

## More Number Theoretic Results

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## Objectives

- **Euclidean Algorithm**
  - to compute gcd (Greatest Common Divisor)
  - to compute multiplicative inverse
- **Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)**
  - expressing the whole in parts
- **Cyclic groups and a test for primitive-ness**

## Previous Results Discussed

- **Modular Arithmetic**
- **The set of residues modulo  $n$ , that are relatively prime to  $n$  is denoted by  $Z_n^*$ .**
- **$Z_n^*$  forms a multiplicative group under multiplication.**
- **Any element inside  $Z_n^*$  has a multiplicative inverse.**
- **$Z_n^*$  is closed under multiplication.**

## The Euclidean Algorithm

EUCLIDEAN ALGORITHM( $a, b$ )

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 $r_0 \leftarrow a$   
 $r_1 \leftarrow b$   
 $m \leftarrow 1$   
while  $r_m \neq 0$   
  do  $\begin{cases} q_m \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{r_{m-1}}{r_m} \rfloor \\ r_{m+1} \leftarrow r_{m-1} - q_m r_m \\ m \leftarrow m + 1 \end{cases}$   
 $m \leftarrow m - 1$   
return  $(q_1, \dots, q_m; r_m)$   
comment:  $r_m = \gcd(a, b)$ 
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## Proof of Correctness

- $\gcd(a,b)=\gcd(r_0,r_1)=\gcd(q_1r_1+r_2,r_1)=\gcd(r_1,r_2)=\gcd(r_2,r_3)=\dots=\gcd(r_{m-1},r_m)=r_m$
- Thus, the EA algorithm can be used to compute the gcd of two positive integers
  - Also to check whether an integer modulo  $n$  has a multiplicative inverse.
- But how can we compute the inverse?

## Example

- Compute the  $28^{-1} \bmod 75$   
 $75=2 \times 28+19$   
 $28=1 \times 19+9$   
 $19=2 \times 9+1$   
 $9=9 \times 1$
- So,  $\gcd(28,75)=1$ . So, what is the inverse?
- Can you express the gcd as a linear combination of 28 and 75?

## Example

- $19 = 75 - 2 \times 28$
- $9 = 28 - 19 = 28 - (75 - 2 \times 28) = -75 + 3 \times 28$
- $1 = 19 - 2 \times 9 = (75 - 2 \times 28) - 2 \times (-75 + 3 \times 28) = 3 \times 75 - 8 \times 28$
- Thus,  $\gcd(28, 75) = 1 = 3 \times 75 - 8 \times 28$ .
- So, what is  $28^{-1} \pmod{75}$ ?  
Answer is  $-8 \pmod{75} = 67$

So, what is the lesson?

- All the remainders generated by the EA algorithm can be expressed as a linear combination of the +ve integers a and b.
- And the expression is unique.
- The extended EA algorithm generates/computes this linear combination in a systematic fashion

- Define  $(t_0, t_1, \dots, t_m)$  and  $(s_0, s_1, \dots, s_m)$

$$t_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } j = 1 \\ t_{j-2} - q_{j-1}t_{j-1} & \text{if } j \geq 2 \end{cases} \quad s_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } j = 1 \\ s_{j-2} - q_{j-1}s_{j-1} & \text{if } j \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

For  $0 \leq j \leq m$ , we have that  $r_j = s_j r_0 + t_j r_1$ , where the  $r_j$ 's are as defined in the Euclidean Algorithm, and the  $s_j$ 's and the  $t_j$ 's are as defined in the recurrence.

EXTENDED EUCLIDEAN ALGORITHM( $a, b$ )

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 $a_0 \leftarrow a$ 
 $b_0 \leftarrow b$ 
 $t_0 \leftarrow 0$ 
 $t \leftarrow 1$ 
 $s_0 \leftarrow 1$ 
 $s \leftarrow 0$ 
 $q \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{a_0}{b_0} \rfloor$ 
 $r \leftarrow a_0 - qb_0$ 
while  $r > 0$ 
  {
     $temp \leftarrow t_0 - qt$ 
     $t_0 \leftarrow t$ 
     $t \leftarrow temp$ 
     $temp \leftarrow s_0 - qs$ 
    do {
       $s_0 \leftarrow s$ 
       $s \leftarrow temp$ 
       $a_0 \leftarrow b_0$ 
       $b_0 \leftarrow r$ 
       $q \leftarrow \lfloor \frac{a_0}{b_0} \rfloor$ 
       $r \leftarrow a_0 - qb_0$ 
    }
  }
 $r \leftarrow b_0$ 
return  $(r, s, t)$ 
comment:  $r = \gcd(a, b)$  and  $sa + tb = r$ 

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The  
Extended  
EA  
algorithm

## Example

$i$	$r_i$	$q_i$	$s_i$	$t_i$
0	75		1	0
1	28	2	0	1
2	19	1	1	-2
3	9	2	-1	3
4	1	9	3	-8

$$t_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } j = 1 \\ t_{j-2} - q_{j-1}t_{j-1} & \text{if } j \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

$$s_j = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ 0 & \text{if } j = 1 \\ s_{j-2} - q_{j-1}s_{j-1} & \text{if } j \geq 2. \end{cases}$$

$$1 = 3 \times 75 + (-8) \times 28$$

Thus, taking modulo 75,  $28^{-1} \bmod 75 = -8 = 67$

## Improvement

Note that we do not require the  $s_i$ 's and can take a modulo 75 each time while computing the  $t_i$ 's. This will make the algorithm efficient.

$i$	$r_i$	$q_i$		$t_i$
0	75			0
1	28	2		1
2	19	1		-2
3	9	2		3
4	1	9		-8

$$t_j = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } j = 0 \\ 1 & \text{if } j = 1 \\ t_{j-2} - q_{j-1}t_{j-1} & \text{if } j \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

take a modulo operation with  $a=75$ .

The answer is  $-8 \bmod 75 = 67 \dots$

## The Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

- It solves a system of congruences.
- Suppose  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_r$  are pairwise relatively prime positive integers.
- System of congruences:

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\x &\equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2} \\&\vdots \\x &\equiv a_r \pmod{m_r}.\end{aligned}$$

CRT asserts that there is a unique solution to this system

## Example

- $x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$
- $x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$
- $x \equiv ? \pmod{15}$
- You can verify that the only answer is  $13 \pmod{15}$ . The first thing to explain why there is only one solution.

## Uniqueness

- $X(x) = (x \bmod 5, x \bmod 3)$

$\chi(0) = (0, 0)$	$\chi(1) = (1, 1)$	$\chi(2) = (2, 2)$
$\chi(3) = (3, 0)$	$\chi(4) = (4, 1)$	$\chi(5) = (0, 2)$
$\chi(6) = (1, 0)$	$\chi(7) = (2, 1)$	$\chi(8) = (3, 2)$
$\chi(9) = (4, 0)$	$\chi(10) = (0, 1)$	$\chi(11) = (1, 2)$
$\chi(12) = (2, 0)$	$\chi(13) = (3, 1)$	$\chi(14) = (4, 2)$

Note that the mapping is bijective...

## Example

- $M = 5 \times 3 = 15$
- $M_1 = 15/5 = 3, 3^{-1} \bmod 5 = 2$
- $M_2 = 15/3 = 5, 5^{-1} \bmod 3 = 2$
- $x = (3 \times 3 \times 2 + 1 \times 5 \times 2) \bmod 15$   
 $= 28 \bmod 15 = 13$

What is the principle?

## Generalization

- We shall present a constructive proof
- In fact, CRT gives an explicit formula for  $X^{-1} \bmod M$ , where  $M=m_1m_2\dots m_r$
- Compute,  $M_i=M/m_i$ , for  $1\leq i\leq r$ 
  - Thus,  $\gcd(m_i, M_i)=1$
- Compute  $y_i=M_i^{-1} \bmod m_i$

- Thus,  $M_i y_i \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i}$ , for  $1\leq i\leq r$
- Define,

$$\rho(a_1, \dots, a_r) = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i M_i y_i \bmod M.$$

- Compute,  $\rho \bmod m_i \equiv a_i$  [This is because  $M_i y_i \equiv 1 \pmod{m_i}$  and  $M_i y_i \equiv 0 \pmod{m_j}$ ]
- Since, the domain and range have the same cardinality and the function  $X()$  is onto, by our previous discussion the function is bijective. Thus the solution is unique modulo  $M$ .

## The CRT Theorem

**(Chinese remainder theorem)** Suppose  $m_1, \dots, m_r$  are pairwise relatively prime positive integers, and suppose  $a_1, \dots, a_r$  are integers. Then the system of  $r$  congruences  $x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq r$ ) has a unique solution modulo  $M = m_1 \times \dots \times m_r$ , which is given by

$$x = \sum_{i=1}^r a_i M_i y_i \pmod{M},$$

where  $M_i = M/m_i$  and  $y_i = M_i^{-1} \pmod{m_i}$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq r$ .

## Other Useful Facts

- **Suppose  $G$  is a multiplicative group of order  $n$ , and  $g \in G$ . Then the order of  $g$  divides  $n$ .**
- **Corollary 1: If  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ , then  $b^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$**
- **Corollary 2: Suppose  $p$  is prime and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_p$ . Then  $b^p \equiv b \pmod{p}$**

## Cyclic Group

- If  $p$  is prime, then  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  is a group of order  $p-1$  and any element in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  has an order which divides  $(p-1)$ .
- In fact, if  $p$  is prime, then there exists at least one element in  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  which has order equal to  $p-1$ .
  - this is called cyclic group...

## Primitive Element

- If  $p$  is prime, then  $\mathbb{Z}_p^*$  is a cyclic group.
- Any element  $\alpha$  having order  $p-1$  mod  $p$  is called a primitive element. Thus  $\alpha$  is a primitive element iff:

$$\{\alpha^i : 0 \leq i \leq p-2\} = \mathbb{Z}_p^*$$

$a$	$a^2$	$a^3$	$a^4$	$a^5$	$a^6$	$a^7$	$a^8$	$a^9$	$a^{10}$	$a^{11}$	$a^{12}$	$a^{13}$	$a^{14}$	$a^{15}$	$a^{16}$	$a^{17}$	$a^{18}$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	4	8	16	13	7	14	9	18	17	15	11	3	6	12	5	10	1
3	9	8	5	15	7	2	6	18	16	10	11	14	4	12	17	13	1
4	16	7	9	17	11	6	5	1	4	16	7	9	17	11	6	5	1
5	6	11	17	9	7	16	4	1	5	6	11	17	9	7	16	4	1
6	17	7	4	5	11	9	16	1	6	17	7	4	5	11	9	16	1
7	11	1	7	11	1	7	11	1	7	11	1	7	11	1	7	11	1
8	7	18	11	12	1	8	7	18	11	12	1	8	7	18	11	12	1
9	5	7	6	16	11	4	17	1	9	5	7	6	16	11	4	17	1
10	5	12	6	3	11	15	17	18	9	14	7	13	16	8	4	2	1
11	7	1	11	7	1	11	7	1	11	7	1	11	7	1	11	7	1
12	11	18	7	8	1	12	11	18	7	8	1	12	11	18	7	8	1
13	17	12	4	14	11	10	16	18	6	2	7	15	5	8	9	3	1
14	6	8	17	10	7	3	4	18	5	13	11	2	9	12	16	15	1
15	16	12	9	2	11	13	5	18	4	3	7	10	17	8	6	14	1
16	9	11	5	4	7	17	6	1	16	9	11	5	4	7	17	6	1
17	4	11	16	6	7	5	9	1	17	4	11	16	6	7	5	9	1
18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1	18	1

- $n=19$ , There are 6 primitive elements.
- Note the order of each element in  $Z_{19}^*$ .
- Is there a relation?

## Order of any element

- Any element  $\beta$  in  $Z_p^*$  (where  $p$  is prime) can be written uniquely in the form  $\beta=\alpha^i$ , where  $\alpha$  is a primitive element and  $0 \leq i \leq p-2$ .
- The order of  $\beta$  is:

$$\frac{p-1}{\gcd(p-1, i)}$$

- $\beta$  is itself primitive iff  $\gcd(p-1, i)=1$ . Hence, what is the number of primitive elements modulo  $p$ ?

## Example

- $p=13$
- Thus  $\Phi(13-1) = \Phi(12) = \Phi(3 \times 2^2) = 12(1 - 1/3)(1 - 1/2) = 12 \times (2/3) \times (1/2) = 4$ .
- Question: Is 2 a primitive element of  $\mathbb{Z}_{13}^*$ ?
  - generate all the  $(p-1)$  powers of 2.
  - lengthy process if  $p$  is large.

## Theorem

**THEOREM 5.8** Suppose that  $p > 2$  is prime and  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}_p^*$ . Then  $\alpha$  is a primitive element modulo  $p$  if and only if  $\alpha^{(p-1)/q} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  for all primes  $q$  such that  $q \mid (p-1)$ .

- Proved in the class

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## Next Days Topic

- **The RSA Cryptosystem**