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Introduction

- will now introduce finite fields
- of increasing importance in cryptography
 - AES, Elliptic Curve, IDEA, Public Key
- concern operations on “numbers”
 - where what constitutes a “number” and the type of operations varies considerably
- start with concepts of groups, rings, fields from abstract algebra

Group

- a set of elements or “numbers”
- with some operation whose result is also in the set (closure)
- obeys:
 - associative law: $(a \cdot b) \cdot c = a \cdot (b \cdot c)$
 - has identity e : $e \cdot a = a \cdot e = a$
 - has inverses a^{-1} : $a \cdot a^{-1} = e$
- if commutative $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$
 - then forms an **abelian group**

Cyclic Group

- define **exponentiation** as repeated application of operator
 - example: $a^{-3} = a \cdot a \cdot a$
- and let identity be: $e = a^0$
- a group is cyclic if every element is a power of some fixed element
 - ie $b = a^k$ for some a and every b in group
- a is said to be a generator of the group

Ring

- a set of “numbers” with two operations (addition and multiplication) which are:
- an abelian group with addition operation
- multiplication:
 - has closure
 - is associative
 - distributive over addition: $a(b+c) = ab + ac$
- if multiplication operation is commutative, it forms a **commutative ring**
- if multiplication operation has inverses and no zero divisors, it forms an **integral domain**

Field

- a set of numbers with two operations:
 - abelian group for addition
 - abelian group for multiplication (ignoring 0)
 - ring

Modular Arithmetic

- define **modulo operator** $a \bmod n$ to be remainder when a is divided by n
- use the term **congruence** for: $a \equiv b \pmod n$
 - when divided by n , a & b have same remainder
 - eg. $100 = 34 \pmod{11}$
- b is called the **residue** of $a \pmod n$
 - since with integers can always write: $a = qn + b$
- usually have $0 \leq b \leq n-1$
 - $-12 \pmod 7 \equiv -5 \pmod 7 \equiv 2 \pmod 7 \equiv 9 \pmod 7$

Modulo 7 Example

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-21	-20	-19	-18	-17	-16	-15
-14	-13	-12	-11	-10	-9	-8
-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
0	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	32	33	34

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Divisors

- say a non-zero number b **divides** a if for some m have $a=mb$ (a, b, m all integers)
- that is b divides into a with no remainder
- denote this $b \mid a$
- and say that b is a **divisor** of a
- eg. all of 1,2,3,4,6,8,12,24 divide 24

Modular Arithmetic

- define **modulo operator** “ $a \bmod n$ ” to be remainder when a is divided by n
 - where integer n is called the **modulus**
- b is called a **residue** of $a \bmod n$
 - since with integers can always write: $a = qn + b$
 - usually chose smallest positive remainder as residue
 - ie. $0 \leq b \leq n-1$
 - process is known as **modulo reduction**
 - eg. $-12 \bmod 7 = -5 \bmod 7 = 2 \bmod 7 = 9 \bmod 7$
- a & b are **congruent** if: $a \bmod n = b \bmod n$
 - when divided by n , a & b have same remainder
 - eg. $100 = 34 \bmod 11$

Modular Arithmetic Operations

- can perform arithmetic with residues
- uses a finite number of values, and loops back from either end

$$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, \dots, (n - 1)\}$$

- modular arithmetic is when do addition & multiplication and modulo reduce answer
- can do reduction at any point, ie

$$- a + b \text{ mod } n = [a \text{ mod } n + b \text{ mod } n] \text{ mod } n$$

Modular Arithmetic Operations

$$1. [(a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n)] \bmod n \\ = (a + b) \bmod n$$

$$2. [(a \bmod n) - (b \bmod n)] \bmod n \\ = (a - b) \bmod n$$

$$3. [(a \bmod n) \times (b \bmod n)] \bmod n \\ = (a \times b) \bmod n$$

e.g.

$$[(11 \bmod 8) + (15 \bmod 8)] \bmod 8 = 10 \bmod 8 = 2 \quad (11 + 15) \bmod 8 = 26 \bmod 8 = 2$$

$$[(11 \bmod 8) - (15 \bmod 8)] \bmod 8 = -4 \bmod 8 = 4 \quad (11 - 15) \bmod 8 = -4 \bmod 8 = 4$$

$$[(11 \bmod 8) \times (15 \bmod 8)] \bmod 8 = 21 \bmod 8 = 5 \quad (11 \times 15) \bmod 8 = 165 \bmod 8 = 5$$

Modulo 8 Addition Example

+ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	0
2	2	3	4	5	6	7	0	1
3	3	4	5	6	7	0	1	2
4	4	5	6	7	0	1	2	3
5	5	6	7	0	1	2	3	4
6	6	7	0	1	2	3	4	5
7	7	0	1	2	3	4	5	6

Modulo 8 Multiplication

* 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7

0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	0	2	4	6	0	2	4	6
3	0	3	6	1	4	7	2	5
4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4
5	0	5	2	7	4	1	6	3
6	0	6	4	2	0	6	4	2
7	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Greatest Common Divisor (GCD)

- a common problem in number theory
- GCD (a,b) of a and b is the largest number that divides evenly into both a and b
 - eg $\text{GCD}(60,24) = 12$
- often want **no common factors** (except 1) and hence numbers are **relatively prime**
 - eg $\text{GCD}(8,15) = 1$
 - hence 8 & 15 are relatively prime

Example GCD(1970,1066)

$$1970 = 1 \times 1066 + 904$$

$$1066 = 1 \times 904 + 162$$

$$904 = 5 \times 162 + 94$$

$$162 = 1 \times 94 + 68$$

$$94 = 1 \times 68 + 26$$

$$68 = 2 \times 26 + 16$$

$$26 = 1 \times 16 + 10$$

$$16 = 1 \times 10 + 6$$

$$10 = 1 \times 6 + 4$$

$$6 = 1 \times 4 + 2$$

$$4 = 2 \times 2 + 0$$

$$\text{gcd}(1066, 904)$$

$$\text{gcd}(904, 162)$$

$$\text{gcd}(162, 94)$$

$$\text{gcd}(94, 68)$$

$$\text{gcd}(68, 26)$$

$$\text{gcd}(26, 16)$$

$$\text{gcd}(16, 10)$$

$$\text{gcd}(10, 6)$$

$$\text{gcd}(6, 4)$$

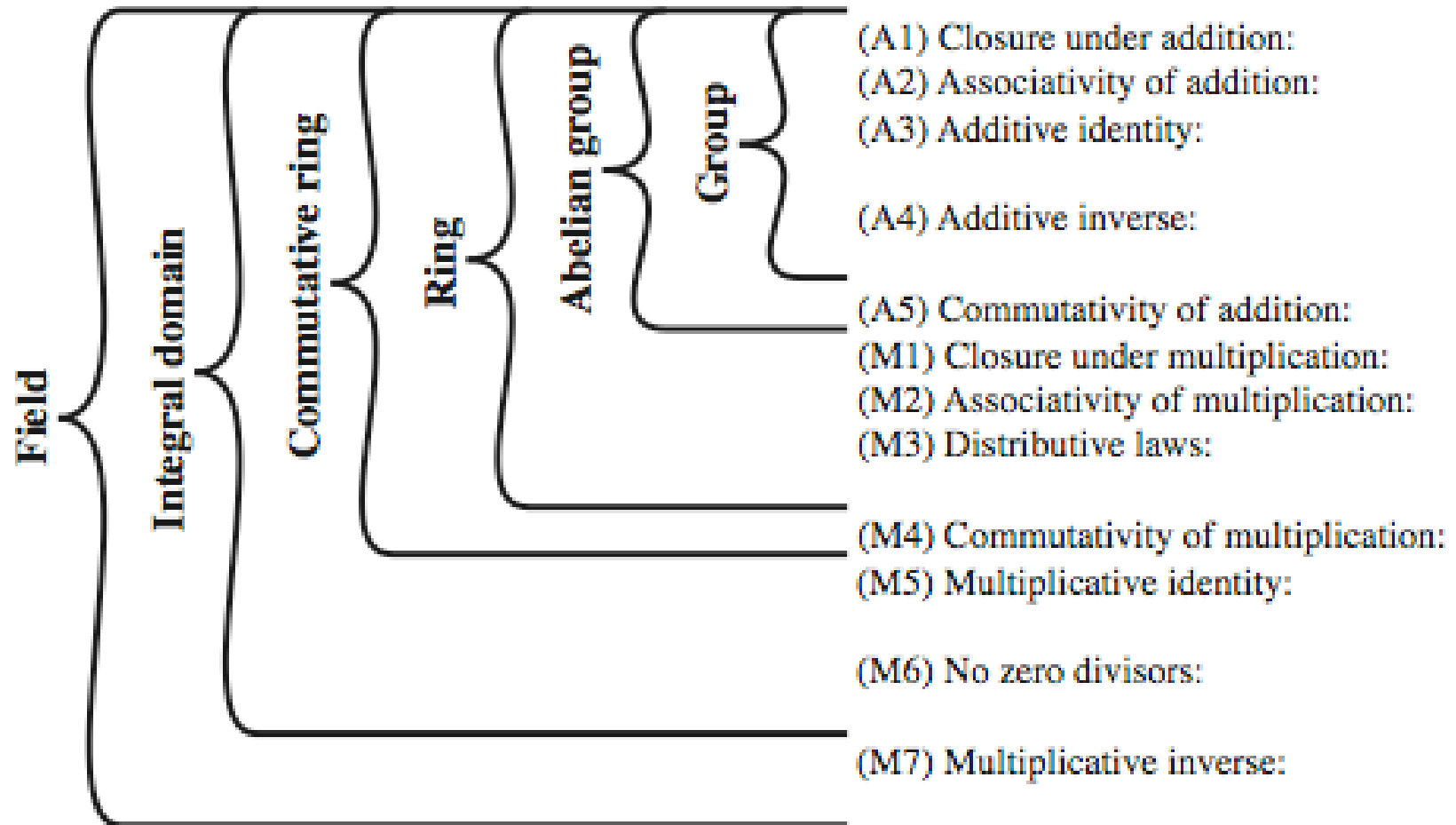
$$\text{gcd}(4, 2)$$

$$\text{gcd}(2, 0)$$

Field

- a set of numbers
- with two operations which form:
 - abelian group for addition
 - abelian group for multiplication (ignoring 0)
 - ring
- have hierarchy with more axioms/laws
 - group \rightarrow ring \rightarrow field

Group, Ring, Field



Galois Fields

- finite fields play a key role in cryptography
- can show **number of elements** in a finite field **must** be a power of a prime p^n
- known as Galois fields
- denoted $GF(p^n)$
- in particular often use the fields:
 - $GF(p)$
 - $GF(2^n)$

Galois Fields $GF(p)$

- $GF(p)$ is the set of integers $\{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ with arithmetic operations modulo prime p
- these form a finite field
 - since have multiplicative inverses
- hence arithmetic is “well-behaved” and can do addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division without leaving the field $GF(p)$

Example GF(7)

\times	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	0	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	0	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	0	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	0	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	0	6	5	4	3	2	1

(b) Multiplication modulo 7

Finding Inverses

- can extend Euclid's algorithm:

EXTENDED EUCLID(m, b) $m= 550, b=1759$

1. $(A1, A2, A3) = (1, 0, m);$

$(B1, B2, B3) = (0, 1, b)$

2. **if** $B3 = 0$

return $A3 = \text{gcd}(m, b);$ no inverse

3. **if** $B3 = 1$

return $B3 = \text{gcd}(m, b); B2 = b^{-1} \text{ mod } m$

4. $Q = A3 \text{ div } B3$

5. $(T1, T2, T3) = (A1 - Q B1, A2 - Q B2, A3 - Q B3)$

6. $(A1, A2, A3) = (B1, B2, B3)$

7. $(B1, B2, B3) = (T1, T2, T3)$

8. **goto** 2

Inverse of 550 in GF(1759)

Q	A1	A2	A3	B1	B2	B3
—	1	0	1759	0	1	550
3	0	1	550	1	-3	109
5	1	-3	109	-5	16	5
21	-5	16	5	106	-339	4
1	106	-339	4	-111	355	1

Polynomial Arithmetic

- can compute using polynomials

$$f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 = \sum a_i x^i$$

- nb. not interested in any specific value of x
- which is known as the indeterminate
- several alternatives available
 - ordinary polynomial arithmetic
 - poly arithmetic with coords mod p
 - poly arithmetic with coords mod p and polynomials mod $m(x)$

Ordinary Polynomial Arithmetic

- add or subtract corresponding coefficients
- multiply all terms by each other
- eg

$$\text{let } f(x) = x^3 + x^2 + 2 \text{ and } g(x) = x^2 - x + 1$$

$$f(x) + g(x) = x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 3$$

$$f(x) - g(x) = x^3 + x + 1$$

$$f(x) \times g(x) = x^5 + 3x^2 - 2x + 2$$

Polynomial Arithmetic with Modulo Coefficients

- when computing value of each coefficient do calculation modulo some value
 - forms a polynomial ring
- could be modulo any prime
- but we are most interested in mod 2
 - ie all coefficients are 0 or 1
 - eg. let $f(x) = x^3 + x^2$ and $g(x) = x^2 + x + 1$
 - $f(x) + g(x) = x^3 + x + 1$
 - $f(x) \times g(x) = x^5 + x^2$

Polynomial Division

- can write any polynomial in the form:
 - $f(x) = q(x) g(x) + r(x)$
 - can interpret $r(x)$ as being a remainder
 - $r(x) = f(x) \bmod g(x)$
- if have no remainder say $g(x)$ divides $f(x)$
- if $g(x)$ has no divisors other than itself & 1 say it is **irreducible** (or prime) polynomial
- arithmetic modulo an irreducible polynomial forms a field

Modular Polynomial Arithmetic

- can compute in field $GF(2^n)$
 - polynomials with coefficients modulo 2
 - whose degree is less than n
 - hence must reduce modulo an irreducible poly of degree n (for multiplication only)
- form a finite field
- can always find an inverse
 - can extend Euclid's Inverse algorithm to find

Example GF(2³)

Table 4.7 Polynomial Arithmetic Modulo ($x^3 + x + 1$)

(a) Addition

		000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
	+	0	1	x	$x+1$	x^2	x^2+1	x^2+x	x^2+x+1
000	0	0	1	x	$x+1$	x^2	x^2+1	x^2+x	x^2+x+1
001	1	1	0	$x+1$	x	x^2+1	x^2	x^2+x+1	x^2+x
010	x	x	$x+1$	0	1	x^2+x	x^2+x+1	x^2	x^2+1
011	$x+1$	$x+1$	x	1	0	x^2+x+1	x^2+x	x^2+1	x^2
100	x^2	x^2	x^2+1	x^2+x	x^2+x+1	0	1	x	$x+1$
101	x^2+1	x^2+1	x^2	x^2+x+1	x^2+x	1	0	$x+1$	x
110	x^2+x	x^2+x	x^2+x+1	x^2	x^2+1	x	$x+1$	0	1
111	x^2+x+1	x^2+x+1	x^2+x	x^2+1	x^2	$x+1$	x	1	0

(b) Multiplication

		000	001	010	011	100	101	110	111
	×	0	1	x	$x+1$	x^2	x^2+1	x^2+x	x^2+x+1
000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
001	1	0	1	x	$x+1$	x^2	x^2+1	x^2+x	x^2+x+1
010	x	0	x	x^2	x^2+x	$x+1$	1	x^2+x+1	x^2+1
011	$x+1$	0	$x+1$	x^2+x	x^2+1	x^2+x+1	x^2	1	x
100	x^2	0	x^2	$x+1$	x^2+x+1	x^2+x	x	x^2+1	1
101	x^2+1	0	x^2+1	1	x^2	x	x^2+x+1	$x+1$	x^2+x
110	x^2+x	0	x^2+x	x^2+x+1	1	x^2+1	$x+1$	x	x^2
111	x^2+x+1	0	x^2+x+1	x^2+1	x	1	x^2+x	x^2	$x+1$

Computational Considerations

- since coefficients are 0 or 1, can represent any such polynomial as a bit string
- addition becomes XOR of these bit strings
- multiplication is shift & XOR
 - cf long-hand multiplication
- modulo reduction done by repeatedly substituting highest power with remainder of irreducible poly (also shift & XOR)

Computational Example

- in $GF(2^3)$ have (x^2+1) is 101_2 & (x^2+x+1) is 111_2
- so addition is
 - $(x^2+1) + (x^2+x+1) = x$
 - $101 \text{ XOR } 111 = 010_2$
- and multiplication is
 - $(x+1).(x^2+1) = x.(x^2+1) + 1.(x^2+1)$
 $= x^3+x+x^2+1 = x^3+x^2+x+1$
 - $011.101 = (101)\ll 1 \text{ XOR } (101)\ll 0 =$
 $1010 \text{ XOR } 101 = 1111_2$
- polynomial modulo reduction (get $q(x)$ & $r(x)$) is
 - $(x^3+x^2+x+1) \text{ mod } (x^3+x+1) = 1.(x^3+x+1) + (x^2) = x^2$
 - $1111 \text{ mod } 1011 = 1111 \text{ XOR } 1011 = 0100_2$

Polynomial GCD

- can find greatest common divisor for polys
 - $c(x) = \text{GCD}(a(x), b(x))$ if $c(x)$ is the poly of greatest degree which divides both $a(x), b(x)$
 - can adapt Euclid's Algorithm to find it:
 - EUCLID[$a(x), b(x)$]
 1. $A(x) = a(x); B(x) = b(x)$
 2. **if** $B(x) = 0$ **return** $A(x) = \text{gcd}[a(x), b(x)]$
 3. $R(x) = A(x) \bmod B(x)$
 4. $A(x) \leftarrow B(x)$
 5. $B(x) \leftarrow R(x)$
 6. **goto** 2

Prime Numbers

- prime numbers only have divisors of 1 and self
 - they cannot be written as a product of other numbers
 - note: 1 is prime, but is generally not of interest
- eg. 2,3,5,7 are prime, 4,6,8,9,10 are not
- prime numbers are central to number theory
- list of prime number less than 200 is:

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2 3 5 7 11 13 17 19 23 29 31 37 41 43 47 53 59
61 67 71 73 79 83 89 97 101 103 107 109 113 127
131 137 139 149 151 157 163 167 173 179 181 191
193 197 199
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Prime Factorisation

- to **factor** a number n is to write it as a product of other numbers: $n = a \times b \times c$
- note that factoring a number is relatively hard compared to multiplying the factors together to generate the number
- the **prime factorisation** of a number n is when its written as a product of primes
 - eg. $91 = 7 \times 13$; $3600 = 2^4 \times 3^2 \times 5^2$

$$a = \prod_{p \in P} p^{a_p}$$

Relatively Prime Numbers & GCD

- two numbers a, b are **relatively prime** if have **no common divisors** apart from 1
 - eg. 8 & 15 are relatively prime since factors of 8 are 1,2,4,8 and of 15 are 1,3,5,15 and 1 is the only common factor
- conversely can determine the greatest common divisor by comparing their prime factorizations and using least powers
 - eg. $300=2^1 \times 3^1 \times 5^2$ $18=2^1 \times 3^2$ hence
 $\text{GCD}(18, 300) = 2^1 \times 3^1 \times 5^0 = 6$

Fermat's Theorem

- $a^{p-1} = 1 \pmod{p}$
 - where p is prime and $\gcd(a, p) = 1$
- also known as Fermat's Little Theorem
- also have: $a^p = a \pmod{p}$
- useful in public key and primality testing

Euler Totient Function $\phi(n)$

- when doing arithmetic modulo n
- **complete set of residues** is: $0 \dots n-1$
- **reduced set of residues** is those numbers (residues) which are relatively prime to n
 - eg for $n=10$,
 - complete set of residues is $\{0,1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9\}$
 - reduced set of residues is $\{1,3,7,9\}$
- number of elements in reduced set of residues is called the **Euler Totient Function $\phi(n)$**

Euler Totient Function $\phi(n)$

- to compute $\phi(n)$ need to count number of residues to be excluded
- in general need prime factorization, but
 - for p (p prime) $\phi(p) = p - 1$
 - for $p \cdot q$ (p, q prime) $\phi(p \cdot q) = (p - 1) \times (q - 1)$
- eg.
 - $\phi(37) = 36$
 - $\phi(21) = (3 - 1) \times (7 - 1) = 2 \times 6 = 12$

Euler's Theorem

- a generalisation of Fermat's Theorem

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

- for any a, n where $\gcd(a, n) = 1$

- eg.

- $a=3; n=10; \phi(10)=4; \{1, 3, 5, 7\}$ relatively @10

- hence $3^4 = 81 = 1 \pmod{10}$

- $a=2; n=11; \phi(11)=10;$

- hence $2^{10} = 1024 = 1 \pmod{11}$

- also have: $a^{\phi(n)+1} = a \pmod{n}$

Primality Testing

- often need to find large prime numbers
- traditionally **sieve** using **trial division**
 - ie. divide by all numbers (primes) in turn less than the square root of the number
 - only works for small numbers
- alternatively can use statistical primality tests based on properties of primes
 - for which all primes numbers satisfy property
 - but some composite numbers, called pseudo-primes, also satisfy the property
- can use a slower deterministic primality test

Miller Rabin Algorithm

- a test based on prime properties that result from Fermat's Theorem
- algorithm is:
TEST (n) is:
 1. Find integers $k, q, k > 0, q$ odd, so that $(n-1) = 2^k q$
 2. Select a random integer $a, 1 < a < n-1$
 3. **if** $a^q \bmod n = 1$ **then** return ("inconclusive");
 4. **for** $j = 0$ **to** $k - 1$ **do**
 5. **if** $(a^{2^j q} \bmod n = n-1)$
then return("inconclusive")
 6. return ("composite")

Probabilistic Considerations

- if Miller-Rabin returns “composite” the number is definitely not prime
- otherwise is a prime or a pseudo-prime
- chance it detects a pseudo-prime is $< 1/4$
- hence if repeat test with different random a then chance n is prime after t tests is:
 - $\Pr(n \text{ prime after } t \text{ tests}) = 1 - 4^{-t}$
 - eg. for $t=10$ this probability is > 0.99999
- could then use the deterministic AKS test

Prime Distribution

- prime number theorem states that primes occur roughly every $(\ln n)$ integers
- but can immediately ignore evens
- so in practice need only test $0.5 \ln(n)$ numbers of size n to locate a prime
 - note this is only the “average”
 - sometimes primes are close together
 - other times are quite far apart

Chinese Remainder Theorem

- used to speed up modulo computations
- if working modulo a product of numbers
 - eg. $\text{mod } M = m_1 m_2 \cdot \dots m_k$
- Chinese Remainder theorem lets us work in each moduli m_i separately
- since computational cost is proportional to size, this is faster than working in the full modulus M

Chinese Remainder Theorem

- can implement CRT in several ways
- to compute $A \pmod{M}$
 - first compute all $a_i = A \pmod{m_i}$ separately
 - determine constants c_i below, where $M_i = M/m_i$
 - then combine results to get answer using:

$$A \equiv \left(\sum_{i=1}^k a_i c_i \right) \pmod{M}$$

$$c_i = M_i \times (M_i^{-1} \pmod{m_i}) \quad \text{for } 1 \leq i \leq k$$

Primitive Roots

- from Euler's theorem have $a^{\phi(n)} \bmod n = 1$
- consider $a^m = 1 \pmod n$, $\text{GCD}(a, n) = 1$
 - must exist for $m = \phi(n)$ but may be smaller
 - once powers reach m , cycle will repeat
- if smallest is $m = \phi(n)$ then a is called a **primitive root**
- if p is prime, then successive powers of a "generate" the group $\bmod p$
- these are useful but relatively hard to find

Discrete Logarithms

- the inverse problem to exponentiation is to find the **discrete logarithm** of a number modulo p
- that is to find i such that $b = a^i \pmod{p}$
- this is written as $i = \text{dlog}_a b \pmod{p}$
- if a is a primitive root then it **always exists**, otherwise it may not, eg.
 - $x = \log_3 4 \pmod{13}$ has no answer
 - $x = \log_2 3 \pmod{13} = 4$ by trying successive powers
- whilst exponentiation is relatively easy, finding discrete logarithms is generally a **hard** problem

Discrete Logarithms mod 19

(a) Discrete logarithms to the base 2, modulo 19

a	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{2,19}(a)$	18	1	13	2	16	14	6	3	8	17	12	15	5	7	11	4	10	9

(b) Discrete logarithms to the base 3, modulo 19

a	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{3,19}(a)$	18	7	1	14	4	8	6	3	2	11	12	15	17	13	5	10	16	9

(c) Discrete logarithms to the base 10, modulo 19

a	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{10,19}(a)$	18	17	5	16	2	4	12	15	10	1	6	3	13	11	7	14	8	9

(d) Discrete logarithms to the base 13, modulo 19

a	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{13,19}(a)$	18	11	17	4	14	10	12	15	16	7	6	3	1	5	13	8	2	9

(e) Discrete logarithms to the base 14, modulo 19

a	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{14,19}(a)$	18	13	7	8	10	2	6	3	14	5	12	15	11	1	17	16	4	9

(f) Discrete logarithms to the base 15, modulo 19

a	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18
$\log_{15,19}(a)$	18	5	11	10	8	16	12	15	4	13	6	3	7	17	1	2	14	9

Summary

- have considered:
 - prime numbers
 - Fermat's and Euler's Theorems & $\phi(n)$
 - Primality Testing
 - Chinese Remainder Theorem
 - Primitive Roots & Discrete Logarithms

Summary

- have considered:
 - concept of groups, rings, fields
 - modular arithmetic with integers
 - Euclid's algorithm for GCD
 - finite fields $GF(p)$
 - polynomial arithmetic in general and in $GF(2^n)$