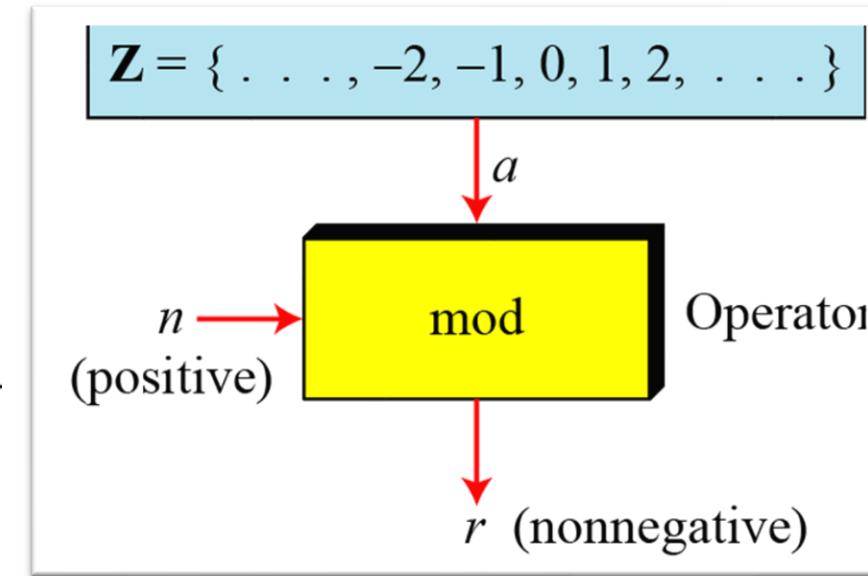
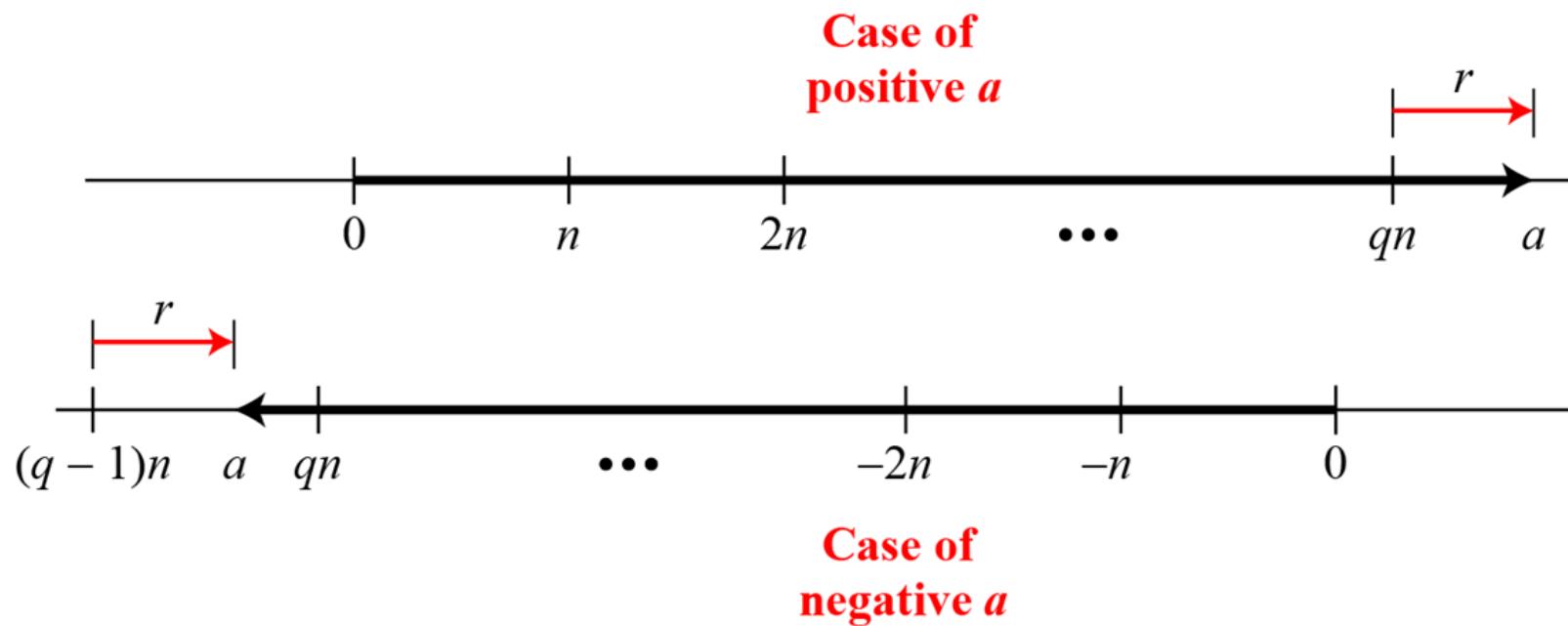


# Mathematics of Cryptography

# Modulo Operator

The modulo operator is shown as `mod`. The second input ( $n$ ) is called the modulus. The output  $r$  is called the residue.



**First Property:**  $(a + b) \bmod n = [(a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n)] \bmod n$

**Second Property:**  $(a - b) \bmod n = [(a \bmod n) - (b \bmod n)] \bmod n$

**Third Property:**  $(a \times b) \bmod n = [(a \bmod n) \times (b \bmod n)] \bmod n$

# Modulo Operator

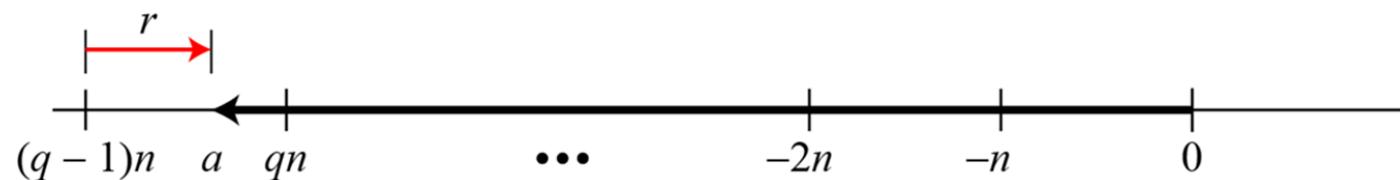
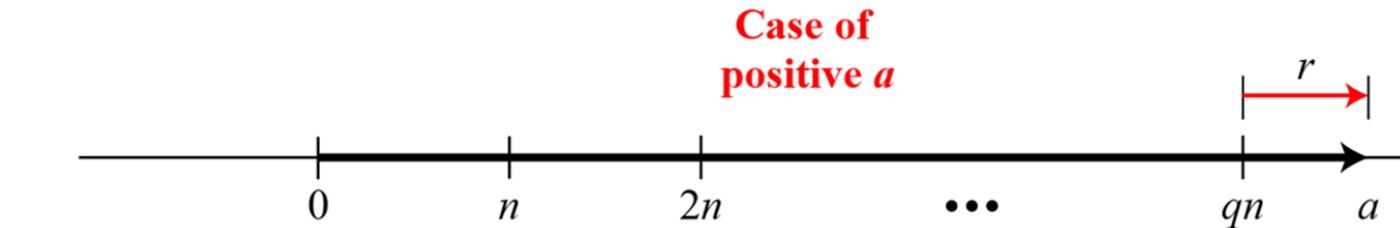
## Example

Find the result of the following operations:

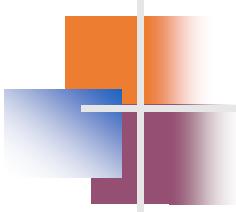
- a.  $27 \bmod 5$
- b.  $36 \bmod 12$
- c.  $-18 \bmod 14$
- d.  $-7 \bmod 10$

## Solution

- a. Dividing 27 by 5 results in  $r = 2$
- b. Dividing 36 by 12 results in  $r = 0$ .
- c. Dividing  $-18$  by  $14$  results in  $r = -4$ . After adding the modulus  $r = 10$
- d. Dividing  $-7$  by  $10$  results in  $r = -7$ . After adding the modulus to  $-7$ ,  $r = 3$ .



**Case of negative  $a$**



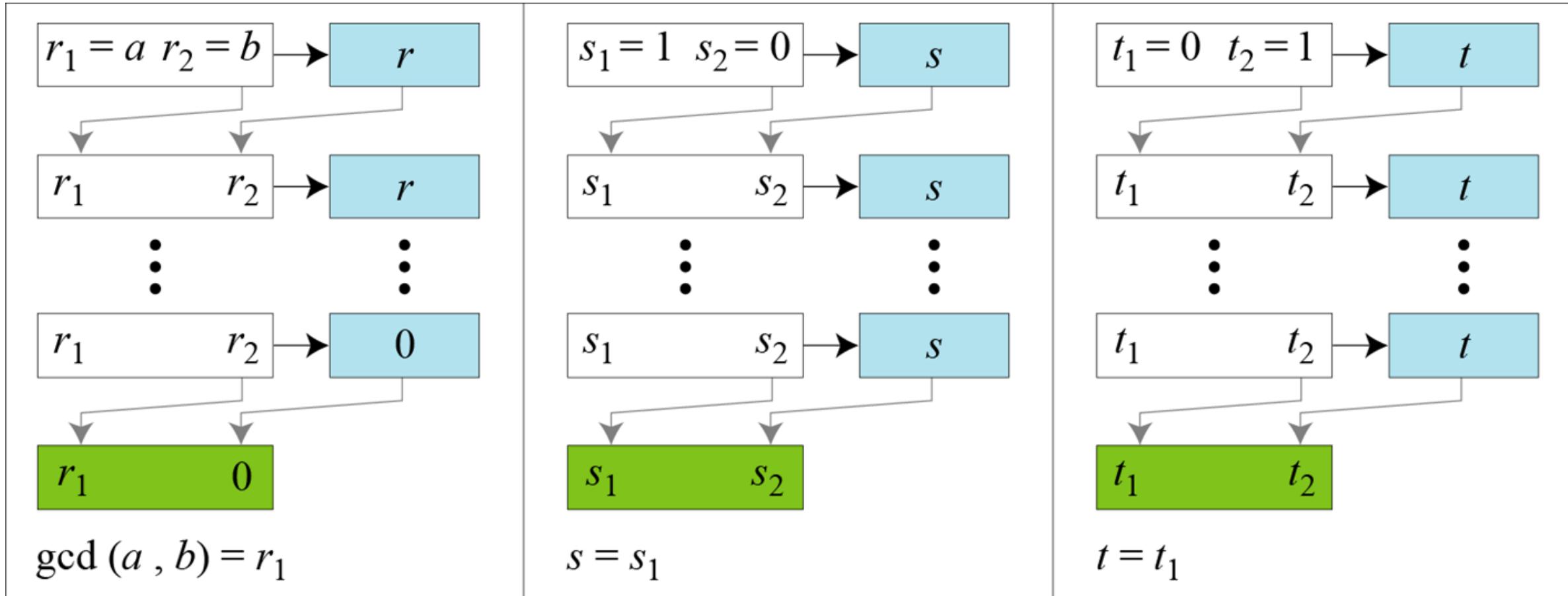
## Extended Euclidean Algorithm

- Given two integers  $a$  and  $b$ , we often need to find other two integers,  $s$  and  $t$ , such that

$$s \times a + t \times b = \gcd(a, b)$$

- The extended Euclidean algorithm can calculate the  $\gcd(a, b)$  and at the same time calculate the value of  $s$  and  $t$ .

# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

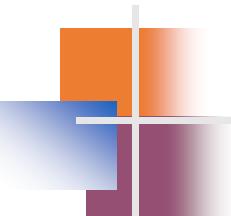


# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

**Example** Given  $a = 161$  and  $b = 28$ , find  $\gcd(a, b)$  and the values of  $s$  and  $t$ .

**Solution** We get  $\gcd(161, 28) = 7$ ,  $s = -1$  and  $t = 6$ .

$q$	$r_1$	$r_2$	$r$	$s_1$	$s_2$	$s$	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t$
5	161	28	21	1	0	1	0	1	-5
1	28	21	7	0	1	-1	1	-5	6
3	21	7	0	1	-1	4	-5	6	-23
	7	0		-1	4		6	-23	



## Set of Residues

The modulo operation creates a set, which in modular arithmetic is referred to as **the set of least residues modulo n, or  $Z_n$** .

$$Z_n = \{ 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (n - 1) \}$$

$$Z_2 = \{ 0, 1 \}$$

$$Z_6 = \{ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \}$$

$$Z_{11} = \{ 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 \}$$

Some  $Z_n$  sets

# Congruence

To show that two integers are congruent, we use the congruence operator ( $\equiv$ )

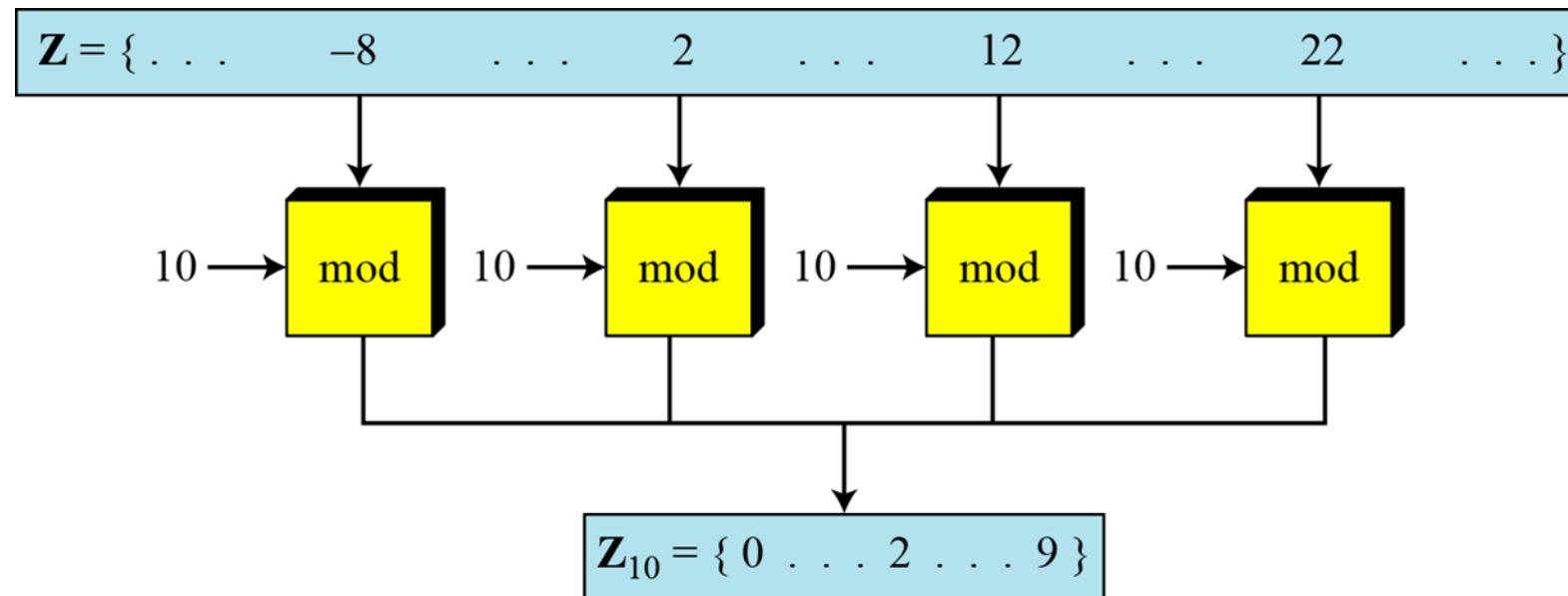
Example

$$2 \equiv 12 \pmod{10}$$

$$3 \equiv 8 \pmod{5}$$

$$13 \equiv 23 \pmod{10}$$

$$8 \equiv 13 \pmod{5}$$



$$-8 \equiv 2 \equiv 12 \equiv 22 \pmod{10}$$

Congruence Relationship

# Modulo Operator

The modulo operator is shown as **mod**. The second input ( $n$ ) is called the modulus. The output  $r$  is called the residue.

- Let  $a, b, c, n$  be integers with  $n \neq 0$

(1)  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$  iff  $n | a$

(2)  $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$

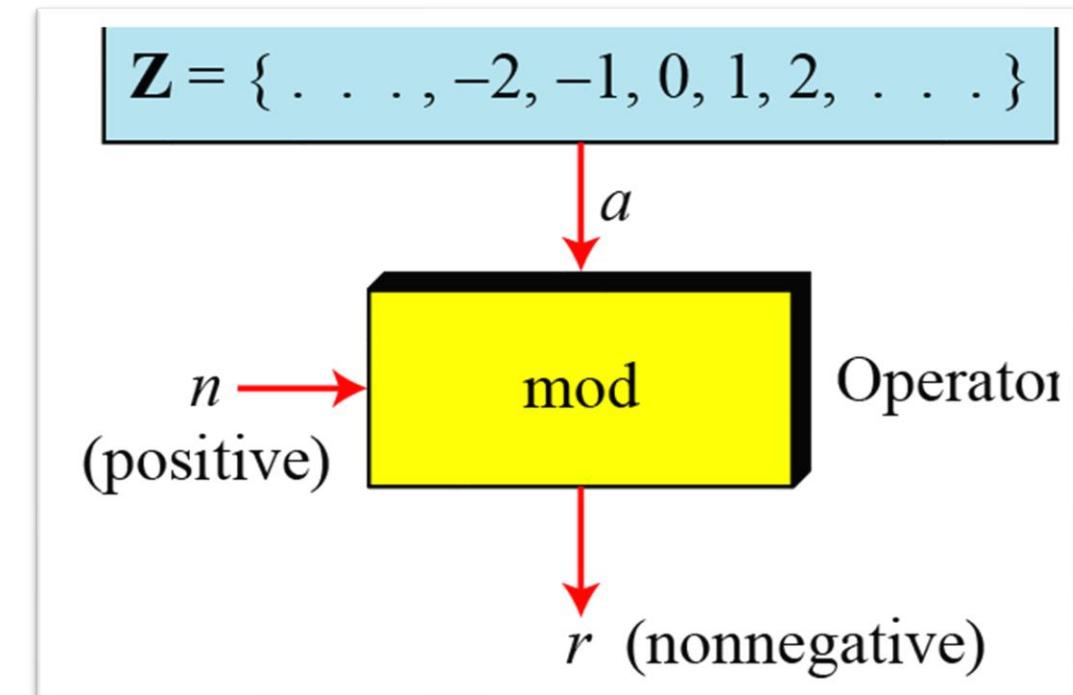
(3)  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  iff  $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$

(4)  $a \equiv b$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{n} \rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{n}$

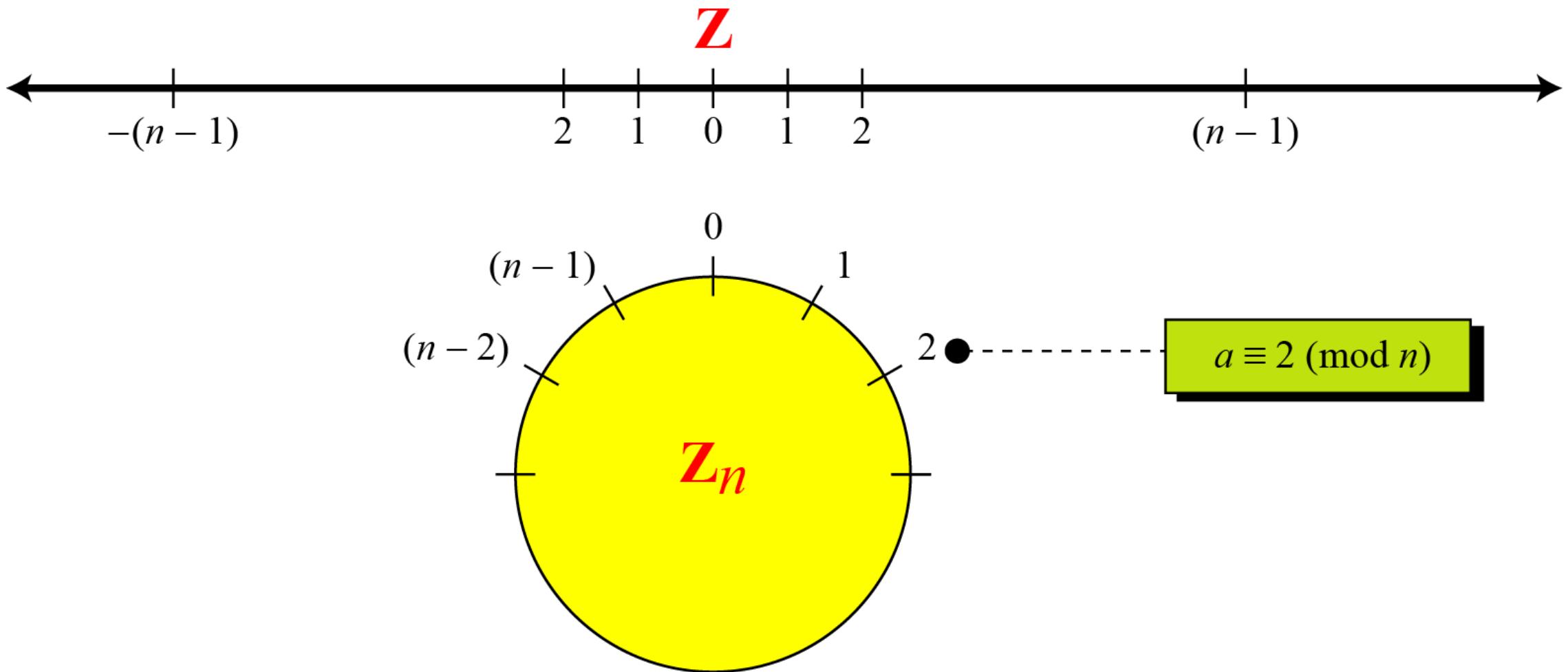
(5)  $a \equiv b$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{n} \rightarrow a+c \equiv b+d,$

$a-c \equiv b-d, ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$

(6)  $ab \equiv ac \pmod{n}$  with  $n \neq 0$ , and  $\gcd(a,n)=1$ , then  $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$

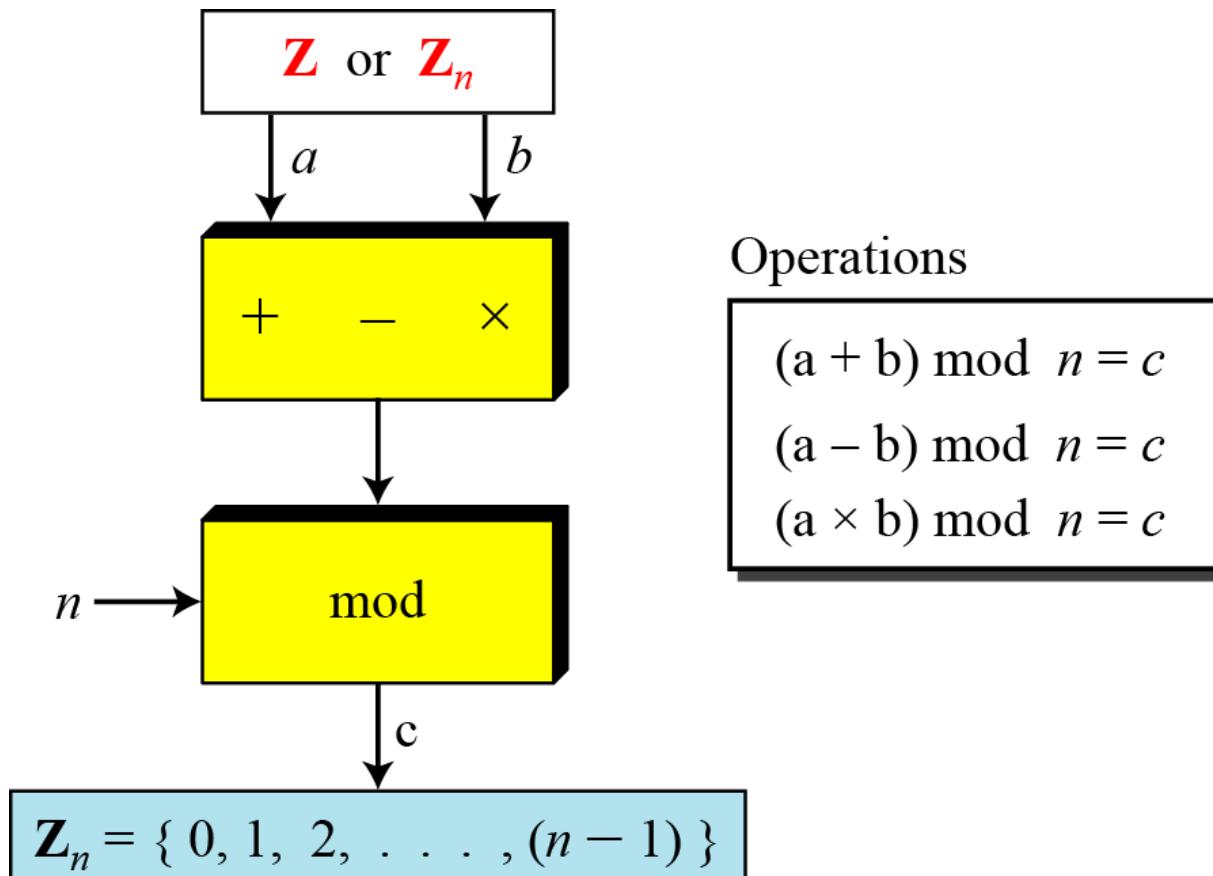


# Comparison of $\mathbb{Z}$ and $\mathbb{Z}_n$ using graphs



# Operation in $Z_n$

The three binary operations that we discussed for the set  $Z$  can also be defined for the set  $Z_n$ . The result may need to be mapped to  $Z_n$  using the mod operator.



# Operation in $Z_n$

## Example

Perform the following operations (the inputs come from  $Z_n$ ):

- Add 7 to 14 in  $Z_{15}$ .
- Subtract 11 from 7 in  $Z_{13}$ .
- Multiply 11 by 7 in  $Z_{20}$ .

## Solution

$$(14 + 7) \text{ mod } 15$$

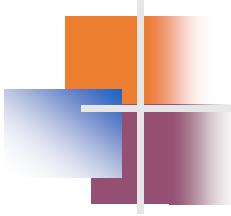
$$(7 - 11) \text{ mod } 13$$

$$(7 \times 11) \text{ mod } 20$$

$$(14 + 7) \text{ mod } 15 \rightarrow (21) \text{ mod } 15 = 6$$

$$(7 - 11) \text{ mod } 13 \rightarrow (-4) \text{ mod } 13 = 9$$

$$(7 \times 11) \text{ mod } 20 \rightarrow (77) \text{ mod } 20 = 17$$



## Operation in $Z_n$

### Example

Perform the following operations (the inputs come from either  $Z$  or  $Z_n$ ):

- a. Add 17 to 27 in  $Z_{14}$ .
- b. Subtract 43 from 12 in  $Z_{13}$ .
- c. Multiply 123 by  $-10$  in  $Z_{19}$ .

# Operation in $\mathbb{Z}_n$

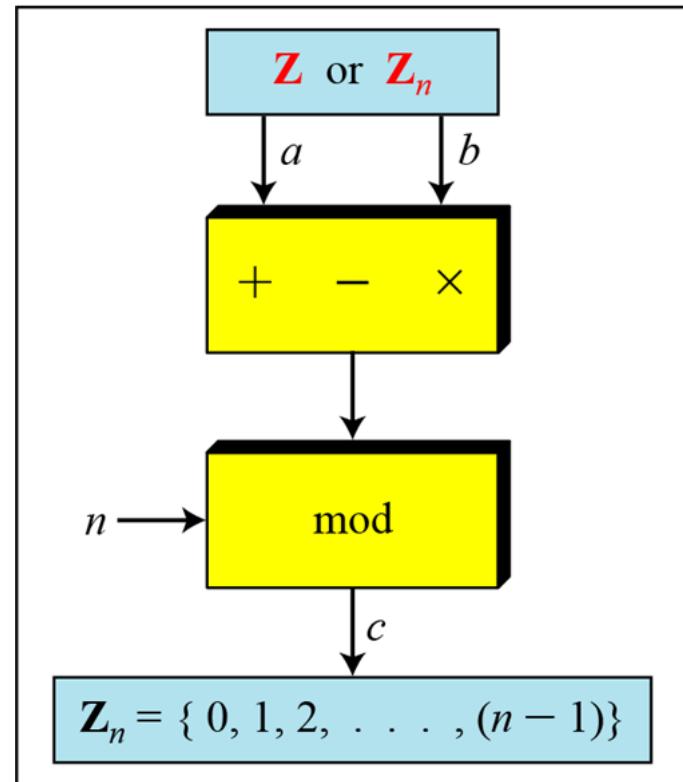
Additive Inverse

$$a + b \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

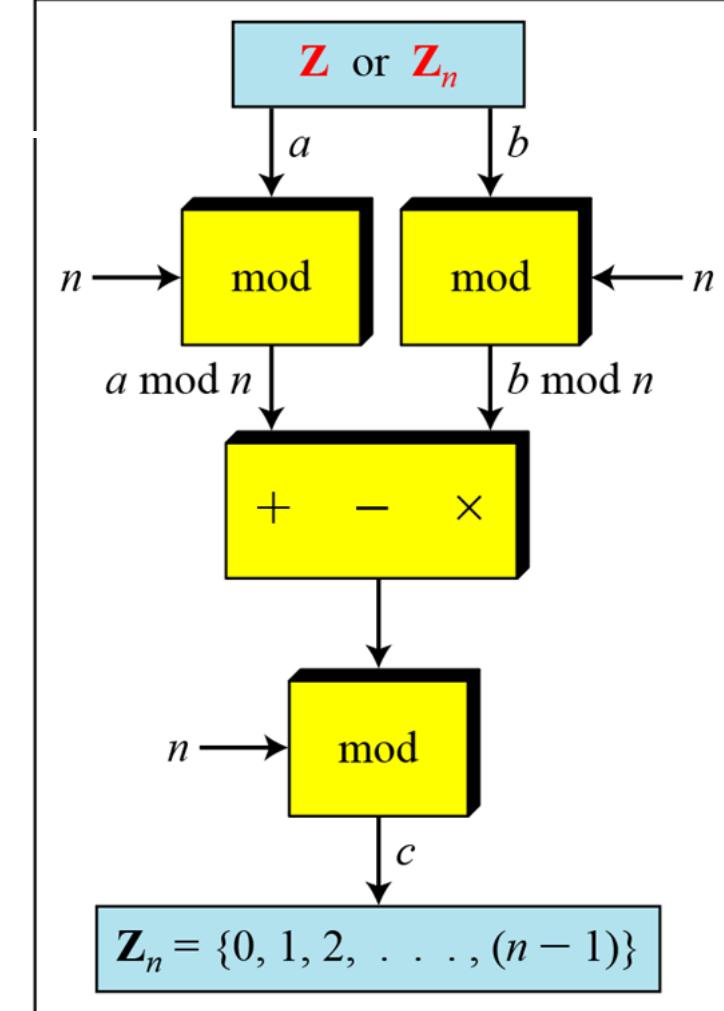
Multiplicative Inverse

$$a \times b \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

$$10^n \bmod x = (10 \bmod x)^n$$



a. Original process



b. Applying properties

$$(a + b) \bmod n = [(a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n)] \bmod n$$

$$(a - b) \bmod n = [(a \bmod n) - (b \bmod n)] \bmod n$$

$$(a \times b) \bmod n = [(a \bmod n) \times (b \bmod n)] \bmod n$$

# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

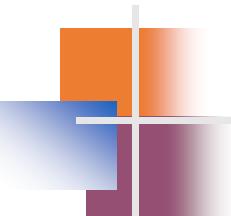
Example

Find the multiplicative inverse of 11 in  $\mathbb{Z}_{26}$ .

Solution

$q$	$r_1$	$r_2$	$r$	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t$
2	26	11	4	0	1	-2
2	11	4	3	1	-2	5
1	4	3	1	-2	5	-7
3	3	1	0	5	-7	26
	1	0		-7	26	

The gcd (26, 11) is 1; the inverse of 11 is -7 or 19.



## Z<sub>n</sub> and Z<sub>n</sub><sup>\*</sup> sets

Use Z<sub>n</sub> when additive inverses are needed

$$\mathbf{Z}_6 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_7 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_{10} = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$$

Use Z<sub>n</sub><sup>\*</sup> when multiplicative inverses are needed

$$\mathbf{Z}_6^* = \{1, 5\}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_7^* = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$$

$$\mathbf{Z}_{10}^* = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$$

# MATRICES

- A matrix of size  $l \times m$

Matrix A:

$$\begin{matrix} & \text{l rows} & \\ \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} a_{11} & a_{12} & \dots & a_{1m} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} & \dots & a_{2m} \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ \vdots & \vdots & & \vdots \\ a_{l1} & a_{l2} & \dots & a_{lm} \end{array} \right] \end{matrix}$$

- Examples of matrices

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 & 5 & 11 \end{bmatrix}$$

Row matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ 4 \\ 12 \end{bmatrix}$$

Column matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 23 & 14 & 56 \\ 12 & 21 & 18 \\ 10 & 8 & 31 \end{bmatrix}$$

Square matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

0

$$\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

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# Residue Matrices

Cryptography uses residue matrices: matrices where all elements are in  $Z_n$ . A residue matrix has a multiplicative inverse if  $\gcd(\det(A), n) = 1$ .

Example

A residue matrix and its multiplicative inverse

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 5 & 7 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & 7 & 2 \\ 6 & 3 & 9 & 17 \\ 13 & 5 & 4 & 16 \end{bmatrix} \quad A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 15 & 21 & 0 & 15 \\ 23 & 9 & 0 & 22 \\ 15 & 16 & 18 & 3 \\ 24 & 7 & 15 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\det(A) = 21$$

$$\det(A^{-1}) = 5$$

Note • Multiplicative inverses are only defined for square matrices.

# Ring

- 1. Closure
- 2. Associativity
- 3. Commutativity
- 4. Existence of identity
- 5. Existence of inverse



- 1. Closure
- 2. Associativity
- 3. Commutativity



Note:  
The third property is  
only satisfied for a  
commutative ring.

{a, b, c, ...}

Set



Operations

Ring

# Field

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Note:  
The identity element  
of the first operation  
has no inverse with  
respect to the second  
operation.

{a, b, c, ...}

Set



Operations

Field

# Finite Fields

A Galois field,  $\text{GF}(p^n)$ , is a finite field with  $p^n$  elements.

Galois showed that for a field to be finite, the number of elements should be  $p^n$ , where  $p$  is a prime and  $n$  is a positive integer.

Let us define a  $\text{GF}(2^2)$  field in which the set has four 2-bit words: {00, 01, 10, 11}. We can redefine addition and multiplication for this field in such a way that all properties of these operations are satisfied.

		Addition			
		00	01	10	11
00	00	00	01	10	11
	01	01	00	11	10
10	10	11	00	01	
11	11	10	01	00	

**Identity: 00**

		Multiplication			
		00	01	10	11
00	00	00	00	00	00
	01	00	01	10	11
10	00	10	11	01	
11	00	11	01	10	

**Identity: 01**

# Polynomials

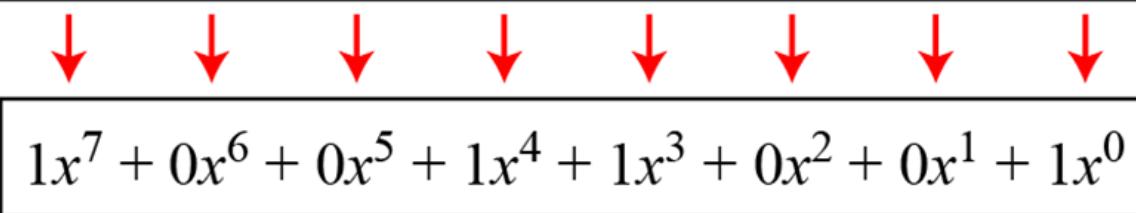
- A polynomial of degree  $n - 1$  is an expression of the form

$$f(x) = a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + a_{n-2}x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1x^1 + a_0x^0$$

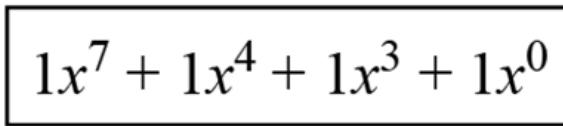
- where  $x^i$  is called the  $i$ th term and  $a_i$  is called coefficient of the  $i$ th term.

*Representation of an 8-bit word by a polynomial*

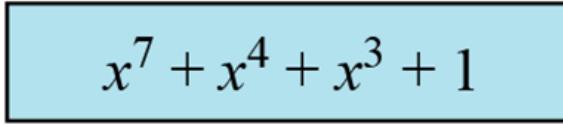
$n$ -bit word 

Polynomial 

$$1x^7 + 0x^6 + 0x^5 + 1x^4 + 1x^3 + 0x^2 + 0x^1 + 1x^0$$

First simplification 

$$1x^7 + 1x^4 + 1x^3 + 1x^0$$

Second simplification 

$$x^7 + x^4 + x^3 + 1$$

# Multiplication of GF(2<sup>n</sup>)

## Example

- $(X^7 + X^6 + X^3 + X + 1)(X) = ? \pmod{X^8 + X^4 + X^3 + X + 1}$
- 11001011  $b_7=1$
- Left shift one bit, we have

$$b_6 b_5 b_4 b_3 b_2 b_1 b_0 0 = 10010110$$

$$\bullet ? = 110010110 + 100011011 = 10001101$$

$$= X^7 + X^3 + X^2 + 1$$

# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

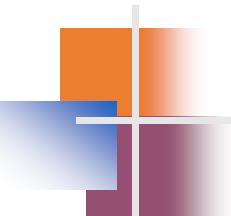
Example In  $\text{GF}(2^8)$ , find the inverse of  $(x^5)$  modulo  $(x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1)$

## Solution

*Euclidean algorithm*

$q$	$r_1$	$r_2$	$r$	$t_1$	$t_2$	$t$
$(x^3)$	$(x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1)$	$(x^5)$	$(x^4 + x^3 + x + 1)$	$(0)$	$(1)$	$(x^3)$
$(x + 1)$	$(x^5)$	$(x^4 + x^3 + x + 1)$	$(x^3 + x^2 + 1)$	$(1)$	$(x^3)$	$(x^4 + x^3 + 1)$
$(x)$	$(x^4 + x^3 + x + 1)$	$(x^3 + x^2 + 1)$	$(1)$	$(x^3)$	$(x^4 + x^3 + 1)$	$(x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x)$
$(x^3 + x^2 + 1)$	$(x^3 + x^2 + 1)$	$(1)$	$(0)$	$(x^4 + x^3 + 1)$	$(x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x)$	$(0)$
	$(1)$	$(0)$		$(x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x)$	$(0)$	

- The answer is  $(x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x)$  as shown in above Table



# Prime Numbers

- *Prime Number*

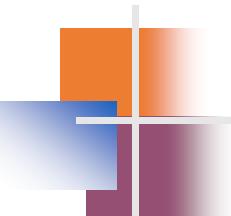
An integer  $p > 1$  that is divisible only by 1 and itself is called a **prime number**, otherwise it is called **composite**

- *Number of Primes*

Let  $\pi(x)$  be the number of primes less than  $x$ , then  $\pi(x) \approx x/\ln(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$

$$[n / (\ln n)] < \pi(n) < [n / (\ln n - 1.08366)]$$

$$\pi(1) = 0 \quad \pi(2) = 1 \quad \pi(3) = 2 \quad \pi(10) = 4 \quad \pi(20) = 8 \quad \pi(50) = 15 \quad \pi(100) = 25$$



## Checking for Primeness

Given a number  $n$ , how can we determine if  $n$  is a prime?

The answer is that we need to see if the number is divisible by all primes less than  $\sqrt{n}$

**Example** Is 97 a prime?

**Solution** The floor of  $\sqrt{97} = 9$ . The primes less than 9 are 2, 3, 5, and 7.

We need to see if 97 is divisible by any of these numbers.

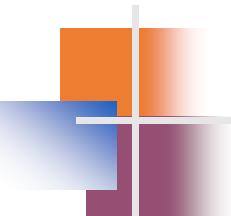
It is not, so 97 is a prime.

# Checking for Primeness

## *Sieve of Eratosthenes*

	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	42	13	44	45	46	17	48	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

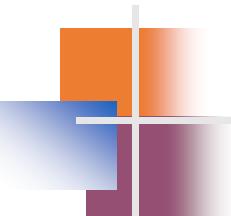
The Greek mathematician Eratosthenes devised a method to find all primes less than  $n$ . The method is called the **sieve of Eratosthenes**. Suppose we want to find all prime less than 100. We write down all the numbers between 2 and 100. Because  $\sqrt{100} = 10$ , we need to see if any number less than 100 is divisible by 2, 3, 5, and 7. Table 9.1 shows the result.



# Euler's Phi-Function

Euler's phi-function,  $\phi(n)$ , which is sometimes called the **Euler's totient function** plays a very important role in cryptography.

1.  $\phi(1) = 0$ .
2.  $\phi(p) = p - 1$  if  $p$  is a prime.
3.  $\phi(m \times n) = \phi(m) \times \phi(n)$  if  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime.
4.  $\phi(p^e) = p^e - p^{e-1}$  if  $p$  is a prime.



## Euler's Phi-Function

We can combine the above four rules to find the value of  $\phi(n)$ . For example, if  $n$  can be factored as

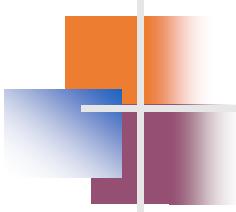
$$n = p_1^{e_1} \times p_2^{e_2} \times \dots \times p_k^{e_k}$$

then we combine the third and the fourth rule to find

$$\phi(n) = (p_1^{e_1} - p_1^{e_1-1}) \times (p_2^{e_2} - p_2^{e_2-1}) \times \dots \times (p_k^{e_k} - p_k^{e_k-1})$$

### Note

The difficulty of finding  $\phi(n)$  depends on the difficulty of finding the factorization of  $n$ .



# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

Example

What is the value of  $\phi(13)$ ?

Solution

- Is 13 a prime? => Yes/No , why?
- $\phi(13) = (13 - 1) = 12$

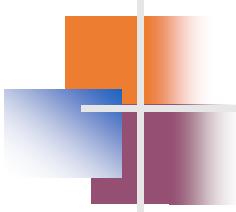
Example

What is the value of  $\phi(10)$ ?

Solution

We can use the third rule:

$$\phi(10) = \phi(2) \times \phi(5) = 1 \times 4 = 4, \text{ because } 2 \text{ and } 5 \text{ are primes}$$



# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

Example

What is the value of  $\phi(240)$ ?

Solution

We can write  $240 = 2^4 \times 3^1 \times 5^1$ .

$$\text{Then } \phi(240) = (2^4 - 2^3) \times (3^1 - 3^0) \times (5^1 - 5^0) = 64$$

Example

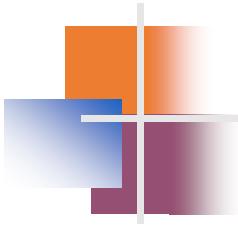
Can we say that  $\phi(49) = \phi(7) \times \phi(7) = 6 \times 6 = 36$ ?

Solution

No.

The third rule applies when  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime.

Here  $49 = 7^2$ . We need to use the fourth rule:  $\phi(49) = 7^2 - 7^1 = 42$ .



# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

## Example

What is the number of elements in  $Z_{14}^*$ ?

## Solution

The answer is  $\phi(14) = \phi(7) \times \phi(2) = 6 \times 1 = 6$

The members are 1, 3, 5, 9, 11, and 13.

## Note

Interesting point: If  $n > 2$ , the value of  $\phi(n)$  is even.

# Fermat's Little Theorem

- *First Version*

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

**Example** Find the result of  $6^{10} \pmod{11}$

**Solution** We have  $6^{10} \pmod{11} = 1$

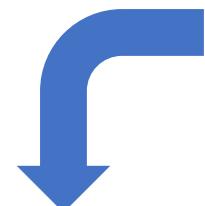
This is the first version of Fermat's little theorem where  $p = 11$

- *Second Version*

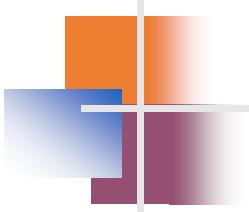
$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

**Example** Find the result of  $3^{12} \pmod{11}$

**Solution** Here the exponent (12) and the modulus (11) are not the same. With substitution this can be solved using Fermat's little theorem.



$$3^{12} \pmod{11} = (3^{11} \times 3) \pmod{11} = (3^{11} \pmod{11}) (3 \pmod{11}) = (3 \times 3) \pmod{11} = 9$$



## Fermat's Little Theorem

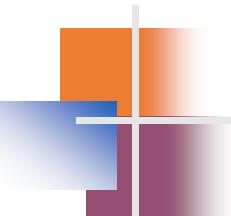
### *Multiplicative Inverses*

$$a^{-1} \bmod p = a^{p-2} \bmod p$$

**Example**

The answers to multiplicative inverses modulo a prime can be found without using the extended Euclidean algorithm:

- a.  $8^{-1} \bmod 17 = 8^{17-2} \bmod 17 = 8^{15} \bmod 17 = 15 \bmod 17$
- b.  $5^{-1} \bmod 23 = 5^{23-2} \bmod 23 = 5^{21} \bmod 23 = 14 \bmod 23$
- c.  $60^{-1} \bmod 101 = 60^{101-2} \bmod 101 = 60^{99} \bmod 101 = 32 \bmod 101$
- d.  $22^{-1} \bmod 211 = 22^{211-2} \bmod 211 = 22^{209} \bmod 211 = 48 \bmod 211$



# Euler's Theorem

- *First Version*

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Example Find the result of  $6^{24} \pmod{35}$

Solution

We have  $6^{24} \pmod{35} = 6^{\phi(35)} \pmod{35} = 1$

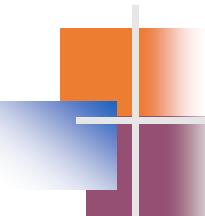
- *Second Version*

$$a^{k \times \phi(n) + 1} \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

Example Find the result of  $20^{62} \pmod{77}$

Solution

If we let  $k = 1$  on the second version,  
we have  $20^{62} \pmod{77}$   
 $= (20 \pmod{77})(20^{\phi(77)+1} \pmod{77}) \pmod{77}$   
 $= (20)(20) \pmod{77} = 15$



## Euler's Theorem

### Multiplicative Inverses

$$a^{-1} \bmod n = a^{\phi(n)-1} \bmod n$$

*Euler's theorem can be used to find multiplicative inverses modulo a composite*

**Example** The answers to multiplicative inverses modulo a composite can be found without using the extended Euclidean algorithm if we know the factorization of the composite:

- a.  $8^{-1} \bmod 77 = 8^{\phi(77)-1} \bmod 77 = 8^{59} \bmod 77 = 29 \bmod 77$
- b.  $7^{-1} \bmod 15 = 7^{\phi(15)-1} \bmod 15 = 7^7 \bmod 15 = 13 \bmod 15$
- c.  $60^{-1} \bmod 187 = 60^{\phi(187)-1} \bmod 187 = 60^{159} \bmod 187 = 53 \bmod 187$
- d.  $71^{-1} \bmod 100 = 71^{\phi(100)-1} \bmod 100 = 71^{39} \bmod 100 = 31 \bmod 100$

# Exponentiation and Logarithm

$$\text{Exponentiation: } y = a^x \rightarrow \text{Logarithm: } x = \log_a y$$

## *Fast Exponentiation*

$$x_{n_b-1} \times 2^{n_b-1} + x_{n_b-2} \times 2^{n_b-2} + \dots + x_1 \times 2^1 + x_0 \times 2^0$$

$$y = a$$

in which  $x_i$  is 0 or 1

$$y = \boxed{a^{2^{n_b-1}} \text{ or } 1} \times \boxed{a^{2^{n_b-2}} \text{ or } 1} \times \dots \times \boxed{a^2 \text{ or } 1} \times \boxed{a \text{ or } 1}$$

Example:

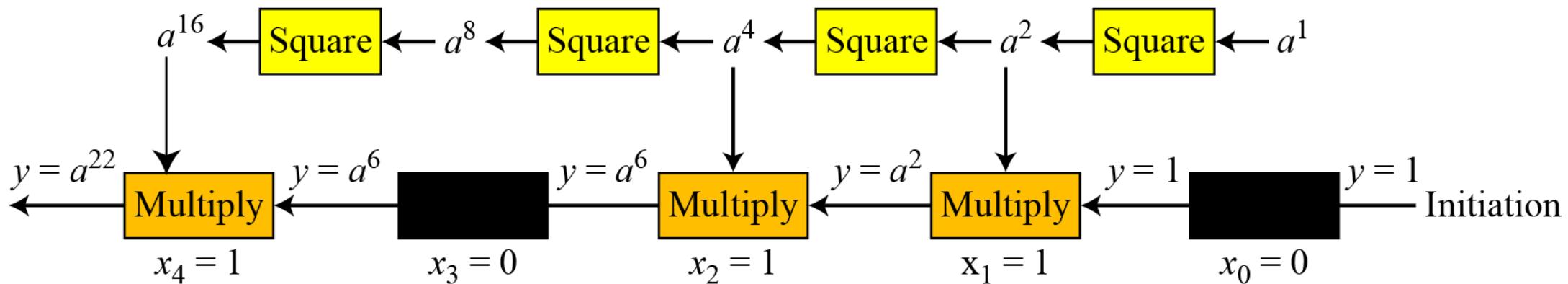
$$y = a^9 = a^{1001_2} = a^8 \times 1 \times 1 \times a$$

# Square-and-multiply method

Example

Demonstration of calculation of  $a^{22}$  using square-and-multiply method

Solution

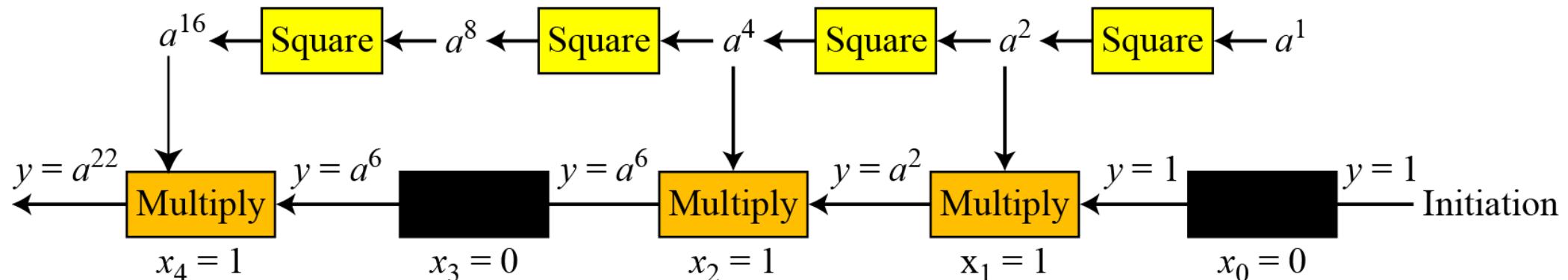


Process for calculating  $y = a^x$  using square-and-multiply method (for simplicity, the modulus is not shown).

In this case,  $x = 22 = (10110)_2$  in binary. The exponent has five bits.

# Square-and-multiply method

Demonstration of calculation of  $a^{22}$  using square-and-multiply method

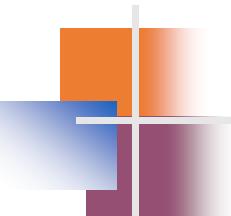


## Example

Calculation of  $17^{22} \bmod 21$  using square-and-multiply method

## Solution

$i$	$x_i$	Multiplication (Initialization: $y = 1$ )	Squaring (Initialization: $a = 17$ )
0	0		$a = 17^2 \bmod 21 = 16$
1	1	$y = 1 \times 16 \bmod 21 = 16$	$a = 16^2 \bmod 21 = 4$
2	1	$y = 16 \times 4 \bmod 21 = 1$	$a = 4^2 \bmod 21 = 16$
3	0		$a = 16^2 \bmod 21 = 4$
4	1	$y = 1 \times 4 \bmod 21 = 4$	



## Order of the Group

What is the order of group  $G = \langle \mathbb{Z}_{21}^*, \times \rangle$ ?

$$|G| = \phi(21) = \phi(3) \times \phi(7) = 2 \times 6 = 12.$$

There are 12 elements in this group: 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 10, 11, 13, 16, 17, 19, and 20. All are relatively prime with 21.



# Order of an Element

## Problem

Find the order of all elements in  $G = \langle \mathbb{Z}_{10}^*, \times \rangle$

## Solution

This group has only  $\phi(10) = 4$  elements: 1, 3, 7, 9. We can find the order of each element by trial and error.

- a.  $1^1 \equiv 1 \pmod{10} \rightarrow \text{ord}(1) = 1$
- b.  $3^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{10} \rightarrow \text{ord}(3) = 4$
- c.  $7^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{10} \rightarrow \text{ord}(7) = 4$
- d.  $9^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{10} \rightarrow \text{ord}(9) = 2$



## Primitive Roots

- **Primitive Roots** In the group  $G = \langle \mathbb{Z}_n^*, \times \rangle$ , when the order of an element is the same as  $\phi(n)$ , that element is called the primitive root of the group.
- If  $p$  is a prime, a primitive root mod  $p$  is a number  $g$  whose power yield every nonzero class mod  $p$ .  $\{g^k | 0 < k < p\} = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$

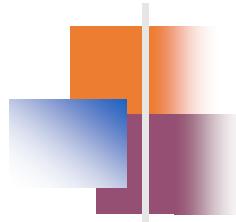
Proposition: Let  $g$  be a primitive root mod  $p$

$$g^n \equiv 1 \pmod{p} \text{ if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{p-1}$$

$$g^j \equiv g^k \pmod{p} \text{ if } j \equiv k \pmod{p-1}$$

Example

3 is a primitive root mod 7 but not for mod 13



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