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Lecture 6

Modular Arithmetic

And More Intriguing Structures



Story So Far

- Quotient and Remainder
- GCD
 - Euclid's algorithm to compute $\gcd(a,b)$
 - $L(a,b) \triangleq \{ au + bv \mid u,v \in \mathbb{Z} \}$
 $= \{ n \cdot \gcd(a,b) \mid n \in \mathbb{Z} \}$



- Primes
 - Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

• Modular Arithmetic (\mathbb{Z}_m)

- Addition and Multiplication
- Multiplicative Inverse!

+	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	0	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

×	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	1	3
3	0	3	1	4	2
4	0	4	3	2	1

- $\gcd(a,m)=1 \leftrightarrow \exists u,v \quad au+mv=1 \leftrightarrow \exists u \quad [a]_m \times_m [u]_m = [1]_m$

- For prime p , every element in $\mathbb{Z}_p \setminus \{0\}$ has mult. inverse



Question



• Suppose $d|m$. Consider the two statements:

I. $\forall a, b \quad a \equiv b \pmod{m} \rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{d}$

II. $\forall a, b \quad a \equiv b \pmod{d} \rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

A. Both I & II are true

B. I is true, II is false

C. I is false, II is true

D. Both I & II are false

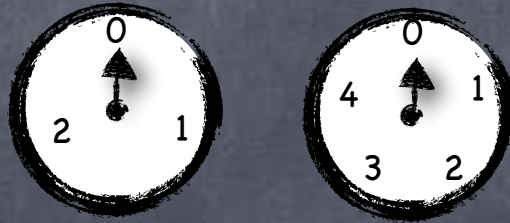
Chiming Clocks

- Two clocks, with a hours and b hours on their dials
- Say they both start at 0, and move one step every minute
 - e.g., $a=13$, $b=9$. After 3 minutes, both point to 3. After 10 minutes, the first clock points to 10, and the second to 1.
- Each clock has a position where it chimes, say r and s , respectively
 - e.g., $r=11$ and $s=5$
- Question: Will the two clocks ever chime together?



An Example

- Say, $a=3$ and $b=5$



- Note that after $\text{lcm}(a,b) = 15$ steps, both clocks will be back to 0
- So enough to check the first 15 steps
- Let's find out all pairs (r,s) that the two clocks will simultaneously reach
 - All 15 possible pairs occur, once each!

time	Clock 1	Clock 2
0	0	0
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	0	3
4	1	4
5	2	0
6	0	1
7	1	2
8	2	3
9	0	4
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As Modular Arithmetic

- Consider mapping elements in \mathbb{Z}_{15} (all 15 of them) to \mathbb{Z}_3 and \mathbb{Z}_5
 - $x \mapsto (x \bmod 3, x \bmod 5)$
 - All 15 possible pairs occur, once each
- That is, for each $(r,s) \in \mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$, there is exactly one x such that
$$x \equiv r \pmod{3} \text{ and } x \equiv s \pmod{5}$$
- For which a,b are we guaranteed that there is a solution for this system (no matter what r,s is)?

\mathbb{Z}_{15}	\mathbb{Z}_3	\mathbb{Z}_5
0	0	0
1	1	1
2	2	2
3	0	3
4	1	4
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6	0	1
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Chinese Remainder Theorem

- If $\gcd(a,b) = 1$, then for all (r,s) there is a unique solution (modulo ab) to the system
$$x \equiv r \pmod{a} \text{ and } x \equiv s \pmod{b}$$
- Proof of existence:
 - Will solve for $(r,s)=(1,0)$ and for $(r,s)=(0,1)$
 - i.e., $\alpha \equiv 1 \pmod{a}, \alpha \equiv 0 \pmod{b},$
 $\beta \equiv 0 \pmod{a}, \beta \equiv 1 \pmod{b},$
 - Then, can let $x = \alpha r + \beta s.$
 - $\exists u,v \quad au + bv = 1$ (can compute using EEA)
 - Let $\alpha = 1 - au = bv$ and $\beta = 1 - bv = au$

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- Existence: $x = bvr + aus$, where $au+bv=1$
- Uniqueness:
 - There are only ab possible values of x
 - There are ab pairs (r,s)
 - Each x is a solution for exactly one (r,s)
 - Every pair (r,s) has at least one solution
 - Hence, no pair (r,s) has two solutions

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- Uniqueness: $|\mathbb{Z}_{ab}| = |\mathbb{Z}_a| \cdot |\mathbb{Z}_b|$
- CRT Representation:
 - Represent $x \in \mathbb{Z}_{ab}$ as the pair
 $(r,s) = (\text{rem}(x,a), \text{rem}(x,b)) \in \mathbb{Z}_a \times \mathbb{Z}_b$
 - Can go back from (r,s) to x uniquely, using EEA

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Arithmetic Using CRT

- Suppose $m = ab$, where $\gcd(a,b) = 1$
- Can use CRT representation to do arithmetic in \mathbb{Z}_m using arithmetic in \mathbb{Z}_a and \mathbb{Z}_b
- CRT representation of \mathbb{Z}_m : every element of \mathbb{Z}_m can be written as a unique element of $\mathbb{Z}_a \times \mathbb{Z}_b$
- Addition and multiplication can be done coordinate-wise in CRT representation
 - If $\text{rem}(x,a)=r$ and $\text{rem}(x',a)=r'$, then $\text{rem}(x+x',a) \equiv r + r' \pmod{a}$. Similarly, mod b .
 - $(r, s) +_{(m)} (r', s') = (r +_{(a)} r', s +_{(b)} s')$
 - Similarly,
 - $(r, s) \times_{(m)} (r', s') = (r \times_{(a)} r', s \times_{(b)} s')$

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CRT and Inverses

- Addition and multiplication can be done coordinate-wise in CRT representation
 - Additive identity is $(0,0)$ and multiplicative identity is $(1,1)$
- Additive and multiplicative inverses are coordinate-wise too
 - $(r,s) +_{(m)} (r',s') = (0,0) \iff r +_{(a)} r' = 0, s +_{(b)} s' = 0$
 - $(r,s) \times_{(m)} (r',s') = (1,1) \iff r \times_{(a)} r' = 1, s \times_{(b)} s' = 1$

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 - x has multiplicative inverse modulo m iff it has multiplicative inverses modulo a and b
 - $\gcd(x,m)=1 \iff \gcd(x,a)=1 \text{ and } \gcd(x,b)=1$

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CRT Beyond 2 Factors

- Suppose $m = a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_n$, where $\gcd(a_i, a_j) = 1$ for all $i \neq j$. For any (r_1, \dots, r_n) with $r_i \in \mathbb{Z}_{a_i}$ for each i , there is a unique solution in \mathbb{Z}_n for the system of congruences $x \equiv r_i \pmod{a_i}$ for $i=1, \dots, n$
- Proof by (weak) induction:
 - Base case: $n=1$ ✓
 - Induction step: We shall prove that for all $k \geq 1$, (induction hypothesis) if every system of k congruences with co-prime moduli has a unique solution, (to prove) then so does every such system of $k+1$ congruences
 - Given $(a_1, \dots, a_{k+1}, r_1, \dots, r_{k+1})$, define a system for $(a_1, \dots, a_k, r_1, \dots, r_k)$, get its unique solution, say s . Define a system of 2 congruences, with co-prime moduli $a = a_1 \cdot \dots \cdot a_k$, and $b = a_{k+1}$,
 $x \equiv s \pmod{a}$ and $x \equiv r_{k+1} \pmod{a_{k+1}}$.
By CRT, this has a unique solution. This is the unique solution for the original system (why?).

Multiplicative Inverses, Again

- Recall: a has a multiplicative inverse in \mathbb{Z}_m iff $\gcd(a,m) = 1$
 - Such an element is called a unit of \mathbb{Z}_m
- **How many units are there in \mathbb{Z}_m ?**
- When m is prime? $m-1$ (all except 0)
- When $m = p^2$, where p is prime?
 - A common factor with p^2 iff a multiple of p (in $\{0,p,2p,\dots,(p-1)p\}$)
 - i.e., $p^2 - p$
- When $m = p^k$, where p is prime? $p^k - p^{k-1} = m(1-1/p)$
- When **$m = p_1^{d_1} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{d_n}$** where p_i are primes?
 - By CRT, elements of the form (r_1, \dots, r_n) , where each r_i is invertible modulo $p_i^{d_i}$
 - $\prod_i p_i^{d_i} (1-1/p_i) = \mathbf{m(1-1/p_1) \cdot \dots \cdot (1-1/p_n)}$

Multiplicative Inverses, Again

- How many units are there in \mathbb{Z}_m ?

- $\varphi(m) = m(1-1/p_1) \cdot \dots \cdot (1-1/p_n)$ where p_1, \dots, p_n are the prime factors of m

- Euler's φ function (a.k.a. Euler's totient function)

- If $\gcd(a,b) = 1$, then $\varphi(ab) = \varphi(a) \cdot \varphi(b)$

Such a function is called a multiplicative function

Multiplicative Inverses, Again

Examples

- $m=6$

- $\varphi(6) = (2-1)(3-1) = 2$

- $\mathbb{Z}_6^* = \{1, 5\}$

- $m=10$

- $\varphi(10) = (2-1)(5-1) = 4$

- $\mathbb{Z}_{10}^* = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$

- Note: The multiplication table restricted to units only has units!

- Why?

×	0	2	3	4	5	1
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	4	0	2	4	2
3	0	0	3	0	3	3
4	0	2	0	4	2	4
5	0	4	3	2	1	5
1	0	2	3	4	5	1

×	0	2	4	6	8	5	1	3	7	9
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2	0	4	8	2	6	0	2	6	4	8
4	0	8	6	4	2	0	4	2	8	6
6	0	2	0	4	2	0	6	8	2	4
8	0	6	3	2	4	0	8	4	6	2
5	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	5	5
1	0	2	4	6	8	5	1	3	7	9
3	0	6	2	8	4	5	3	9	1	7
7	0	4	8	2	6	5	7	1	9	3
9	0	8	6	4	2	5	9	7	3	1

The Units, \mathbb{Z}_m^*

- If $a \in \mathbb{Z}_m \setminus \mathbb{Z}_m^*$ then $\exists u \neq 0$ s.t. $au = 0$ in \mathbb{Z}_m
 - a not unit $\Rightarrow \gcd(a, m) > 1 \Rightarrow m/\gcd(a, m) < m$
 $\Rightarrow \exists u$ (namely $m/\gcd(a, m)$) s.t. $0 < u < m$, $au = 0$ in \mathbb{Z}_m
- Converse also holds:
 - Suppose $\exists u \neq 0$, $au = 0$ and $ba = 1$. Then $0 = bu = bau = 1u = u$!
- $a \in \mathbb{Z}_m^* \rightarrow a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$
- $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_m^* \rightarrow ab \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$, because $(ab)(b^{-1}a^{-1}) = 1$
- For each $a \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$, $a \cdot \mathbb{Z}_m^* \triangleq \{ ab \mid b \in \mathbb{Z}_m^* \} = \mathbb{Z}_m^*$
 - Since $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}_m^* \rightarrow ab \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$, we have $a \cdot \mathbb{Z}_m^* \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_m^*$
 - $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$ we have $a^{-1}x \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$ (why?) $\Rightarrow x \in a \cdot \mathbb{Z}_m^*$. Hence $\mathbb{Z}_m^* \subseteq a \cdot \mathbb{Z}_m^*$
 - So $a \cdot \mathbb{Z}_m^* = \mathbb{Z}_m^*$ (the row for a in the multiplication table restricted to \mathbb{Z}_m^* has exactly all the elements in \mathbb{Z}_m^*)

Euler's Totient Theorem

- $\forall a \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*, a^{\varphi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

- Proof: Fix any m and $a \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$.

Let $\mathbb{Z}_m^* = \{x_1, \dots, x_n\}$ where $n = \varphi(m)$.

Let $u = x_1 \dots x_n$ and $w = (a \cdot x_1) \cdot \dots \cdot (a \cdot x_n)$.

$$\Rightarrow w = a^n \cdot u.$$

But also, $w = \prod_{x \in a\mathbb{Z}_m^*} x = \prod_{x \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*} x = u$ (because $a \cdot \mathbb{Z}_m^* = \mathbb{Z}_m^*$)

$$\Rightarrow u = a^n \cdot u, \text{ where } u \in \mathbb{Z}_m^*$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 = a^n \text{ by multiplying both sides with } u^{-1} \quad \square$$

- Special case, when m is a prime

- Fermat's Little Theorem:

For prime p and a not a multiple of p , $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$