

Fermat's and Euler's Theorem:

Two theorems that play important roles in public-key cryptography are Fermat's and Euler's theorem.

Fermat's theorem:

Fermat's theorem states that: If p is prime and a is a positive integer not divisible by p , then:

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

Proof: Consider the set of positive integers less than p : $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$ and multiply each element by a , modulo p to get,

$$\text{Set } X = \{a \pmod{p}, 2a \pmod{p}, \dots, (p-1)a \pmod{p}\}$$

Since p does not divide, no element in X is 0. Furthermore, no two integers in X are equal. Since, assume that $ja = ka \pmod{p}$ where $1 \leq j < k \leq p-1$. Because a is relatively prime to p , we can eliminate a from both sides,

$$j = k \pmod{p}$$

Since j and k are both less than p , this equality is impossible.

\therefore all $(p-1)$ elements in set X are unequal.

Hence, we can conclude X consists of set of integers: $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$ in some order.

Multiplying the numbers in both sets (p and x) and taking the result mod p yields.

$$a \times 2a \times \dots \times (p-1)a \equiv [1 \times 2 \times \dots \times (p-1)] (\text{mod } p)$$
$$a^{p-1} (p-1)! \equiv (p-1)! (\text{mod } p).$$

Example:

Let $p = 17$, an integer prime number.
 $a = 2$, an integer not a multiple of p .

According to Fermat's little theorem:

$$2^{17-1} \equiv 1 \text{ mod } 17.$$

we got $65536 \div 17 \equiv 1$.
that mean $(65536 - 1)$ is a multiple of 17 .

Euler's theorem:

This theorem states that for every a and n that are relatively prime.

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 (\text{mod } n).$$

Proof: If n is prime, $\phi(n) = (n-1)$ and Fermat's theorem holds. However it holds for any integer n . As we know, $\phi(n)$ is the number of positive integers less than n , that are relatively prime to n .

Consider the set of integers R ,
 $R = \{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_{\phi(n)}\}$.

Each element x_i is a unique positive integer less than n with $\text{GCD}(x_i, n) = 1$.

Multiply each element by a , modulo n .

$$S = \{(ax_1 \bmod n), (ax_2 \bmod n), \dots, (ax_{\phi(n)} \bmod n)\}$$

The set S is a permutation of R because a is relatively prime to n and x is relatively prime to n . Thus all the members of S are integers that are less than n and that are relatively prime to n .

Since there are no duplicates in S , if $ax_i \bmod n = ax_j \bmod n$, then:

$$x_i = x_j.$$

$$\therefore \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} (ax_i \bmod n) = \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i.$$

$$\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} ax_i = \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i \pmod{n}$$

$$a^{\phi(n)} \times \left[\prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i \right] \equiv \prod_{i=1}^{\phi(n)} x_i \pmod{n}$$

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

Example:

Euler's method can be used to take a time-based system of ODEs and transform it into a difference equation using Euler's method so that we can use it in dynamic programming or discrete optimal control approaches.

2. Chinese remainder theorem:

The Chinese remainder theorem is a theorem which gives a unique solution to simultaneous linear congruences with coprime moduli. In its basic form, the Chinese remainder theorem will determine a number p that, when divided by some given divisors, leaves given remainders.

Given pairwise coprime positive integers n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k and arbitrary integers a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k , the system of simultaneous congruences:

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1} \\x &\equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2} \\&\vdots \\x &\equiv a_k \pmod{n_k}\end{aligned}$$

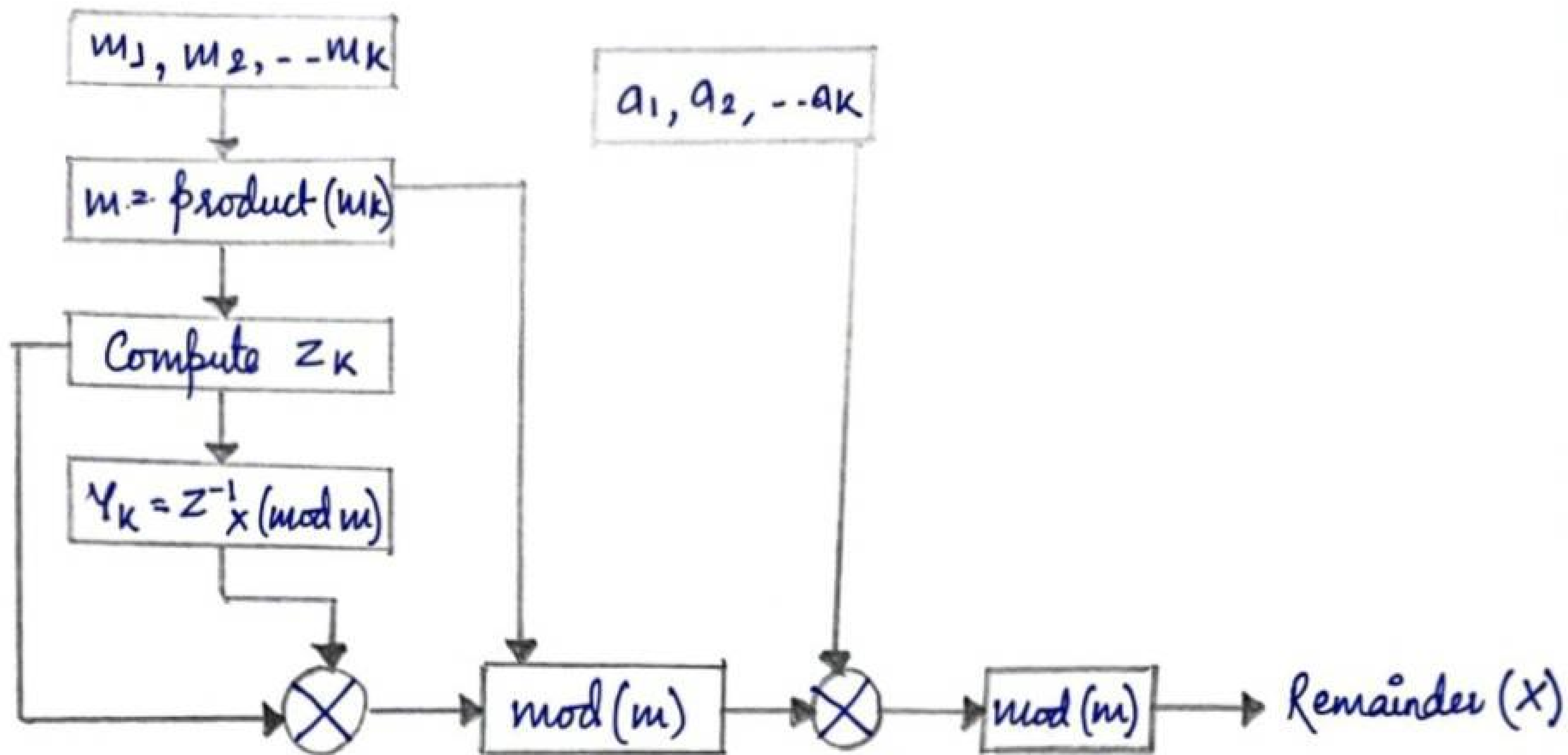
has a solution, and the solution is unique modulo $N = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$.

Solution \rightarrow Find $M = n_1 \times n_2 \times \dots \times n_k$.
Find $M_1 = \frac{M}{n_1}$, $M_2 = \frac{M}{n_2}$, \dots , $M_k = \frac{M}{n_k}$.

Find multiplicative inverse of M_1, M_2, \dots, M_k i.e., $M_1^{-1}, M_2^{-1}, \dots, M_k^{-1}$.

Solution is calculated as:

$$x = (a_1 \times M_1 \times M_1^{-1} + a_2 \times M_2 \times M_2^{-1} + \dots + a_k \times M_k \times M_k^{-1}) \pmod{M}.$$



Example:

$$x \equiv 6 \pmod{11}, x \equiv 13 \pmod{16}, x \equiv 9 \pmod{21}, x \equiv 19 \pmod{25}$$

$$M_1 = \frac{M}{m_1} = 16 \times 21 \times 25 = 8400, M_2 = 11 \times 21 \times 25 = 5775.$$

$$M_3 = 11 \times 16 \times 25 = 4400, M_4 = 11 \times 16 \times 21 = 3696.$$

$$M_1^{-1} = 8400^{-1} \pmod{m_1} = 8400^{-1} \pmod{11} = 7^{-1} \pmod{11} = 8 \pmod{11}$$

$$M_2^{-1} = 5775^{-1} \pmod{16} = 15 \pmod{16}$$

$$M_3^{-1} = 4400^{-1} \pmod{21} = 2 \pmod{21}$$

$$M_4^{-1} = 3696^{-1} \pmod{25} = 6 \pmod{25}$$

$$x = 6 \times 8 \times 8400 + 13 \times 15 \times 5775 + 19 \times 6 \times 3696 + 9 \times 2 \times 4400.$$

$$x = 51669 \pmod{m} = 51669 \pmod{m_1 m_2 m_3 m_4}$$

$$x = 51669 \pmod{92400}.$$

Real world example:

Used to solve multiple range ambiguities in many radar systems.

Advantages:

It is useful for discerning solutions to congruence problems which are used in cryptographic algorithms like RSA as well as factorization.

Disadvantages:

It can't be used if moduli are not co-prime as multiplicative inverse cannot be found.

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