

# **FINITE FIELD LIBRARY AND COUNTING POINTS OVER FINITE FIELD**

COMPUTING PROJECT – PART 1

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# ABSTRACT

In the first part of our project, we built finite field library, by finding all irreducible polynomials of degree  $n$  over the prime field  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , and then we compute the number of points of a given finite field  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  and a given elliptic curve  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ .

# DEFINE *MODP* ELEMENT

First we defined the class *modp* element in Python

```
# should we make a class for integer mod p
class modp(object):
    def __init__(self, p : int, n : int):
        self.p = p
        self.n = n % p

    def __repr__(self):
        return f"{self.n} mod {self.p}"
```

And operations(+,-,\*,/) between them.

```
def __add__(self, other : modp):
    if self.p != other.p :
        raise ValueError
    return modp(self.p, (self.n + other.n) % self.p)

def __neg__(self):
    return modp(self.p, (-self.n))

def __sub__(self, g : modp):
    return self + (-g)

def __mul__(self, g: modp):
    if self.p != g.p :
        raise ValueError
    return modp(self.p, (self.n * g.n) % self.p)
def __truediv__(self, g: modp):
    if self.p != g.p :
        raise ValueError
    if g.n % self.p == 0 :
        raise ZeroDivisionError
    return modp(self.p, (self.n * g.n**(-1))%self.p)
```

## CAUTION: NEED TO DEFINE WHAT IS 'EQUAL'!

We need to compare if two modp elements are equal.

```
def __eq__(self, g : modp):  
    if self.p != g.p :  
        raise ValueError  
    return (self.n - g.n) % self.p == 0
```

## DEFINE MODP POLYNOMIALS.

Then we can define polynomials with modp element coefficients, it contains degree, and a coefficients dictionary.

```
50 class polynomial_modp(object):
51     def __init__(self, p, coeff : dict):
52         self.p = p
53         self.coeff = {k : coeff[k] for k in coeff.keys() if coeff[k] != modp(p, 0)}
54         # remove coefficients that are zero
55         if self.coeff == {}:
56             self.deg = 0
57         else :
58             self.deg = max(self.coeff.keys())
59
60     def lc(self) -> modp : #leading coeff
61         return self.coeff.get(self.deg, modp(self.p, 0))
62
```

Notice that we removed all zero coefficient, and we keep the leading coefficient.

# AGAIN, DEFINE BASIC OPERATIONS BETWEEN MODP POLYNOMIALS

Again, we define (+,-,\*) operations between modp polynomials.

```
80 def __add__(self, g : polynomial_modp):
81     new_coeff = dict()
82     for i in range(self.deg + g.deg + 1):
83         new_coeff[i] = self.coeff.get(i, modp(self.p, 0)) + g.coeff.get(i, modp(self.p,0))
84     return polynomial_modp(self.p, new_coeff)
85
86 def __neg__(self):
87     return polynomial_modp(self.p, {k : -v for k, v in self.coeff.items()})
88
89 def __sub__(self, g : polynomial_modp):
90     return self + (-g)
91
92 def __mul__(self, g : polynomial_modp):
93     new_coeff = dict()
94     for i in range(self.deg + g.deg + 1):
95         new_coeff[i] = sum((self.coeff.get(j, modp(self.p, 0)) * g.coeff.get(i - j, modp(self.p, 0)) for j in range(i + 1))
96     return polynomial_modp(self.p, new_coeff)
97
```

# FLOOR DIVISION AND MODULO OPERATION

We need floor division.

```
def __floordiv__(self, g : polynomial_modp):  
    # long division  
    lc1 = self.lc()  
    if lc1.n == 0 :  
        return polynomial_modp(self.p, {})  
    lc2 = g.lc()  
    if lc2.n == 0:  
        raise ZeroDivisionError  
    lc3 = lc1 / lc2  
    h = polynomial_modp(self.p, {self.deg - g.deg : lc3})  
  
    if self.deg < g.deg :  
        return polynomial_modp(self.p, {})  
    elif self.deg == g.deg :  
        return h  
    else :  
        return h + (self - h * g) // g
```

And the residue polynomial.

```
def __mod__(self, g : polynomial_modp):  
    return self - (self // g) * g
```

# DEFINE TWO *LISTS* OF POLYNOMIALS!

Define all polynomials of degree no more than  $n$

```
def all_polynomial_upto_deg_n(p : int, n : int) -> list[polynomial_modp] :  
  return [polynomial_modp(p, {k : modp(p, c[k]) for k in range(n+1) if c[k] != 0}) for c in product(*[[i for i in
```

Define all *monic* polynomials of degree no more than  $n$

```
def all_polynomial_upto_deg_n_with_leading_coeff_1(p : int, n : int) -> list[polynomial_modp]:  
  return list(filter(lambda f : f.lc() == modp(f.p, 1), all_polynomial_upto_deg_n(p, n)))
```



# CHECK IF A POLYNOMIAL IS COMPOSITE OR IRREDUCIBLE!

Define two functions to check if it is composite or irreducible.

```
def is_composite(p : polynomial_modp) -> bool :  
    d = p.deg  
  
    for f in all_polynomial_upto_deg_n(p.p, d-1):  
        if f.deg > 0 and ((p % f) == polynomial_modp(p.p,  
            # print(f"factor is {f}")  
            return True  
    return False  
  
def is_irreducible(p : polynomial_modp) -> bool : return not is_composite(p)
```

# GENERATE ALL IRREDUCIBLE POLYNOMIAL OF DEGREE NO MORE THAN $n$

```
170 for f in all_polynomial_upto_deg_n_with_leading_coeff_1(2,3):  
171     if is_irreducible(f) == 1:  
172         print(f)
```

```
x mod 2  
1 mod 2  
1+x^2+x^3 mod 2  
1+x mod 2  
1+x+x^3 mod 2  
1+x+x^2 mod 2
```

# GENERATE AN IRREDUCIBLE POLYNOMIAL OF DEGREE $n$

Find an irreducible polynomial.

```
def a_monir_irreducible_modp_polynomial_of_deg_n(p: int, n:int):  
    for f in all_polynomial_upto_deg_n_with_leading_coeff_1(p,n):  
        if f.deg == n and is_irreducible(f) == 1:  
            return f
```

Have a test!

```
print(a_monir_irreducible_modp_polynomial_of_deg_n(7,2))
```

```
1+x^2 mod 7
```

# APPLICATION: COUNTING POINTS ON A GIVEN ELLIPTIC CUEVE

Given a prime number  $p$ , degree  $n$ , coefficients  $a, b$ , we count the number of  $\mathbb{F}_{p^n}$  points of the elliptic curve  $y^2 = x^3 + ax + b$ .

```
def counting_points_of_elliptic_curves(p:int, a: int, b: int, n:int):
    # counting the number of points of the elliptic curve y^2=x^3+ax+b over the finite field F_{p^n}
    f = a_monirc_irreducible_modp_polynomial_of_deg_n(p,n)
    k = 0
    polya = polynomial_modp(p,{0:modp(p,a)}) # the polynomial a
    polyb = polynomial_modp(p,{0:modp(p,b)}) # the polynomial b
    print(f,polya,polyb)
    for g in all_polynomial_upto_deg_n(p,n-1):
        for h in all_polynomial_upto_deg_n(p,n-1):
            if ((g*g-h*h-polya*h-polyb) % f)== polynomial_modp(p,{}):
                k=k+1
    return k+1 # add the infinity point
```

Test!

```
195 print(counting_points_of_elliptic_curves(3,1,-1,4))
196 # counting the number of points of the elliptic curve y^2=x^3+x-1 over F_{3^4}. It's 64.
```

Thank you!