

Euclidean Algorithm

$$a = bq + r, a, b, q, r \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow \gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$$

proof. If $d|a$ and $d|b$, then $d|a - bq = r$

If $d|b$ and $d|r = a - bq$, then $d|a = r + bq$

q_1	$a \geq$	b	
	bq		
	r_1	b	q_2
		$r_1 q_2$	
q_3	r_1	r_3	
	$r_3 q_3$		
	r_4	\vdots	
	r_n	0	

$$\gcd(a, b)$$

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$$\gcd(r_1, b)$$

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$$\gcd(r_1, r_3)$$

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\vdots

$$\gcd(r_n, 0) = r_n$$

The number of divisions required is $O(\log b)$

EX.

1	662	414	
	414		
	248	414	1
		248	
1	248	166	
	166		
	82	166	2
		164	
41	82	2	
	82		
	0	2	

$$\gcd(662, 414)$$

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$$\gcd(248, 414)$$

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$$\gcd(248, 166)$$

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$$\gcd(82, 166)$$

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$$\gcd(82, 2)$$

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$$\gcd(0, 2) = 2$$

Extended Euclidean Algorithm : finds $\gcd(b, n)$

and x_0, y_0 such that $bx_0 + ny_0 = \gcd(b, n)$

def $\text{xgcd}(b, n)$:

$x_0, x_1, y_0, y_1 = 1, 0, 0, 1$

while n :

$q, b, n = b // n, n, b \% n$

$x_0, x_1 = x_1, x_0 - q * x_1$

$y_0, y_1 = y_1, y_0 - q * y_1$

return b, x_0, y_0

EX. $B = 662$ $N = 414$

q	b	n	x_0	x_1	y_0	y_1
	662	414	1	0	0	1
1	414	248	0	1	1	-1
1	248	166	1	-1	-1	2
1	166	82	-1	2	2	-3
2	82	2	2	-5	-3	8
41	2	0	-5	207	8	-331

returns $(2, -5, 8)$

Remark) if $\begin{cases} b = x_0 B + y_0 N \\ n = x_1 B + y_1 N \end{cases}$ in a loop, then $\begin{cases} b = x_0 B + y_0 N \\ n = x_1 B + y_1 N \end{cases}$

also holds in the next iteration. This is true initially, so is true all the way.

Application : Modular inverse.

Assumption : $\gcd(b, n) = 1$.

Objective : Find b^{-1} so that $b \cdot b^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

Method: Run $\text{xgcd}(b, n)$ then x_0 is the modular inverse of $b \pmod{n}$.

proof. If $\gcd(b, n) = 1$, then

$1, x_0, y_0$ such that

$\text{xgcd}(b, n)$ returns

$$bx_0 + ny_0 = 1$$

$$\text{Thus } bx_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Ex. From $\gcd(662, 414) = 2$, we find that $\gcd(\frac{662}{2}, \frac{414}{2}) = 1$, that is, $\gcd(331, 207) = 1$.

$\text{xgcd}(331, 207)$ returns $(1, -5, 8)$

(Notice that $-5, 8$ are also obtained from $\text{xgcd}(662, 414)$)

$x_0 = -5$. Thus, the modular inverse of $331 \pmod{207}$

is $-5 \pmod{207}$. ($= 202 \pmod{207}$)

The number of operations in the xgcd is also

$$O(\log \min(b, n))$$

Mathematical Induction

To prove that $P(n)$ is true for all positive integers n ,

Basis step $P(1)$ is true

Inductive step $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ is true for all positive integers k .

$$(P(1) \wedge \forall k (P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1))) \rightarrow \forall n P(n)$$

Exb. $2^n < n!$ for every integer $n \geq 4$

$P(4)$: $2^4 < 4!$ is true.

If $P(k)$ is true for some positive integer, $k \geq 4$

$$2^k < k!$$

Then $2^k \cdot 2 < k! \cdot 2 < k! (k+1) = (k+1)!$

so $2^{k+1} < (k+1)!$ and $P(k+1)$ is true.

Hence, by mathematical induction, $2^n < n!$ is true

for all positive integers $n \geq 4$.

Strong Induction

Basis step $P(1)$ is true

Inductive step $P(1) \wedge \dots \wedge P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$ for all $k \geq 1$

$$(P(1) \wedge \forall k (\bigwedge_{1 \leq i \leq k} P(i) \rightarrow P(k+1))) \rightarrow \forall n P(n)$$