



CSCE 222

Discrete Structures

Number Theory

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Discrete Mathematics and its Applications

Introduction to Number Theory

- Number theory is about **integers** and their properties.
- We will start with the basic principles of
 - **divisibility,**
 - **greatest common divisors,**
 - **least common multiples, and**
 - **modular arithmetic**
- and look at some relevant algorithms.

Division (§ 4.1.2)

If a and b are integers with $a \neq 0$, we say that a **divides** b if there is an integer c so that $b = ac$.

When a divides b we say that a is a **factor** of b and that b is a **multiple** of a .

The notation $a \mid b$ means that a divides b .

We write $a \nmid b$ when a does not divide b .

Divisibility Theorems

For integers a , b , and c it is true that

if $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid (b + c)$

Example: $3 \mid 6$ and $3 \mid 9$, so $3 \mid 15$.

if $a \mid b$, then $a \mid bc$ for all integers c

Example: $5 \mid 10$, so $5 \mid 20$, $5 \mid 30$, $5 \mid 40$, ...

if $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$, then $a \mid c$

Example: $4 \mid 8$ and $8 \mid 24$, so $4 \mid 24$.

Primes (§ 4.3)

A positive integer p greater than 1 is called **prime** if the only positive factors of p are 1 and p .

Note: 1 is not a prime

A positive integer that is greater than 1 and is not prime is called **composite**.

The fundamental theorem of arithmetic:

Every positive integer can be written **uniquely** as the **product of primes**, where the prime factors are written in order of increasing size.

Also called the unique-prime-factorization theorem

Primes

■ Examples:

$$15 = 3 \cdot 5$$

$$48 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 2^4 \cdot 3$$

$$17 = 17$$

$$100 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 = 2^2 \cdot 5^2$$

$$512 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 = 2^9$$

$$515 = 5 \cdot 103$$

$$28 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 7$$

Primes

If n is a composite integer, then n has a prime divisor less than or equal \sqrt{n} .

This is easy to see: if n is a composite integer, it must have at least two prime divisors. Let the largest two be p_1 and p_2 . Then $p_1 \cdot p_2 \leq n$.

p_1 and p_2 cannot both be greater than \sqrt{n} , because then $p_1 \cdot p_2 > n$.

If the smaller number of p_1 and p_2 is not a prime itself, then it can be broken up into prime factors that are smaller than itself but ≥ 2 .

The Division Algorithm (§ 4.1.3)

Let a be an integer and d a **positive** integer.

Then there are unique integers q and r , with $0 \leq r < d$, such that $a = dq + r$.

In the above equation,

- d is called the *divisor*,
- a is called the *dividend*,
- q is called the *quotient*, and
- r is called the *remainder*.

The Division Algorithm

Example:

When we divide 17 by 5, we have

$$17 = 5 \cdot 3 + 2.$$

17 is the dividend,
5 is the divisor,
3 is the quotient, and
2 is the remainder.

In C and Java

$$\begin{aligned} 17 / 5 &= 3 \\ 17 \% 5 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

The Division Algorithm

Another example:

What happens when we divide -11 by 3 ?

Note that the remainder cannot be negative.

$$-11 = 3 \cdot (-4) + 1.$$

-11 is the dividend,
3 is the divisor,
-4 is called the quotient, and
1 is called the remainder.

Note: This differs from C and Java

$$-11 / 3 = -3$$

$$-11 \% 3 = -2$$

Greatest Common Divisors (§ 4.3.6)

Let a and b be integers, not both zero.

The largest integer d such that $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$ is called the **greatest common divisor** of a and b .

The greatest common divisor of a and b is denoted by $\gcd(a, b)$.

Example 1: What is $\gcd(48, 72)$?

The positive common divisors of 48 and 72 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12, 16, and 24, so $\gcd(48, 72) = 24$.

Example 2: What is $\gcd(19, 72)$?

The only positive common divisor of 19 and 72 is 1, so $\gcd(19, 72) = 1$.

Greatest Common Divisors

Using prime factorizations:

$a = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_n^{a_n}$, $b = p_1^{b_1} p_2^{b_2} \dots p_n^{b_n}$, where $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_n$ and $a_i, b_i \in \mathbb{N}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$\gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min(a_1, b_1)} p_2^{\min(a_2, b_2)} \dots p_n^{\min(a_n, b_n)}$$

Example:

$$a = 60 = 2^2 3^1 5^1$$

$$b = 54 = 2^1 3^3 5^0$$

$$\gcd(a, b) = 2^1 3^1 5^0 = 6$$

Relatively Prime Integers

Definition:

Two integers a and b are **relatively prime** if $\gcd(a, b) = 1$.

Examples:

Are 15 and 28 relatively prime?

Yes, $\gcd(15, 28) = 1$.

Are 55 and 28 relatively prime?

Yes, $\gcd(55, 28) = 1$.

Are 35 and 28 relatively prime?

No, $\gcd(35, 28) = 7$.

Relatively Prime Integers

Definition:

The integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are **pairwise relatively prime** if $\gcd(a_i, a_j) = 1$ whenever $1 \leq i < j \leq n$.

Examples:

Are 15, 17, and 27 pairwise relatively prime?

No, because $\gcd(15, 27) = 3$.

Are 15, 17, and 28 pairwise relatively prime?

Yes, because $\gcd(15, 17) = 1$, $\gcd(15, 28) = 1$ and $\gcd(17, 28) = 1$.

Least Common Multiples

Definition:

The **least common multiple** of the positive integers a and b is the smallest positive integer that is divisible by both a and b .

We denote the least common multiple of a and b by $\text{lcm}(a, b)$.

Examples:

$$\text{lcm}(3, 7) = 21$$

$$\text{lcm}(4, 6) = 12$$

$$\text{lcm}(5, 10) = 10$$

Least Common Multiples

Using prime factorizations:

$a = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_n^{a_n}$, $b = p_1^{b_1} p_2^{b_2} \dots p_n^{b_n}$, where $p_1 < p_2 < \dots < p_n$ and $a_i, b_i \in \mathbf{N}$ for $1 \leq i \leq n$

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) = p_1^{\max(a_1, b_1)} p_2^{\max(a_2, b_2)} \dots p_n^{\max(a_n, b_n)}$$

Example:

$$a = 60 = 2^2 3^1 5^1$$

$$b = 54 = 2^1 3^3 5^0$$

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) = 2^2 3^3 5^1 = 4 \cdot 27 \cdot 5 = 540$$

GCD and LCM

$$a = 60 = 2^2 3^1 5^1$$

$$b = 54 = 2^1 3^3 5^0$$

$$\text{gcd}(a, b) = 2^1 3^1 5^0 = 6$$

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) = 2^2 3^3 5^1 = 540$$

Theorem: $a \cdot b = \text{gcd}(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b)$

Modular Arithmetic (§ 4.1.4)

Let a be an integer and m be a positive integer.

We denote by $a \bmod m$ the remainder when a is divided by m .

Examples:

$$9 \bmod 4 = 1$$

$$9 \bmod 3 = 0$$

$$9 \bmod 10 = 9$$

$$-13 \bmod 4 = 3$$

Congruences (§ 4.4)

Let a and b be integers and m be a positive integer. We say that a is congruent to b modulo m if m divides $a - b$.

We use the notation $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ to indicate that a is congruent to b modulo m .

In other words:

$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ if and only if $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$.

Congruences

Examples:

Is it true that $46 \equiv 68 \pmod{11}$?

Yes, because $11 \mid (46 - 68)$.

Is it true that $46 \equiv 68 \pmod{22}$?

Yes, because $22 \mid (46 - 68)$.

For which integers z is it true that $z \equiv 12 \pmod{10}$?

It is true for any $z \in \{\dots, -28, -18, -8, 2, 12, 22, 32, \dots\}$

Theorem: Let m be a positive integer. The integers a and b are congruent modulo m if and only if there is an integer k such that $a = b + km$.

The Euclidean Algorithm (§ 4.3.7)

The **Euclidean Algorithm** finds the **greatest common divisor** of two integers a and b .

For example, if we want to find $\gcd(287, 91)$, we **divide** 287 by 91:

$$287 = 91 \cdot 3 + 14$$

$$287 - 91 \cdot 3 = 14$$

$$\rightarrow 287 + 91 \cdot (-3) = 14$$

We know that for integers a , b and c ,
if $a \mid b$, then $a \mid bc$ for all integers c .

Therefore, any divisor of 91 is also a divisor of $91 \cdot (-3)$.

The Euclidean Algorithm

$$287 + 91 \cdot (-3) = 14$$

We also know that for integers a , b and c ,
if $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid (b + c)$.

Therefore, any divisor of 287 and 91 must also be a divisor of $287 + 91 \cdot (-3)$, which is 14.

Consequently, the greatest common divisor of **287 and 91** must be the same as the greatest common divisor of **14 and 91**:

$$\gcd(287, 91) = \gcd(14, 91).$$

The Euclidean Algorithm

In the next step, we divide 91 by 14:

$$91 = 14 \cdot 6 + 7$$

This means that $\gcd(14, 91) = \gcd(14, 7)$.

So we divide 14 by 7:

$$14 = 7 \cdot 2 + 0$$

We find that $7 \mid 14$, and thus $\gcd(14, 7) = 7$.

Therefore, $\gcd(287, 91) = 7$.

The Euclidean Algorithm

In **pseudocode**, the algorithm can be implemented as follows:

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procedure gcd(a, b: positive integers)
  x := a
  y := b
  while y ≠ 0 do
    r := x mod y
    x := y
    y := r
  endwhile {x is gcd(a, b)}
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Representations of Integers (§ 4.2.2)

Let b be a positive integer greater than 1.

Then if n is a positive integer, it can be expressed **uniquely** in the form:

$$n = a_k b^k + a_{k-1} b^{k-1} + \dots + a_1 b + a_0,$$

where k is a nonnegative integer, a_0, a_1, \dots, a_k are nonnegative integers less than b , and $a_k \neq 0$.

Example for $b=10$:

$$859 = 8 \cdot 10^2 + 5 \cdot 10^1 + 9 \cdot 10^0$$

Representations of Integers

Example for $b=2$ (binary expansion):

$$(10110)_2 = 1 \cdot 2^4 + 1 \cdot 2^2 + 1 \cdot 2^1 = (22)_{10}$$

Example for $b=16$ (hexadecimal expansion):

(we use letters A to F to indicate numbers 10 to 15)

$$(3A0F)_{16} = 3 \cdot 16^3 + 10 \cdot 16^2 + 15 \cdot 16^0 = (14863)_{10}$$

Representations of Integers

How can we construct the base b expansion of an integer n ?

First, divide n by b to obtain a quotient q_0 and remainder a_0 , that is,

$$n = bq_0 + a_0, \text{ where } 0 \leq a_0 < b.$$

The remainder a_0 is the rightmost digit in the base b expansion of n .

Next, divide q_0 by b to obtain:

$$q_0 = bq_1 + a_1, \text{ where } 0 \leq a_1 < b.$$

a_1 is the second digit from the right in the base b expansion of n .
Continue this process until you obtain a quotient equal to zero.

Representations of Integers

Example:

What is the base 8 expansion of $(12345)_{10}$?

First, divide 12345 by 8:

$$12345 = 8 \cdot 1543 + 1$$

$$1543 = 8 \cdot 192 + 7$$

$$192 = 8 \cdot 24 + 0$$

$$24 = 8 \cdot 3 + 0$$

$$3 = 8 \cdot 0 + 3$$

The result is: $(12345)_{10} = (30071)_8$

Representations of Integers

■ Exercises

- Convert 3456_{10} to binary (base-2)
- Convert 640_{10} to hexadecimal (base-16)
- Convert 25_{10} to octal (base-8)

Conversions Between Hex and Octal

- When converting from one binary compatible base to another, it is easiest to go through binary as an intermediate step
- Hexadecimal to octal (go through binary)

$$\begin{aligned} 3F74_{16} &= 0011\ 1111\ 0111\ 0100 \\ &= 0\ 011\ 111\ 101\ 110\ 100 = 037564_8 \end{aligned}$$

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Exercise:

- Convert the following *octal* numbers to *hexadecimal*:
 - 12, 5655, 2550276, 76545336, 3726755

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Representations of Integers

procedure base_b_expansion(n, b : positive integers)

$q := n$

$k := 0$

while $q \neq 0$ **do**

$a_k := q \bmod b$

$q := \lfloor q/b \rfloor$

$k := k + 1$

endwhile

 {the base b expansion of n is $(a_{k-1} \dots a_1 a_0)_b$ }

Addition of Integers

How do we (humans) add two integers?

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{1 1 1} \quad \text{carry} \\ 7583 \\ + 4932 \\ \hline 12515 \end{array}$$

Binary expansions:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{1 1} \quad \text{carry} \\ (1011)_2 \\ + (1010)_2 \\ \hline (10101)_2 \end{array}$$

base 16

$$\begin{array}{r} 5B39 \\ + 7AF4 \\ \hline D62D \end{array}$$

base 2

– easier than hex because the addition table is so small

$$\begin{array}{r} 100101111 \\ + 000110110 \\ \hline 101100101 \end{array}$$

Addition of Integers

Let $a = (a_{n-1}a_{n-2}\dots a_1a_0)_2$, $b = (b_{n-1}b_{n-2}\dots b_1b_0)_2$.

How can we **algorithmically** add these two binary numbers?

First, add their rightmost bits:

$$a_0 + b_0 = c_0 \cdot 2 + s_0,$$

where s_0 is the **rightmost bit** in the binary expansion of $a + b$, and c_0 is the **carry**.

Then, add the next pair of bits and the carry:

$$a_1 + b_1 + c_0 = c_1 \cdot 2 + s_1,$$

where s_1 is the **next bit** in the binary expansion of $a + b$, and c_1 is the carry.

Addition of Integers

Continue this process until you obtain c_{n-1} .

The leading bit of the sum is $s_n = c_{n-1}$.

The result is:

$$a + b = (s_ns_{n-1}\dots s_1s_0)_2$$

Addition of Integers

Example:

Add $a = (1110)_2$ and $b = (1011)_2$.

$a_0 + b_0 = 0 + 1 = 0 \cdot 2 + 1$, so that $c_0 = 0$ and $s_0 = 1$.

$a_1 + b_1 + c_0 = 1 + 1 + 0 = 1 \cdot 2 + 0$, so $c_1 = 1$ and $s_1 = 0$.

$a_2 + b_2 + c_1 = 1 + 0 + 1 = 1 \cdot 2 + 0$, so $c_2 = 1$ and $s_2 = 0$.

$a_3 + b_3 + c_2 = 1 + 1 + 1 = 1 \cdot 2 + 1$, so $c_3 = 1$ and $s_3 = 1$.

$s_4 = c_3 = 1$.

Therefore, $s = a + b = (11001)_2$.

Addition of Integers

procedure add(a, b : positive integers)

$c := 0$

for $j := 0$ **to** $n-1$ **do**

$d := \lfloor (a_j + b_j + c)/2 \rfloor$

$s_j := a_j + b_j + c - 2d$

$c := d$

endwhile

$s_n := c$

▪ {the binary expansion of the sum is $(s_n s_{n-1} \dots s_1 s_0)_2$ }

Two's Complement Arithmetic

- So far, the numbers we have discussed have had no size restriction on them
- However, since computer arithmetic is performed in registers, this will restrict the size of the numbers
 - On some machines, this is 8 bits, others 16 bits, and others it is 32 or even 64 bits
 - To keep it simple, we'll use 4 bits at first

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The Fabulous Four-bit Machine (FFM)

- The possible numbers it can hold are:
0000, 0001, 0010, 0011, 0100, 0101, 0110, 0111,
1000, 1001, 1010, 1011, 1100, 1101, 1110, 1111
- In order to identify particular bits in a byte or word, we use the following terms:
 - lsb -- least significant bit -- rightmost bit position
 - always numbered as bit 0
 - msb -- most significant bit -- leftmost bit position
 - on FFM it is bit 3

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Unsigned Integers

- An unsigned integer is one which is never negative (addresses of memory locations, ASCII codes, counters, etc.)
- On the FFM, then, we can represent numbers from 0 to 15 (0000b to 1111b)
 - On the Intel 8086 the range of integers is 0 to $2^{16}-1$ (0 to 65535)
- If the lsb is 0, the number is even; if it is 1, the number is odd

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Signed Integers

- How do we represent negative numbers?
- We have three possible methods:
 - Sign and magnitude
 - One's complement
 - Two's complement

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Sign and Magnitude

- The **msb** of the number represents the sign of the number
- 0 means positive, 1 means negative
- On FFM
 - 0000 to 0111 represent 0 - 7
 - 1001 to 1111 represent -1 to -7
 - 1000 is not used (negative 0)
- Easy to understand, but doesn't work well in computer circuits (too many special cases)

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One's Complement

- The *one's complement* of an integer is obtained by complementing each bit
 - The one's complement of 5 (0101b) is 1010b = -5
 - The one's complement of 0 (0000b) is 1111b = -0 (*here we go again*)
- $-5 + 5 = 0101 + 1010 = 1111 = -0$
- The negative 0 problem can be solved by using *two's complement*

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Two's Complement

- To get the two's complement of an integer, just add 1 to its one's complement
- The two's complement of 5 (**0101**) is **1010+1 = 1011**
- When we add 5 and -5 we get

$$\begin{array}{r} 0101 \\ 1011 \\ \hline 10000 \end{array}$$

- Because the FFM can only hold 4 bits, the 1 carried out from the msb is lost and the 4-bit result is 0

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Complementing the Complements

- It should be obvious that taking the 1's complement of a number twice will give the original number ($-(-5) = 5$)
- If the 2's complement is to be useful, it must have the same property
- $5 = 0101$, $-5 = 1011$, $-(-5) = 0100+1 = 0101$

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Moving past 4 bits

- Everything true of the FFM is still true for 8, 16, 32, or even 64 bit machines
- Example: Show how the base-10 integer -97 would be represented in (a) 8 bits and (b) in 16 bits, expressing the answer in hex
- (a)
 - $97 = 6 \times 16 + 1 = 61h = 0110\ 0001b$
 - $-97 = 1001\ 1110 + 1 = 1001\ 1111b = 9Fh$
- (b)
 - $97 = 0000\ 0000\ 0110\ 0001b$
 - $-97 = 1111\ 1111\ 1001\ 1111b = FF9Fh$

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Decimal Interpretation

- We have seen how signed and unsigned decimal integers may be represented in the computer
- The reverse problem is how to interpret the contents as a signed or unsigned integer
 - Unsigned is relatively straightforward -- just do a hex to decimal conversion
 - Signed is more difficult -- if the msb is 0, the number is positive, and the conversion is the same as unsigned
 - If the msb is 1, the number is negative -- to find its value, takes the two's complement, convert to decimal, and prefix a minus sign

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Signed and Unsigned Interpretations in 16 bits

Hex	Unsigned decimal	Signed decimal
0000	0	0
0001	1	1
0002	2	2
.
0009	9	9
000A	10	10
.
7FFE	32766	32766
7FFF	32767	32767
8000	32768	-32768
8001	32769	-32767
.
FFFE	65534	-2
FFFF	65535	-1

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Example

- Suppose the 8086 **AX** register contains FE0Ch

- The unsigned decimal interpretation is:

- 65036

- To find the signed interpretation:

- FE0Ch = 1111 1110 0000 1100

- 1's complement = 0000 0001 1111 0011

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0000\ 0001\ 1111\ 0011 \\
 \hline
 +1 \\
 \hline
 0000\ 0001\ 1111\ 0100
 \end{array}$$

$$= 01F4h = 500$$

Thus, **AX** contains -500

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Character Representation

- Not all data are treated as numbers
- However they must be coded as binary numbers in order to be processed
- ASCII (American Standard Code for Information Interchange) is the standard encoding scheme used to represent characters in binary format on personal computers

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ASCII Code

- 7-bit encoding => 128 characters can be represented
 - codes 0-31 and 127 are control characters (nonprinting characters)
 - control characters used on PC's are: LF, CR, BS, Bell, HT, FF

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Applications of Congruences (§ 4.5)

1. Hashing Functions (§ 4.5.1)
2. Pseudorandom Numbers (§ 4.5.2)
3. Cryptography (Caesar Cipher) (§ 4.6.2)

OTHER APPLICATIONS OF NUMBER THEORY IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

1. Hashing Functions

Assignment of memory location to a student record

$$h(k) = k \bmod m$$

Key: social security #

of available
memory location

Example: $h(064212848) = 064212848 \bmod 111 = 14$ when $m = 111$

2. Pseudorandom Numbers

- Needed for computer simulation
- Linear congruential method :
$$x_{n+1} = (ax_n + c) \bmod m$$
- Put them between 0 and 1 as: $y_n = x_n/m$

3. Cryptography (Caesar Cipher)

a) Encryption:

- Making messages secrets by shifting each letter three letters forward in the alphabet

B → E X → A

A = 0
B = 1
...
Z = 25

- Mathematical expression:

$$f(p) = (p + 3) \bmod 26 \quad 0 \leq p \leq 25$$

- **Example:** What is the secret message produced from the message “Meet you in the park”

Solution:

1. Replace letters with numbers:
meet = 12 4 4 19
you = 24 14 20
in = 8 1 3
the = 19 7 4
park = 15 0 17 10
2. Replace each of these numbers p by $f(p) = (p + 3) \bmod 26$
meet = 15 7 7 22
you = 1 17 23
in = 11 16
the = 22 10 7
park = 18 3 20 13
3. Translate back into letters: “PHHW BRX LQ WKH SDUN”

b) Decryption (Deciphering)

$$f(p) = (p + k) \bmod 26 \text{ (shift cipher)}$$
$$\Rightarrow f^{-1}(p) = (p - k) \bmod 26$$

Caesar's method and shift cipher are very vulnerable and thus have low level of security (reason frequency of occurrence of letters in the message)

\Rightarrow Replace letters with blocks of letters.

This topic is optional and we may omit it in the interest of time.

PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY

About this module section...

- This is just an introduction to Public Key Cryptography and RSA Encryption
- Much of the underlying theory we will not be able to get to
 - It's beyond the scope of this course
- Much of why this all works won't be taught
 - It's just an introduction to how it works

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Private key cryptography

- The function and/or key to encrypt/decrypt is a secret
 - (Hopefully) only known to the sender and recipient
- The same key encrypts and decrypts
- How do you get the key to the recipient?

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Public key cryptography

- Everybody has a key that encrypts and a *separate* key that decrypts
 - They are not interchangeable!
- The encryption key is made public
- The decryption key is kept private

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Public key cryptography goals

- Key generation should be relatively easy
- Encryption should be easy
- Decryption should be easy
 - With the right key!
- Cracking should be *very* hard

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Is that number prime?

- Use the Fermat primality test
- Given:
 - n : the number to test for primality
 - k : the number of times to test (the certainty)
- The algorithm is:
 - repeat k times:
 - pick a randomly in the range $[1, n-1]$
 - if $a^{n-1} \bmod n \neq 1$ then return composite
 - return probably prime

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Is that number prime?

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 - repeat k times:
 - pick a randomly in the range $[1, n-1]$
 - if $a^{n-1} \bmod n \neq 1$ then return composite
 - return probably prime
- Let $n = 105$
 - Iteration 1: $a = 92$: $92^{104} \bmod 105 = 1$
 - Iteration 2: $a = 84$: $84^{104} \bmod 105 = 21$
 - Therefore, 105 is composite

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Is that number prime?

- The algorithm is:
 - repeat k times:
 - pick a randomly in the range $[1, n-1]$
 - if $a^{n-1} \bmod n \neq 1$ then return composite
 - return probably prime
- Let $n = 101$
 - Iteration 1: $a = 55$: $55^{100} \bmod 100 = 1$
 - Iteration 2: $a = 60$: $60^{100} \bmod 100 = 1$
 - Iteration 3: $a = 14$: $14^{100} \bmod 100 = 1$
 - Iteration 4: $a = 73$: $73^{100} \bmod 100 = 1$
 - At this point, 101 has a $(\frac{1}{2})^4 = 1/16$ chance of still being composite

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More on the Fermat primality test

- Each iteration halves the probability that the number is a composite
 - Probability = $(\frac{1}{2})^k$
 - If $k = 100$, probability it's a composite is $(\frac{1}{2})^{100} = 1$ in 1.2×10^{30} that the number is composite
 - Greater chance of having a hardware error!
 - Thus, $k = 100$ is a good value
- However, this is not certain!
 - There are known numbers that are composite but will always report prime by this test

- Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fermat_primality_test

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RSA

- Stands for the inventors: Ron Rivest, Adi Shamir and Len Adleman
- Three parts:
 - Key generation
 - Encrypting a message
 - Decrypting a message

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Key generation steps

1. Choose two *random* large prime numbers $p \neq q$, and
 $n = p * q$
2. Choose an integer $1 < e < n$ which is relatively prime to $(p-1)(q-1)$
3. Compute d such that $d * e \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$
 - Rephrased: $d * e \bmod (p-1)(q-1) = 1$
4. Destroy all records of p and q

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Key generation, step 1

- Choose two *random* large prime numbers $p \neq q$
 - In reality, 2048 bit numbers are recommended
 - That's ≈ 617 digits
 - From previous slide: chance of a random odd 2048 bit number being prime is about $1/710$
 - We can compute if a number is prime relatively quickly via the Fermat primality test
- We choose $p = 107$ and $q = 97$
- Compute $n = p * q$
 - $n = 10379$

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Key generation, step 1

- Java code to find a big prime number:

```
BigInteger prime = new BigInteger  
    (numBits, certainty, random);
```

The number of
bits of the prime

Certainty that the
number is a prime

The random number
generator

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Key generation, step 1

- Java code to find a big prime number:

```
import java.math.*;
import java.util.*;

class BigPrime {

    static int numDigits = 617;
    static int certainty = 100;

    static final double LOG_2 = Math.log(10)/Math.log(2);
    static int numBits = (int) (numDigits * LOG_2);

    public static void main (String args[]) {
        Random random = new Random();
        BigInteger prime = new BigInteger (numBits, certainty,
                                           random);
        System.out.println (prime);
    }
}
```

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Key generation, step 1

- How long does this take?
 - These tests done on a 2.6GHz Core i7 8th generation (i.e., fast)
 - Average of 100 trials (certainty = 100)
 - 200 digits (664 bits): about 0.1 seconds
 - 617 digits (2048 bits): about 3.75 seconds
 - 1234 digits (4096 bits): about 15 seconds

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Key generation, step 1

- Practical considerations
 - p and q should not be too close together
 - $(p-1)$ and $(q-1)$ should not have small prime factors
 - Use a good random number generator

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Key generation, step 2

- Choose an integer $1 < e < n$ which is relatively prime to $(p-1)(q-1)$
- There are algorithms to do this efficiently
 - We aren't going over them in this course
- Easy way to do this: make e be a prime number
 - It only has to be relatively prime to $(p-1)(q-1)$, but can be fully prime

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Key generation, step 2

- Recall that $p = 107$ and $q = 97$
 - $(p-1)(q-1) = 106*96 = 10176 = 2^6*3*53$
- We choose $e = 85$
 - $85 = 5*17$
 - $\gcd(85, 10176) = 1$
 - Thus, 85 and 10176 are relatively prime

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Key generation, step 3

- Compute d such that:
$$d * e \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$$
 - Rephrased: $d*e \bmod (p-1)(q-1) = 1$
- There are algorithms to do this efficiently
 - We aren't going over them in this course
- We choose $d = 4669$
 - $4669*85 \bmod 10176 = 1$

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Key generation, step 3

- Java code to find d :

```
import java.math.*;

class FindD {
    public static void main (String args[]) {

        BigInteger pq = new BigInteger("10176");
        BigInteger e = new BigInteger ("85");

        System.out.println (e.modInverse(pq));
    }
}
```

- Result: 4669

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Key generation, step 4

- Destroy all records of p and q
- If we know p and q , then we can compute the private encryption key from the public decryption key

$$d * e \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$$

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The keys

- We have $n = p * q = 10379$, $e = 85$, and $d = 4669$
- The public key is $(n, e) = (10379, 85)$
- The private key is $(n, d) = (10379, 4669)$
- Thus, n is not private
 - Only d is private
- In reality, d and e are 600 (or so) digit numbers
 - Thus n is a 1200 (or so) digit number

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Encrypting messages

- To encode a message:
 1. Encode the message m into a number
 2. Split the number into smaller numbers $m < n$
 3. Use the formula $c = m^e \bmod n$
 - c is the ciphertext, and m is the message
- Java code to do the last step:
 - `m.modPow(e, n)`
 - Where the object `m` is the `BigInteger` to encrypt

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Encrypting messages example

1. Encode the message into a number
 - String is "Gig 'em!"
 - **Modified** ASCII codes:
 - 41 75 73 02 09 71 79 03
2. Split the number into numbers $< n$
 - 4175 7302 0971 7903

I modified the ASCII codes for this example by subtracting 30 from each value
This is just so this example in the slides can use smaller values for p and q

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Encrypting messages example

1. Split the number into numbers $< n$
 - 4175 7302 0971 7903
2. Use the formula $c = m^e \bmod n$
 - $4175^{85} \bmod 10379 = 5428$
 - $7302^{85} \bmod 10379 = 10173$
 - $0971^{85} \bmod 10379 = 8246$
 - $7903^{85} \bmod 10379 = 5466$
 - Encrypted message:
 - 5428 10173 8246 5466

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Decrypting messages

1. Use the formula $m = c^d \bmod n$ on each number
2. Split the number into individual ASCII character numbers
3. Decode the message into a string

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Decrypting messages example

- Encrypted message:
 - 5428 10173 8246 5466
- 1. Use the formula $m = c^d \bmod n$ on each number
 - $5428^{4669} \bmod 10379 = 4175$
 - $10173^{4669} \bmod 10379 = 7302$
 - $8246^{4669} \bmod 10379 = 971$
 - $5466^{4669} \bmod 10379 = 7903$
- 2. Split the numbers into individual characters
 - 41 75 73 02 09 71 79 03
- 3. Decode the message into a string
 - Unmodified ASCII codes: (by adding 30 to each one)
 - 71 105 103 32 39 101 109 33
 - Retrieved String is "Gig 'em!"

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