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SOME APPLICATIONS OF NUMBER THEORY

IN THIS LECTURE NUMBERS ARE INTEGERS

Th. 1 FOR ALL $a, b > 0$ THERE EXIST x, y
SUCH THAT $xa + yb = \gcd(a, b)$

PROOF. THE EUCLIDEAN ALGORITHM $a = 111, b = 45$

$$111 = 2 \cdot 45 + 21 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 21 = 111 - 2 \cdot 45$$

$$45 = 21 \cdot 2 + 3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 3 = 45 - 2 \cdot 21$$

$$(21 = 7 \cdot 3)$$

$\Downarrow$

WALKING

BACKWARD

$$3 = 45 - 2(111 - 2 \cdot 45) =$$

$$= 45 - 2 \cdot 111 + 4 \cdot 45 =$$

$$= 5 \cdot 45 - 2 \cdot 111$$

EQUATION $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ IS CALLED
LINEAR CONGRUENCE.

$$3x \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \quad x = ?$$

$$3 \cdot 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}; \quad 3 \cdot 1 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}; \quad 3 \cdot 2 \equiv 1 \pmod{5};$$

$$3 \cdot 3 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}; \quad 3 \cdot 4 \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow x \equiv 4.$$

GENERAL METHOD OF SOLVING $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$
WHEN (a, m) ARE RELATIVELY PRIME.

1. FIND y SUCH THAT $a \cdot y \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

2. $x := b \cdot y$. THEN $a \cdot x = a \cdot b \cdot y = a \cdot y \cdot b \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

$3x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$? $3y \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$; $y = 2$

$$x = 2 \cdot 2 = 4.$$

Th. 2. $\gcd(a, m) = 1 \Rightarrow \exists y \ a \cdot y \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

PROOF. By Th. 1 FOR SOME x, y

$xm + ya = 1$. THEREFORE $ya \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

EXAMPLE. $45 \cdot y \equiv 1 \pmod{101}$

$$101 = 2 \cdot 45 + 11$$

$$11 = 101 - 2 \cdot 45$$

$$45 = 4 \cdot 11 + 1$$

$$1 = 45 - 4 \cdot 11 = 45 - 4(101 - 2 \cdot 45) =$$

$$= 9 \cdot 45 - 4 \cdot 101 \equiv 9 \cdot 45 \pmod{101}$$

$$y = 9$$

$$45 \cdot 9 = 405 \equiv 1 \pmod{101}$$

SYSTEMS OF LINEAR CONGRUENCES

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \quad x = ?$$

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

CHINESE REMAINDER THEOREM

$m_1, m_2, \dots, m_n > 0$ PAIRWISE RELATIVELY PRIME

$$\begin{cases} x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2} \\ \vdots \\ x \equiv a_n \pmod{m_n} \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{HAS A UNIQUE} \\ \text{SOLUTION MODULO} \\ m = m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot \dots \cdot m_n \end{array}$$

PROOF: (EXISTENCE) $M_k = m / m_k$; $\gcd(m_k, M_k) = 1$

$$\exists y_k \quad M_k y_k \equiv 1 \pmod{m_k}$$

$x := a_1 M_1 y_1 + \dots + a_n M_n y_n$. INDEED, $m_i \mid M_1 M_2 \dots$

$$x \equiv a_i M_i y_i \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$$

EXAMPLE FROM ABOVE? $M_1 = 5 \cdot 7 = 35$; $M_2 = 3 \cdot 7 = 21$;

$$M_3 = 3 \cdot 5 = 15; \quad 35 \cdot 2 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}; \quad 21 \cdot 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$15 \cdot 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \quad 2 \cdot 35 \cdot 2 + 3 \cdot 21 \cdot 1 + 2 \cdot 15 \cdot 1 = 233 \equiv 23 \pmod{105}$$

HANDLING LARGE NUMBERS

$$m_1 = 99 \quad m = m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot m_3 \cdot m_4 = 89\,403\,930$$

$$m_2 = 98$$

$$m_3 = 97$$

$$m_4 = 95$$

$k < m \Rightarrow k$ IS UNIQUELY

REPRESENTED BY

A 4-TUPLE OF NUMBERS

$$0 < m_i < 100$$

$$\begin{aligned} + \quad 123684 &= (33, 8, 9, 89) \\ + \quad 413456 &= (32, 92, 42, 16) \end{aligned} \quad + \quad = (65, 2, 51, 10)$$

LARGE N'S $\Rightarrow$ TUPLES OF $N \pmod{m_i}$

HARD, BUT
WE DO IT
ONCE

OPERATIONS (LIGHT)

RECOVERING RESULTS BY
CHINESE REMAINDER THEOREM

$x = \dots$

$\Leftarrow$

$$\begin{cases} x = a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ x = a_k \pmod{m_k} \\ x < m_1 \cdot m_2 \cdot \dots \cdot m_k \end{cases}$$

REAL LIFE EXAMPLE: $2^{35}-1, 2^{34}-1, 2^{33}-1, 2^{31}-1,$
 $2^{29}-1, 2^{23}-1$

OPERATIONS FOR $N < 2^{184}$

FERMAT'S LITTLE THEOREM

p IS PRIME, $p \nmid a \Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$
 (FURTHERMORE $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$.)

PROOF. $\mathbb{Z}_p^+ = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$ ALL POSSIBLE
 REMAINDERS $\neq 0$

$a \cdot \mathbb{Z}_p^+ = \{a \cdot 1, a \cdot 2, a \cdot 3, \dots, a \cdot (p-1)\}$ PAIRWISE DIFFERENT

IF $ax \equiv ay \pmod{p} \Rightarrow a(x-y) \equiv 0 \pmod{p} \Rightarrow$
 $(x > y) \Rightarrow p \mid a(x-y) \Rightarrow p \mid a \vee p \mid (x-y)$

IMPOSSIBLE BY ASSUMPTIONS $\rightarrow$ IMPOSSIBLE SINCE
 $0 < x-y < p$

$$\prod \mathbb{Z}_p^+ \equiv \prod a \cdot \mathbb{Z}_p^+ \pmod{p}$$

$$1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot \dots \cdot (p-1) \equiv (a \cdot 1) \cdot (a \cdot 2) \cdot \dots \cdot a \cdot (p-1) \pmod{p}$$

$$(p-1)! \equiv a^{p-1} (p-1)! \pmod{p}$$

$$(p-1)! (a^{p-1} - 1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

$$p \mid (p-1)! \quad \vee \quad p \mid (a^{p-1} - 1)$$

$\rightarrow$ IMPOSSIBLE SINCE ALL $x \in \mathbb{Z}_p^+$ $\Rightarrow a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$
 $0 < x < p$

PUBLIC KEY CRYPTOGRAPHY

ENCRYPTION IS PUBLIC - DECRYPTION IS NOT

RSA ENCRYPTION (1976)

RIVEST

SHAMIR

ADELMAN

(M.I.T.)

MESSAGE $\rightarrow$ INTEGER M (E.G. a $64'$ CAESAR)
ORIGINAL TEXT

$$C = M^e \pmod{n}$$

CIPHERTEXT

e, n ARE GIVEN
 $n = p \cdot q$; $e, (p-1)(q-1)$ RELAT. PRIME

EXAMPLE: $n = 43 \cdot 59 = 2537$; $e = 13$

NOTE THAT $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = \gcd(13, 42 \cdot 58) = 1$

MESSAGE "STOP" $\rightarrow$ INTEGER 1819 1415

$C = M^{13} \pmod{2537}$ FOR EACH GROUP OF FOUR

FAST MODULAR EXPONENTIATION

$$1819^{13} = ?$$

$1819^2 \pmod{2537}$	FIVE MULTIPLICATIONS ONLY
$1819^4 \pmod{2537}$	
$1819^8 \pmod{2537}$	

$$1819^{13} = 1819^{(8+4+1)} = 1819^8 \cdot 1819^4 \cdot 1819 \pmod{2537}$$
$$= 2081; \quad 1415^{13} \pmod{2537} = 2189; \quad C = 2081 \ 2189$$

RSA DECRYPTION: FIND $d = \text{INVERSE}$
TO e modulo $(p-1) \cdot (q-1)$
 d EXISTS SINCE $\gcd(e, (p-1) \cdot (q-1)) = 1$

$$de \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1) \cdot (q-1)}$$

$$de \equiv 1 + x \cdot (p-1) \cdot (q-1)$$

$$C^d = (M^e)^d = M^{de} = M^{1 + x(p-1)(q-1)} =$$

$$= M \cdot (M^{p-1})^{(q-1) \cdot x} \equiv M \pmod{p} \quad \text{ASSUMING } p \nmid M$$

$\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ BY FERMA'S LITTLE TH.

$$C^d = M \cdot (M^{q-1})^{(p-1) \cdot x} \equiv M \pmod{q}$$

$$\equiv 1 \pmod{q}$$

BY THE CHINESE REMINDER TH. $C^d \equiv M \pmod{pq}$

TO KNOW d ONE NEEDS TO FACTOR $n = p \cdot q$
IF n IS A 400-DIGIT NUMBER THEN IT TAKES
 10^9 YEARS TO FIND p, q GIVEN n .

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