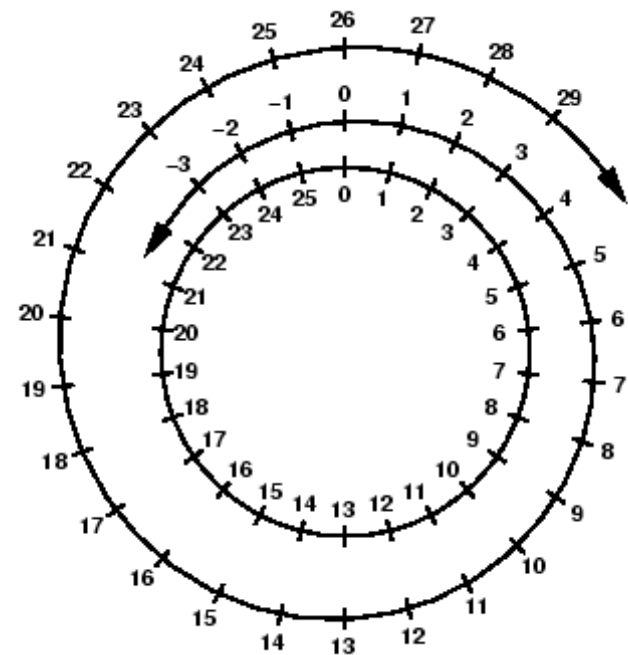


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# Great Theoretical Ideas in Computer Science

Lecture 26:

Modular Arithmetic + Number Theory



# Next 2 lectures

**Modular arithmetic + Number Theory**

**+**

**Cryptography**  
**(in particular, “public-key” cryptography)**

# The plan

**Start with algorithms on good old integers.**

**Then move to the modular universe.**

# Integers

Algorithms on numbers involve BIG numbers.

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# Integers

$B =$  5693030020523999993479642904621911725098567020556258102766251487234031094429

$B \approx 5.7 \times 10^{75}$  ( 5.7 quattorvigintillion )

$B$  is roughly the number of atoms in the universe

**Definition:**  $\text{len}(B) = \#$  bits to write  $B$   
 $\approx \log_2 B$

$\text{len}(B) = 251$

(for crypto purposes, this is way too small)

# Integers: Arithmetic

**In general, arithmetic on numbers is not free!**

**Think of algorithms as performing string-manipulation.**

**The number of steps is measured with respect to the length of the input numbers.**

# I. Addition in integers

36185027886661311069865932815214971104	<i>A</i>
+ 65743021169260358536775932020762686101	<i>B</i>
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101928049055921669606641864835977657205	<i>C</i>

**Grade school addition is linear time:**

$$O(\text{len}(A) + \text{len}(B))$$

## 2. Subtraction in integers

101928049055921669606641864835977657205	<i>A</i>
- 36185027886661311069865932815214971104	<i>B</i>
<hr/>	
65743021169260358536775932020762686101	<i>C</i>

**Grade school subtraction is linear time:**

$$O(\text{len}(A) + \text{len}(B))$$



# 3. Multiplication in integers

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X 5932020762686101 B

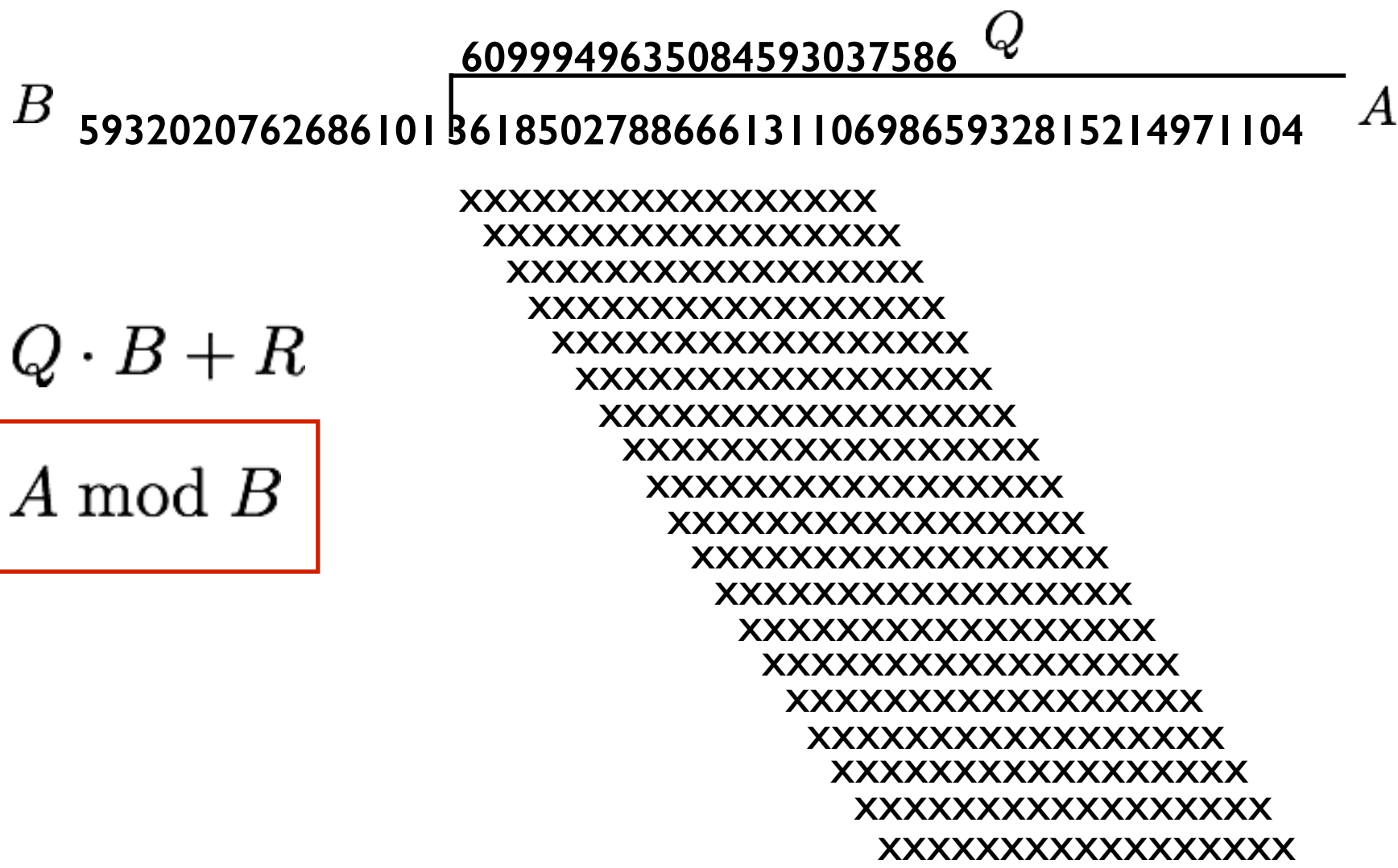
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214650336722050463946651358202698404452609868137425504 C

# steps is quadratic, i.e.,  $O(\text{len}(A) \cdot \text{len}(B))$

# 4. Division in integers



$$A = Q \cdot B + R$$

$$R = A \bmod B$$

**# steps:**  $O(\text{len}(A) \cdot \text{len}(B))$

3960087002178918		$R$
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# 5. Exponentiation in integers

Given as input  $B$ , compute  $2^B$ .

For

$B =$  5693030020523999993479642904621911725098567020556258102766251487234031094429

$\text{len}(B) = 251$

but  $\text{len}(2^B) \sim 5.7$  quattorvigintillion

(output length exceeds number of particles in the universe)



exponential in  
input length

## 6. Taking logarithms in integers

Given as input  $A, B$ , compute  $\log_B A$ .

i.e., find  $X$  such that  $B^X = A$ .

Try  $X = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

Stop when  $B^X \geq A$ .

## 7. Taking roots in integers

Given as input  $A, E$ , compute  $A^{1/E}$ .

Binary search and exponentiation via multiplication.

# The plan

**Start with algorithms on good old integers.**

**Then move to the modular universe.**

# Main goal of this lecture

## Modular Universe

- How to view the elements of the universe?
- How to do basic operations:

1. addition

2. subtraction

3. multiplication

4. division

5. exponentiation

6. taking roots

7. logarithm

theory  
+  
algorithms  
(efficient (?))

# **Modular Operations: Basic Definitions and Properties**



# Modular universe: How to view the elements

Hopefully everyone already knows:

Any integer can be reduced mod  $N$ .

$A \bmod N$  = remainder when you divide  $A$  by  $N$

Example

$$N = 5$$

0	1	2	3	4	⋮	5	6	7	8	9	⋮	10	11	12	⋯
↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	⋮	↓	↓	↓	↓	↓	⋮	↓	↓	↓	mod 5
0	1	2	3	4	⋮	0	1	2	3	4	⋮	0	1	2	⋯

# Modular universe: How to view the elements

**We write**  $A \equiv B \pmod{N}$  **or**  $A \equiv_N B$

**when**  $A \pmod{N} = B \pmod{N}$ .

**(In this case, we say  $A$  is congruent to  $B$  modulo  $N$ .)**

## Examples

$$5 \equiv_5 100$$

$$13 \equiv_7 27$$

## Exercise

$$A \equiv_N B \iff N \text{ divides } A - B$$

# Modular universe: How to view the elements

## 2 Points of View

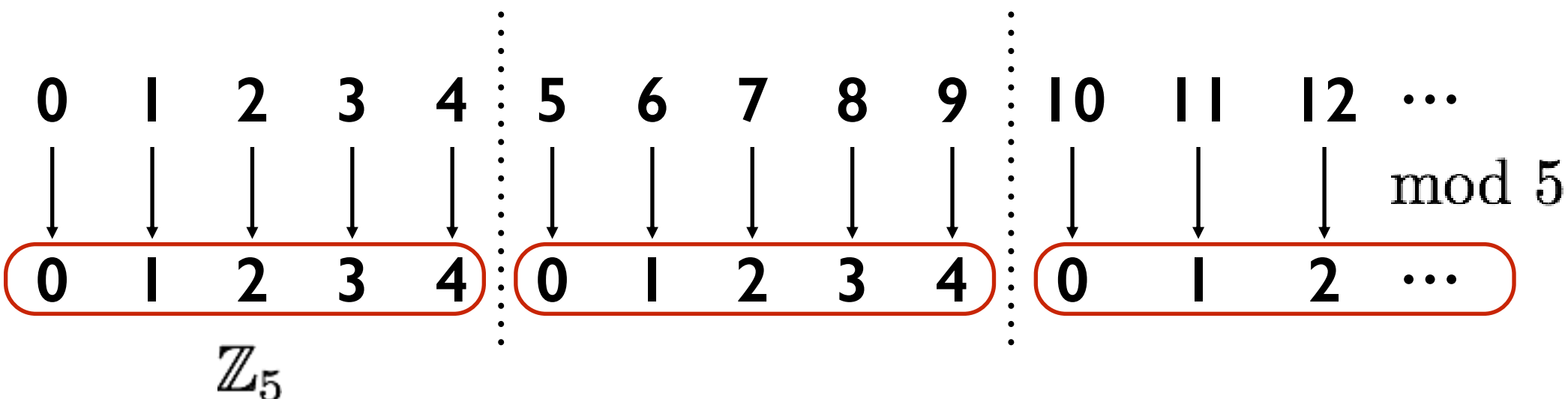
### View 1

The universe is  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Every element has a “mod  $N$ ” representation.

### View 2

The universe is the **finite** set  $\mathbb{Z}_N = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, N - 1\}$ .



# Modular universe: Addition

Can define a “plus” operation in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  :

$$A +_N B = (A + B) \bmod N$$



“plus” in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$



“plus” in  $\mathbb{Z}$

# Modular universe: Addition

Addition table for  $\mathbb{Z}_5$

$+_N$	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** is called the (additive) identity:  $0 +_N A = A +_N 0 = A$   
for any  $A$

# Modular universe: Addition

In  $\mathbb{Z}$

#####

3019573



In  $\mathbb{Z}_5$

#####

3

912382236



1

3019573

+

912382236



4

YES!

# Modular universe: Addition

In  $\mathbb{Z}$

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$A$



$B$



$A + B$



In  $\mathbb{Z}_5$

\*\*\*\*\*

3

1

4

YES!

# Modular universe: Addition

In  $\mathbb{Z}$

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$A$



$B$



$A + B$



In  $\mathbb{Z}_N$

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$A \bmod N$

$B \bmod N$

$(A \bmod N) +_N (B \bmod N)$

**Is**  $(A + B) \bmod N = (A \bmod N) +_N (B \bmod N)$  ?

**YES!**



# Modular universe: Subtraction

How about subtraction in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  ?

What does  $A - B$  mean?

It is actually addition in disguise:  $A + (-B)$

Then what does  $-B$  mean in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  ?

## Definition:

Given  $B \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ , its *additive inverse*, denoted by  $-B$ , is the element in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  such that  $B +_N -B = 0$ .

$$A -_N B = A +_N -B$$

# Modular universe: Subtraction

Addition table for  $\mathbb{Z}_5$

$+_N$	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

$$-0 = 0$$

$$-1 = 4$$

$$-2 = 3$$

$$-3 = 2$$

$$-4 = 1$$

# Modular universe: Subtraction

## Addition table for $\mathbb{Z}_5$

$+_N$	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

**Note:**

For every  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ ,  $-A$  exists.

Why?  $-A = N - A$

This implies:

A row contains distinct elements.

i.e. every row is a permutation of  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ .

$$\text{Fix row } A : \quad A +_N B = A +_N B' \implies B = B'$$

↓  
row

↓  
col

↓  
row

↓  
col

↓  
same col

# Modular universe: Multiplication

Can define a “multiplication” operation in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ :

$$A \cdot_N B = (A \cdot B) \bmod N$$



“multiplication”  
in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$

“multiplication”  
in  $\mathbb{Z}$

# Modular universe: Multiplication

Multiplication table for  $\mathbb{Z}_5$

$\cdot_N$	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

1 is called the (multiplicative) identity:  $1 \cdot_N A = A \cdot_N 1 = A$   
for any  $A$

# Modular universe: Multiplication

In  $\mathbb{Z}$

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$A$

.....→

$B$

.....→

$A \cdot B$

.....<sup>?</sup>→

In  $\mathbb{Z}_N$

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$A \bmod N$

$B \bmod N$

$(A \bmod N) \cdot_N (B \bmod N)$

Is  $(A \cdot B) \bmod N = (A \bmod N) \cdot_N (B \bmod N)$  ?

**YES!**

# Modular universe: Division

How about division in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ ?

What does  $A/B$  mean?

It is actually multiplication in disguise:  $A \cdot \frac{1}{B} = A \cdot B^{-1}$

Then what does  $B^{-1}$  mean in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$ ?

## Definition:

Given  $B \in \mathbb{Z}_N$  its *multiplicative inverse*, denoted by  $B^{-1}$ , is the element in  $\mathbb{Z}_N$  such that  $B \cdot_N B^{-1} = 1$ .

$$A/_N B = A \cdot_N B^{-1}$$

# Modular universe: Division

Multiplication table for  $\mathbb{Z}_5$

$\cdot_{\mathcal{N}}$	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

$$0^{-1} = \text{undefined}$$

$$1^{-1} = 1$$

$$2^{-1} = 3$$

$$3^{-1} = 2$$

$$4^{-1} = 4$$



# Modular universe: Division

Multiplication table for  $\mathbb{Z}_6$

$\cdot_N$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	0	2	4	0	2	4
3	0	3	0	3	0	3
4	0	4	2	0	4	2
5	0	5	4	3	2	1

$$0^{-1} = \text{undefined}$$

$$1^{-1} = 1$$

$$2^{-1} = \text{undefined}$$

$$3^{-1} = \text{undefined}$$

$$4^{-1} = \text{undefined}$$

$$5^{-1} = 5$$

**WTF?**

# Modular universe: Division

Multiplication table for  $\mathbb{Z}_7$

$\cdot_N$	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

Every number except 0 has a multiplicative inverse.

# Modular universe: Division

Multiplication table for  $\mathbb{Z}_8$

$\cdot_N$	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

$\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$  have inverses. Others don't.

# Modular universe: Division

**Fact:**  $A^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_N$  exists if and only if  $\gcd(A, N) = 1$ .

$\gcd(a, b)$  = greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  .

## Examples:

$$\gcd(12, 18) = 6$$

$$\gcd(13, 9) = 1$$

$$\gcd(1, a) = 1 \quad \forall a$$

$$\gcd(0, a) = a \quad \forall a$$

If  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , we say  $a$  and  $b$  are **relatively prime**.

# Modular universe: Division

**Fact:**  $A^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}_N$  exists if and only if  $\gcd(A, N) = 1$ .

**Definition:**  $\mathbb{Z}_N^* = \{A \in \mathbb{Z}_N : \gcd(A, N) = 1\}$ .

**Definition:**  $\varphi(N) = |\mathbb{Z}_N^*|$

Note that  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$  is “closed” under multiplication,

i.e.,  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}_N^* \implies A \cdot_N B \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

(Why?)

# Modular universe: Division

$$\mathbb{Z}_5^*$$

$\cdot_N$	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

$$\varphi(5) = 4$$

# Modular universe: Division

$$\mathbb{Z}_5^*$$

$\bullet_N$	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
3	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1

$$\varphi(5) = 4$$

# Modular universe: Division

$$\mathbb{Z}_5^*$$

$\bullet_N$	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
3	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1

For  $P$  prime,  $\varphi(P) = P - 1$ .



# Modular universe: Division

$$\mathbb{Z}_8^*$$

$\cdot_N$	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

$$\varphi(8) = 4$$

# Modular universe: Division

$$\mathbb{Z}_8^*$$

$\bullet_N$	1	3	5	7
1	1	3	5	7
3	3	1	7	5
5	5	7	1	3
7	7	5	3	1

$$\varphi(8) = 4$$

# Modular universe: Division

$$\mathbb{Z}_{15}^*$$

$\cdot_N$	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
1	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
2	2	4	8	14	1	7	11	13
4	4	8	1	13	2	14	7	11
7	7	14	13	4	11	2	1	8
8	8	1	2	11	4	13	14	7
11	11	7	14	2	13	1	8	4
13	13	11	7	1	14	8	4	2
14	14	13	11	8	7	4	2	1

$$\varphi(15) = 8$$

# Modular universe: Division

$$\mathbb{Z}_{15}^*$$

$\cdot_N$	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
1	1	2	4	7	8	11	13	14
2	2	4	8	14	1	7	11	13
4	4	8	1	13	2	14	7	11
7	7	14	13	4	11	2	1	8
8	8	1	2	11	4	13	14	7
11	11	7	14	2	13	1	8	4
13	13	11	7	1	14	8	4	2
14	14	13	11	8	7	4	2	1

Exercise: For  $P, Q$  distinct primes,  $\varphi(PQ) = (P - 1)(Q - 1)$

# Modular universe: Division

$$\mathbb{Z}_8^*$$

$\cdot_N$  | 1 3 5 7

1	1	3	5	7
3	3	1	7	5
5	5	7	1	3
7	7	5	3	1

$$\varphi(8) = 4$$

For every  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ ,  $A^{-1}$  exists.

This implies:

A row contains distinct elements.

i.e. every row is a permutation of  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$ .

$$A \cdot_N B = A \cdot_N B' \implies B = B'$$

# Summary so far

$+_N$	<b>0</b>	1	2	3
<b>0</b>	0	1	2	3
1	1	2	3	0
2	2	3	0	1
3	3	0	1	2

$\mathbb{Z}_N$

behaves nicely  
with respect to  
*addition / subtraction*

$\cdot_N$	<b>1</b>	3	5	7
<b>1</b>	1	3	5	7
3	3	1	7	5
5	5	7	1	3
7	7	5	3	1

$\mathbb{Z}_N^*$

behaves nicely  
with respect to  
*multiplication / division*

# Modular universe: Exponentiation

## Exponentiation in $\mathbb{Z}_N$

### Notation:

For  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_N$ ,  $E \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$A^E = \underbrace{A \cdot_N A \cdot_N \cdots \cdot_N A}_{E \text{ times}}$$

# Modular universe: Exponentiation

## Exponentiation in $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$

(Same as before)

### Notation:

For  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ ,  $E \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$A^E = \underbrace{A \cdot_N A \cdot_N \cdots \cdot_N A}_{E \text{ times}}$$

There is more though...



# Modular universe: Exponentiation

## Exponentiation in $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$

$\mathbb{Z}_5^*$

$\cdot_N$	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
3	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1

$$\varphi(8) = 4$$

1	$1^2$	$1^3$	$1^4$	$1^5$	$1^6$	$1^7$	$1^8$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	$2^2$	$2^3$	$2^4$	$2^5$	$2^6$	$2^7$	$2^8$
2	4	3	1	2	4	3	1
3	$3^2$	$3^3$	$3^4$	$3^5$	$3^6$	$3^7$	$3^8$
3	4	2	1	3	4	2	1
4	$4^2$	$4^3$	$4^4$	$4^5$	$4^6$	$4^7$	$4^8$
4	1	4	1	4	1	4	1

2 and 3 are called **generators**.

# Modular universe: Exponentiation

## Exponentiation in $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$

$\mathbb{Z}_8^*$

$\cdot_N$	1	3	5	7
1	1	3	5	7
3	3	1	7	5
5	5	7	1	3
7	7	5	3	1

$$\varphi(8) = 4$$

1	$1^2$	$1^3$	$1^4$	$1^5$	$1^6$	$1^7$	$1^8$
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
3	$3^2$	$3^3$	$3^4$	$3^5$	$3^6$	$3^7$	$3^8$
3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1
5	$5^2$	$5^3$	$5^4$	$5^5$	$5^6$	$5^7$	$5^8$
5	1	5	1	5	1	5	1
7	$7^2$	$7^3$	$7^4$	$7^5$	$7^6$	$7^7$	$7^8$
7	1	7	1	7	1	7	1

# Modular universe: Exponentiation

## Euler's Theorem:

For any  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$  ,  $A^{\varphi(N)} = 1$  .

Equivalently, for  $A \in \mathbb{Z}, N \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $\gcd(A, N) = 1$ ,

$$A^{\varphi(N)} \equiv 1 \pmod{N}$$

When  $N$  is a prime, this is known as:

## Fermat's Little Theorem:

Let  $P$  be a prime. For any  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_P^*$ ,  $A^{P-1} = 1$ .

Equivalently, for any  $A$  not divisible by  $P$ ,

$$A^{P-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{P}$$

# Poll

What is  $213^{248} \bmod 7$  ?

- 0
- 1
- 2
- 3
- 4
- 5
- 6
- Beats me.

# Poll Answer

## Euler's Theorem:

For any  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$ ,  $A^{\varphi(N)} = 1$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} A^0 & A^1 & A^2 & \dots & A^{\varphi(N)} & A^{\varphi(N)+1} & \dots & A^{2\varphi(N)} & A^{2\varphi(N)+1} \\ || & & & & || & || & & || & || \\ 1 & & & & A^0 & A^1 & \dots & A^0 & A^1 \end{array}$$

In other words, the exponent can be reduced mod  $\varphi(N)$ .

$$213^{248} \equiv_7 3^{248}$$

$$3^{248} \equiv_7 3^2 = 2$$

# Poll Answer

**IMPORTANT!!!**

When exponentiating elements

$$A \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$$

can think of the exponent living in the universe  $\mathbb{Z}_{\varphi(N)}$ .

# **Modular Operations: Computational Complexity**

# Complexity of Addition

Input:  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}_N$

Output:  $A +_N B$

Compute  $(A + B) \bmod N$  .

Poly-time 



# Complexity of Subtraction

Input:  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}_N$

Output:  $A -_N B$

**Compute**  $(A + (N - B)) \bmod N$  .

**Poly-time** ✓

# Complexity of Multiplication

Input:  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}_N$

Output:  $A \cdot_N B$

Compute  $(A \cdot B) \bmod N$ .

Poly-time 

# Complexity of Division

Input:  $A, B \in \mathbb{Z}_N$

Output:  $A/_N B$  (if the answer exists)

Now things get interesting.

$$A/_N B = A \cdot_N B^{-1}$$

Questions:

1. Does  $B^{-1}$  exist?
2. If it does, how do you compute it?

# Complexity of Division

Recall:  $B^{-1}$  exists iff  $\gcd(B, N) = 1$  .

So to determine if  $B$  has an inverse, we need to compute  $\gcd(B, N)$ .

**Euclid's Algorithm** finds gcd in polynomial time.

Arguably the first algorithm ever. ~ 300 BC

# Complexity of Division

## Euclid's Algorithm

```
gcd(A, B):  
  if B == 0, return A  
  return gcd(B, A mod B)
```

**Recitation or Homework or Practice**

**Why does it work?**

**Why is it polynomial time?**

# Major open problem in Computer Science

Is gcd computation efficiently parallelizable?

i.e., is there a circuit family of

- $\text{poly}(n)$  size
- $\text{polylog}(n)$  depth

that computes gcd?

# Complexity of Division

Ok, Euclid's Algorithm tells us whether an element has an inverse. **How do you find it if it exists?**

Claim: An extension of Euclid's Algorithm gives us the inverse.

First, a definition:

Definition: We say that  $C$  is a **miix** of  $A$  and  $B$  if

$$C = k \cdot A + \ell \cdot B$$

for some  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

not a real term 😊

Examples:

2 is a miix of 14 and 10:  $2 = (-2) \cdot 14 + 3 \cdot 10$

7 is not a miix of 55 and 40. (why?)

# Complexity of Division

**Fact:**  $C$  is a miix of  $A$  and  $B$  if and only if  
 $C$  is a multiple of  $\gcd(A, B)$ .

$$\text{So } \gcd(A, B) = k \cdot A + \ell \cdot B$$

Exercise: The coefficients  $k$  and  $\ell$  can be found by slightly modifying Euclid's Algorithm (in poly-time).

Finding  $B^{-1}$ :

If  $\gcd(B, N) = 1$ , we can find  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$1 = k \cdot B + \ell \cdot N$$

Therefore found

$$\begin{array}{c} \parallel \\ B^{-1} \end{array}$$



# Complexity of Division

## Summary for the complexity of division

To compute  $A/_NB = A \cdot_N B^{-1}$ , we need to compute  $B^{-1}$  (if it exists).

$B^{-1}$  exists iff  $\gcd(B, N) = 1$  (can be computed with Euclid).

Extension of Euclid gives us (in poly-time)  $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$\gcd(B, N) = 1 = k \cdot B + \ell \cdot N$$

$$B^{-1} = k \pmod N$$

# Complexity of Exponentiation

Input:  $A, E, N \in \mathbb{N}$

Output:  $A^E \bmod N$

In the modular universe, length of output not an issue.

Can we compute this efficiently?

# Complexity of Exponentiation

## Example

Compute  $2337^{32} \bmod 100$  .

Naïve strategy:

$$2337 \times 2337 = 5461569$$

$$2337 \times 5461569 = 12763686753$$

$$2337 \times 12763686753 = \dots$$

*∴ (30 more multiplications later)*

# Complexity of Exponentiation

## Example

Compute  $2337^{32} \bmod 100$  .

### 2 improvements:

- Do mod 100 after every step.
- Don't multiply **32** times. Square **5** times.

$$2337 \longrightarrow 2337^2 \longrightarrow 2337^4 \longrightarrow 2337^8 \longrightarrow 2337^{16} \longrightarrow 2337^{32}$$

(what if the exponent is 53?)

# Complexity of Exponentiation

## Example

Compute  $2337^{53} \bmod 100$  .

(what if the exponent is 53?)

Multiply powers 32, 16, 4, 1. (53 = 32 + 16 + 4 + 1)

$$2337^{53} = 2337^{32} \cdot 2337^{16} \cdot 2337^4 \cdot 2337^1$$

53 in binary = 110101



# Complexity of Exponentiation

Input:  $A, E, N \in \mathbb{N}$  (each at most  $n$  bits)

Output:  $A^E \bmod N$

## Algorithm:

- Repeatedly square  $A$ , always mod  $N$ .  
Do this  $n$  times.
- Multiply together the powers of  $A$  corresponding to the binary digits of  $E$  (again, always mod  $N$ ).

Running time: a bit more than  $O(n^2 \log n)$ .

# Complexity of Log

Input:  $A, B, P$  such that

- $P$  is prime
- $A \in \mathbb{Z}_P^*$
- $B \in \mathbb{Z}_P^*$  is a **generator**.

Output:  $X$  such that  $B^X \equiv_P A$  .

**Note:**  $\{B^0, B^1, B^2, B^3, \dots, B^{P-2}\} = \mathbb{Z}_P^*$

Which one corresponds to  $A$  ?

**We don't know how to compute this efficiently!**

# Complexity of Taking Roots

Input:  $A, E, N$  such that  $A \in \mathbb{Z}_N^*$

Output:  $B$  such that  $B^E \equiv_N A$

So we want to compute  $A^{1/E}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_N^*$ .

We don't know how to compute this efficiently!



# Next Lecture

## Cryptography

