1} \cdot A_2^{u_2} \dots A_r^{u_r} \pmod{m}$$

will be congruent to  $a^k \pmod{m}$ . Note that all the  $u_i$ 's are either 0 or 1, so these numbers are really the product of those  $A_i$ 's for which  $u_i$  equals 1.

**Proof-** we compute

$$a^k = a^{(u_0 + u_1 \cdot 2 + u_2 \cdot 4 + u_3 \cdot 8 + \dots + u_r \cdot 2^r)} \quad (\text{using step 1})$$

$$\begin{aligned} a^k &= (a^1)^{u_0} \cdot (a^2)^{u_1} \cdot (a^4)^{u_2} \dots (a^{2^r})^{u_r} \\ &\equiv (A_0)^{u_0} (A_1)^{u_1} \dots (A_r)^{u_r} \pmod{m} \quad (\text{using step 2}) \end{aligned}$$



1. Use the method of successive squaring to compute each of the following powers.

(a)  $5^{13} \pmod{23}$

(b)  $28^{749} \pmod{1147}$

(a)Answer- a = 5, k = 13, m = 23.

*step1-* Write k as sum of powers of 2.

$$\begin{aligned}
 k &= (1101)_2 \\
 &= 1.2^3 + 1.2^2 + 0.2^1 + 1.2^0 \\
 &\quad ( u_0 = 1, u_1 = 0, u_2 = 1, u_3 = 1 ) \\
 &= 8 + 4 + 1.
 \end{aligned}$$

k/2	Q	R
13/2	6	1
6/2	3	0
3/2	1	1
1/2	0	1

*step2-* Make a table of powers of 5 modulo 23 using successive squaring.

$5^1$	$\equiv$	5	$\equiv$	$5 \pmod{23}$
$5^2$	$\equiv$	25	$\equiv$	$2 \pmod{23}$
$5^4 \equiv (5^2)^2 \equiv (2)^2$	$\equiv$	4	$\equiv$	$4 \pmod{23}$
$5^8 \equiv (5^4)^2 \equiv (4)^2$	$\equiv$	16	$\equiv$	$16 \pmod{23}$

*step3-*  $5^{13} = 5^{8+4+1}$

$= 5^8 . 5^4 . 5^1$	
$\equiv (16.4).5 \pmod{23}$	(using step 2)
$\equiv 18.5 \pmod{23}$	( $64 \equiv 18 \pmod{23}$ )
$5^{13} \equiv 21 \pmod{23}$	( $90 \equiv 21 \pmod{23}$ )

(b) answer-  $a = 28$ ,  $k = 749$ ,  $m = 1147$ .

**step1-** Write  $k$  as sum of powers of 2.

$$\begin{aligned}k &= (1011101101)_2 \\&= 2^9 + 2^7 + 2^6 + 2^5 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 1 \\&= 512 + 128 + 64 + 32 + 8 + 4 + 1\end{aligned}$$

**step2-** Make a table of  
**powers of 28 modulo 1147**  
using successive squaring.

$$\begin{aligned}28^1 &\equiv 28 \equiv 28 \pmod{1147} \\28^2 &\equiv 784 \equiv 784 \pmod{1147} \\28^4 &\equiv (28^2)^2 \equiv (784)^2 \\&\equiv 614656 \equiv 1011 \pmod{1147}\end{aligned}$$

K/2	Q	R
749/2	374	1
374/2	187	0
187/2	93	1
93/2	46	1
46/2	23	0
23/2	11	1
11/2	5	1
5/2	2	1
2/2	1	0
1/2	0	1

$$28^8 \equiv (28^4)^2 \equiv (1011)^2 \equiv 1022121 \equiv 144 \pmod{1147}$$

$$28^{16} \equiv (28^8)^2 \equiv (144)^2 \equiv 20736 \equiv 90 \pmod{1147}$$

$$28^{32} \equiv (28^{16})^2 \equiv (90)^2 \equiv 8100 \equiv 71 \pmod{1147}$$

$$28^{64} \equiv (28^{32})^2 \equiv (71)^2 \equiv 5041 \equiv 453 \pmod{1147}$$

$$28^{128} \equiv (28^{64})^2 \equiv (453)^2 \equiv 205209 \equiv 1043 \pmod{1147}$$

$$28^{256} \equiv (28^{128})^2 \equiv (1043)^2 \equiv 1087849 \equiv 493 \pmod{1147}$$

$$28^{512} \equiv (28^{256})^2 \equiv (493)^2 \equiv 243049 \equiv 1032 \pmod{1147}$$

$$\text{step3- } 28^{749} = 28^{512 + 128 + 64 + 32 + 8 + 4 + 1}$$

$$= 28^{512} \cdot 28^{128} \cdot 28^{64} \cdot 28^{32} \cdot 28^8 \cdot 28^4 \cdot 28^1$$

$$\equiv (1032 \cdot 1043) \cdot (453 \cdot 71) \cdot (144 \cdot 1011) \cdot 28 \pmod{1147}$$

$$\equiv (490 \cdot 47) \cdot (1062 \cdot 28) \pmod{1147}$$

$$\equiv 90 \cdot 1061 \pmod{1147}$$

$$28^{749} \equiv 289 \pmod{1147}$$



2. The method of successive squaring described in the text allows you to compute  $a^k \pmod{m}$  quite efficiently, but it does involve creating a table of powers of  $a$  modulo  $m$ .
- (a) Show that the following algorithm will also compute the value of  $a^k \pmod{m}$ . It is a more efficient way to do successive squaring, well-suited for implementation on a computer.
- (1) Set  $b = 1$
  - (2) Loop while  $k \geq 1$
  - (3) If  $k$  is odd, set  $b = a \cdot b \pmod{m}$
  - (4) Set  $a = a^2 \pmod{m}$
  - (5) Set  $k = k/2$  (round down if  $k$  is odd)
  - (6) End of Loop
  - (7) Return the value of  $b$  (which equals  $a^k \pmod{m}$ )

(b) Implement the above algorithm on a computer using the computer language of your choice.

(c) Use your program to compute the following quantities: (i)  $2^{1000} \pmod{2379}$

(ii)  $567^{1234} \pmod{4321}$  (iii)  $47^{258008} \pmod{1315171}$ .