

Cryptography

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Lecture 7A

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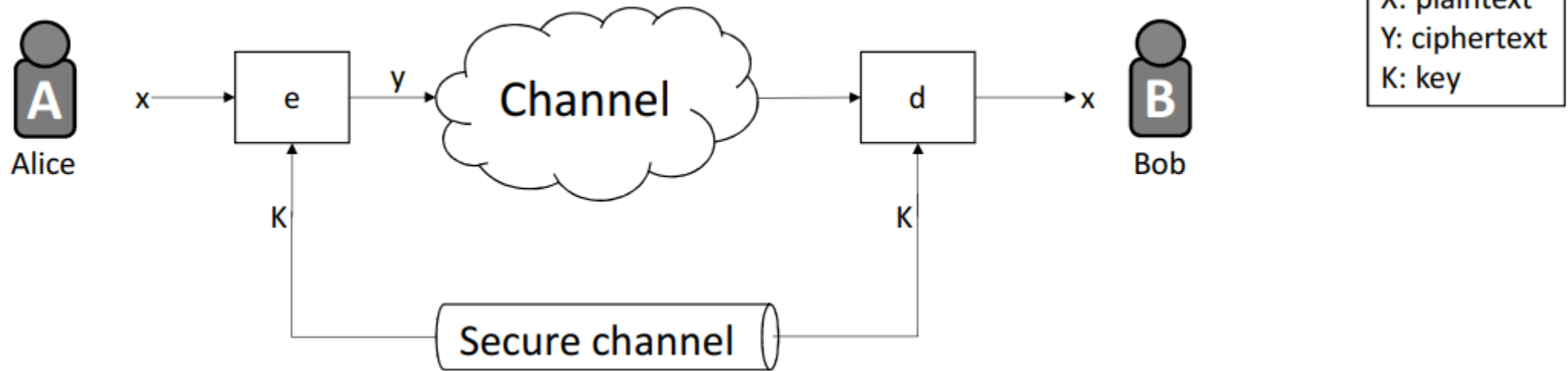
Lecture Topic

Introduction to Public-Key Cryptography (PKC)

Symmetric Cryptography Revisited

➤ Principle of Symmetric-Key encryption:

- The **same secret key K** is used for encryption and decryption
- Encryption and Decryption are very similar (or even identical) functions



❑ We have some problems; key distribution, number of keys, etc.

Symmetric Cryptography Revisited

➤ Symmetric Cryptography: Analogy



Safe with a strong lock, only Alice and Bob have a copy of the key

- Alice encrypts : locks message in the safe with her key
- Bob decrypts : uses his copy of the key to open the safe

Principles of Asymmetric Cryptography

➤ Idea behind Asymmetric Cryptography



New Idea:

Use the „good old mailbox“ principle:

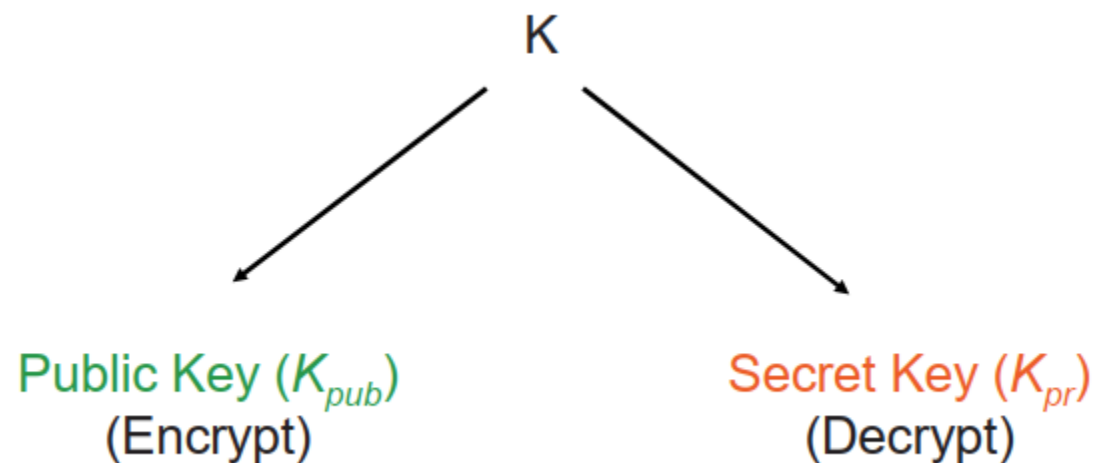
Everyone can drop a letter

But: Only the owner has the correct key to open the box



Asymmetric (Public-Key) Cryptography

➤ Principle: “Split up” the key



✓ During the key generation, a key pair K_{pub} and K_{pr} is computed



Asymmetric (Public-Key) Cryptography

➤ Asymmetric Cryptography: Analogy

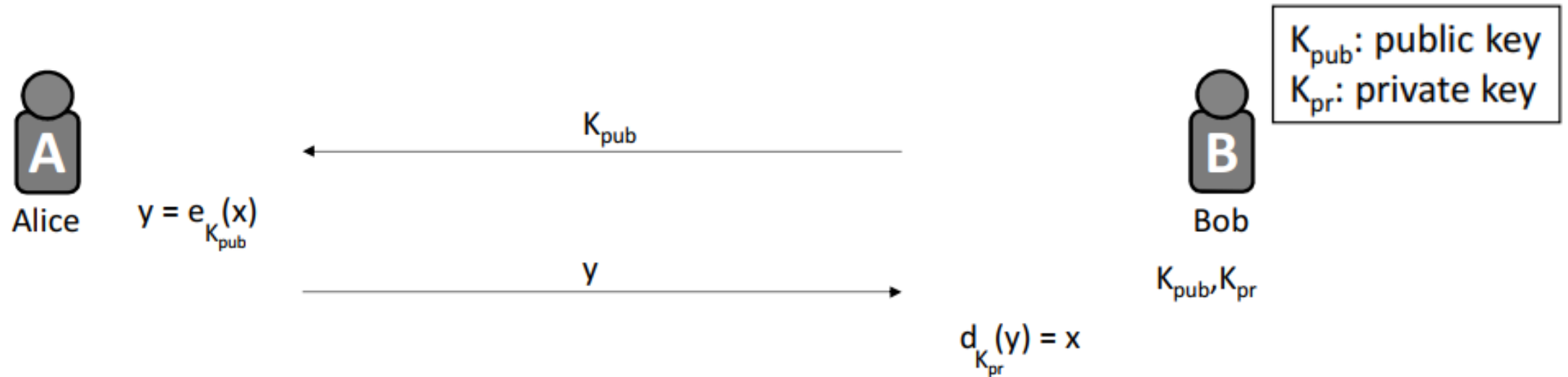


Safe with public lock and private lock:

- Alice deposits (encrypts) a message with the - *not secret* - public key K_{pub}
- Only Bob has the - *secret* - private key K_{pr} to retrieve (decrypt) the message

Asymmetric (Public-Key) Cryptography

➤ Basic protocol for Public-Key encryption:



✓ To study $e()$ and $d()$.. more Math is needed...

Essential Number Theory for PKC



Euclidean Algorithm (EA)

➤ Compute the **greatest common divisor** $\gcd(r_0, r_1)$ of two integers r_0 and r_1

❖ \gcd is **easy for small numbers**:

1. factor r_0 and r_1
2. \gcd = highest common factor

Example 1 : $r_0 = 84$, $r_1 = 30$

$$\begin{aligned} r_0 = 84 &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 7 \\ r_1 = 30 &= 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \end{aligned}$$

→ The \gcd is the product of all common prime factors:

$$2 \cdot 3 = 6 = \gcd(30, 84)$$

❖ **But:** Factoring is complicated (and often infeasible) for large numbers

Euclidean Algorithm (EA)

Such method doesn't work with large numbers, i.e., the case of PKC. **We need the EA.**

e.g., 3^{2000}

Efficient
(faster, less complex)

Basic idea: $\gcd(r_0, r_1) = \gcd(r_0 \bmod r_1, r_1)$

... we simply reduce the problem.

$$= \gcd(r_1, r_0 \bmod r_1)$$

Example 1 : $r_0 = 84, r_1 = 30$

$$\gcd(84, 30) = \gcd(84 \bmod 30, 30) = \gcd(24, 30)$$

$$= \gcd(30 \bmod 24, 24) = \gcd(6, 24) = 6$$

$$= \gcd(24 \bmod 6, 6) = \gcd(0, 6)$$

Terminate once a zero remainder is reached; gcd is the last remainder.

Same e.g.,
(illustrated)

$$\begin{array}{ccc} r_0 & r_1 & r_2 \\ 84 & = & 2 \cdot 30 + 24 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} & & r_3 \\ 30 & = & 1 \cdot 24 + 6 \end{array}$$

$$24 = 4 \cdot 6 + 0$$

$$\longrightarrow \gcd(84, 30) = 6$$

... zero remainder reached.

Euclidean Algorithm (EA)

Example 2 : $r_0 = 27, r_1 = 21$

$\gcd(r_0, r_1)$ for $r_0 = 27$ and $r_1 = 21$

21	6
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6	6	6	3
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3	3
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$$\gcd(27, 21) = \gcd(1 \cdot 21 + 6, 21) = \gcd(21, 6)$$

$$\gcd(21, 6) = \gcd(3 \cdot 6 + 3, 6) = \gcd(6, 3)$$

$$\gcd(6, 3) = \gcd(2 \cdot 3 + 0, 3) = \gcd(3, 0) = 3$$

- Note: very efficient method even for long numbers:
The complexity grows **linearly** with the number of bits



Euclidean Algorithm (EA)

Example 3 : $r_0 = 973$, $r_1 = 301$

$$\gcd(r_0, r_1)$$
$$\gcd(973, 301)$$

$$r_0 = 973 = 3 \cdot r_1 + r_2$$
$$973 = 3 \cdot 301 + 70$$

$$r_1 = 301 = 4 \cdot r_2 + r_3$$
$$301 = 4 \cdot 70 + 21$$

$$r_2 = 70 = 3 \cdot r_3 + r_4$$
$$70 = 3 \cdot 21 + 7$$

$\rightarrow \gcd(973, 301) = 7$

$$r_3 = 21 = 3 \cdot r_4 + 0$$
$$21 = 3 \cdot 7 + 0 \quad \dots \text{zero remainder reached.}$$

Pretty simple...



Extended Euclidean Algorithm (EEA)

Goal: rewrite $\gcd(r_0, r_1) = s \cdot r_0 + t \cdot r_1$

Why and How?



Why: To compute modular inverses of large numbers.



How: Using regular EA for the LHS & the extension

Extended Euclidean Algorithm (EEA)

- Extend the Euclidean algorithm to **find modular inverse** of $r_1 \bmod r_0$

- EEA computes s, t , and the gcd : $\gcd(r_0, r_1) = s \cdot r_0 + t \cdot r_1$

- Take the relation **mod** r_0

$$s \cdot r_0 + t \cdot r_1 = 1$$

$$s \cdot 0 + t \cdot r_1 \equiv 1 \bmod r_0$$

$$r_1 \cdot t \equiv 1 \bmod r_0$$

→ Compare with the definition of modular inverse: **t is the inverse of $r_1 \bmod r_0$**

- Note that $\gcd(r_0, r_1) = 1$ in order for the inverse to exist

- **Recursive formulae** to calculate s and t in each step

→ „magic table“ for r, s, t and a quotient q to derive the inverse with pen and paper



Extended Euclidean Algorithm

- How to compute the modular inverse using the Extended Euclidean Algorithm:

i	$q_i = \left\lfloor \frac{r_{i-2}}{r_{i-1}} \right\rfloor$	$s_i =$ $s_{i-2} - q_{i-1} \cdot s_{i-1}$	$t_i =$ $t_{i-2} - q_{i-1} \cdot t_{i-1}$	$r_i =$ $r_{i-2} - q_{i-1} \cdot r_{i-1}$
0		$s_0 = 1$	$t_0 = 0$	r_0
1		$s_1 = 0$	$t_1 = 1$	r_1
2	$q_1 = \left\lfloor \frac{r_0}{r_1} \right\rfloor$	$s_2 =$ $s_0 - q_1 \cdot s_1$	$t_2 =$ $t_0 - q_1 \cdot t_1$	$r_2 =$ $r_0 - q_1 \cdot r_1$
3	$q_2 = \left\lfloor \frac{r_1}{r_2} \right\rfloor$	$s_3 =$ $s_1 - q_2 \cdot s_2$	$t_3 =$ $t_1 - q_2 \cdot t_2$	$r_3 =$ $r_1 - q_2 \cdot r_2$
\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots	\vdots

For initialization (steps $i \in \{0,1\}$), cell values are predetermined as proven before.

For $i \geq 2$, compute the q_i, s_i, t_i, r_i columns.

For each iteration i , check:

If $r_i=1$ is reached, then **$\gcd(r_0, r_1) = r_i = 1$** . Then **mult. inverse of $r_1 \bmod r_0$ exists and equals t_i** . Stop.

Else, if $r_i=0$ is reached, then **$\gcd(r_0, r_1) = r_{i-1}$** . Then **mult. inverse of $r_1 \bmod r_0$ doesn't exist**. Stop.

Extended Euclidean Algorithm (EEA)

$\gcd(r_0, r_1)$	$r_0 = q_1 \cdot r_1 + r_2$	$r_2 = s_2 \cdot r_0 + t_2 \cdot r_1$	r_1 is the last remainder, i.e., the result of $\gcd(r_0, r_1)$.
$\gcd(r_1, r_2)$	$r_1 = q_2 \cdot r_2 + r_3$	$r_3 = s_3 \cdot r_0 + t_3 \cdot r_1$	
	\vdots	\vdots	
$\gcd(r_{l-2}, r_{l-1})$	$r_{l-2} = q_{l-1} \cdot r_{l-1} + r_l$	$r_l = s_l \cdot r_0 + t_l \cdot r_1 = \gcd(r_0, r_1)$	
$\gcd(r_{l-1}, r_l)$	$r_{l-1} = q_l \cdot r_l + 0$		

How does that lead to modulo inverse?



To compute $a^{-1} \bmod n$:

$$\gcd(n, a) = r_l = s \cdot n + t \cdot a = 1 \quad (\text{condition for inverse existence})$$

$$\text{Then } s \cdot 0 + t \cdot a \equiv 1 \bmod n \quad (\text{mod } n \text{ for both sides})$$

$$t \cdot a \equiv 1 \bmod n$$

$$t \equiv a^{-1} \bmod n$$

Extended Euclidean Algorithm (EEA)

Example:

- Calculate the modular Inverse of 12 mod 67:
- From magic table follows $-5 \cdot 67 + 28 \cdot 12 = 1$
- Hence **28 is the inverse** of 12 mod 67.
- Check: $28 \cdot 12 = 336 \equiv 1 \pmod{67}$ ✓

i	q_{i-1}	r_i	s_i	t_i
2	5	7	1	-5
3	1	5	-1	6
4	1	2	2	-11
5	2	1	-5	28

Multiplicative Inverse in $GF(2^m)$

Find the multiplicative inverse of x^3+x+1 in $GF(2^4)$ with $P(x)=x^4+x+1$

Using EEA:

$$x^4+x+1 = (x)(x^3+x+1) + (x^2+1) \dots x^2+1 = (x^4+x+1) + (x)(x^3+x+1)$$

$$\begin{aligned}(x^3+x+1) &= (x)(x^2+1) + 1 \dots 1 = (x)(x^2+1) + (x^3+x+1) \\ &= (x)(x^4+x+1) + (x^2+1)(x^3+x+1)\end{aligned}$$

$$[(x)(x^4+x+1) + (x^2+1)(x^3+x+1)] \bmod P(x) \rightarrow \text{multiplicative inverse} = x^2+1$$



Multiplicative Inverse in $GF(2^m)$

Example We are looking for the inverse of $A(x) = x^2$ in the finite field $GF(2^3)$ with $P(x) = x^3 + x + 1$. The initial values for the $t(x)$ polynomial are: $t_0(x) = 0$, $t_1(x) = 1$

Iteration	$r_{i-2}(x) = [q_{i-1}(x)] r_{i-1}(x) + [r_i(x)]$	$t_i(x)$
2	$x^3 + x + 1 = [x] x^2 + [x + 1]$	$t_2 = t_0 - q_1 t_1 = 0 - x \cdot 1 \equiv x$
3	$x^2 = [x] (x + 1) + [x]$	$t_3 = t_1 - q_2 t_2 = 1 - x(x) \equiv 1 + x^2$
4	$x + 1 = [1] x + [1]$	$t_4 = t_2 - q_3 t_3 = x - 1(1 + x^2)$ $t_4 \equiv 1 + x + x^2$
5	$x = [x] 1 + [0]$	Termination since $r_5 = 0$

$$A^{-1}(x) = t(x) = t_4(x) = x^2 + x + 1.$$

Multiplicative Inverse in $\text{GF}(2^m)$

Here is the check that $t(x)$ is in fact the inverse of x^2 , where we use the properties that $x^3 \equiv x + 1 \pmod{P(x)}$ and $x^4 \equiv x^2 + x \pmod{P(x)}$:

$$\begin{aligned} t_4(x) \cdot x^2 &= x^4 + x^3 + x^2 \\ &\equiv (x^2 + x) + (x + 1) + x^2 \pmod{P(x)} \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{P(x)} \end{aligned}$$



Euler's Phi Function

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- ***New problem, important for public-key systems, e.g., RSA:***
Given the set of the m integers $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$,
- **How many numbers in the set are relatively prime to m ?**
 - **Answer: Euler's Phi function $\Phi(m)$**

Euler's Phi Function

- **Example** for the sets $\{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$ ($m=6$),

$$\gcd(0, 6) = 6$$

$$\gcd(1, 6) = 1 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\gcd(2, 6) = 2$$

$$\gcd(3, 6) = 3$$

$$\gcd(4, 6) = 2$$

$$\gcd(5, 6) = 1 \quad \leftarrow$$

→ 1 and 5 relatively prime to $m=6$,
hence $\phi(6) = 2$

and $\{0,1,2,3,4\}$ ($m=5$)

$$\gcd(0, 5) = 5$$

$$\gcd(1, 5) = 1 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\gcd(2, 5) = 1 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\gcd(3, 5) = 1 \quad \leftarrow$$

$$\gcd(4, 5) = 1 \quad \leftarrow$$

→ $\phi(5) = 4$

- Testing one gcd per number in the set is **extremely slow for large m** .



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Euler's Phi Function

- **If** canonical factorization of m known:
(where p_i primes and e_i positive integers)
- **then** calculate Phi according to the relation

$$m = p_1^{e_1} \cdot p_2^{e_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{e_n}$$

$$\Phi(m) = \prod_{i=1}^n (p_i^{e_i} - p_i^{e_i-1})$$

- Phi especially easy for $e_i = 1$, e.g., $m = p \cdot q \rightarrow \Phi(m) = (p-1) \cdot (q-1)$
- **Example** $m = 899 = 29 \cdot 31$:
 $\Phi(899) = (29-1) \cdot (31-1) = 28 \cdot 30 = 840$
- **Note:** Finding $\Phi(m)$ is computationally easy **if factorization of m is known**
(otherwise the calculation of $\Phi(m)$ becomes computationally infeasible for large numbers)



Euler's Phi Function

How to compute $\Phi(m)$ for a large m ?

Let m have the following factorization form:

$$m = p_1^{e_1} \cdot p_2^{e_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_n^{e_n},$$

Where p_i are distinct prime numbers and e_i are positive integers,
then

$$\Phi(m) = \prod_{i=1}^n (p_i^{e_i} - p_i^{e_i-1}).$$



Euler's Phi Function

e.g. 1) compute $\Phi(m)$ for $m = 240$

$$\begin{aligned} m = 16 \cdot 15 &= 2^4 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^1 \\ &= p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} p_3^{e_3} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Phi(240) &= \prod_{i=1}^3 (p_i^{e_i} - p_i^{e_i-1}) = (2^4 - 2^3)(3^1 - 3^0)(5^1 - 5^0) \\ &= 8 \cdot 2 \cdot 4 = 64 \end{aligned}$$

e.g. 2) compute $\Phi(m)$ for $m = 100$



Euler's Theorem

➤ Used in public-key cryptography.

Euler's Theorem:

Let a and m be integers with $\gcd(a, m) = 1$, then:

$$a^{\Phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

□ e.g., Let's check with $m = 12$ and $a = 5$.

$$\Phi(12) = \Phi(2^2 \cdot 3) = (2^2 - 2^1)(3^1 - 3^0) = (4 - 2)(3 - 1) = 4$$

$$5^{\Phi(12)} = 5^4 = 25^2 = 625 \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$$



Fermat's Little Theorem

➤ Fermat's Little Theorem:

- Given a **prime** p and an **integer** a : $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$
- Can be rewritten as $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$
- **Use: Find modular inverse**, if p is prime. Rewrite to $a \cdot a^{p-2} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$
- Comparing with definition of the modular inverse $a \cdot a^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$
→ $a^{-1} \equiv a^{p-2} \pmod{p}$ is the modular inverse modulo a prime p

Fermat's Little Theorem

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Let a be an integer and p be a prime,

$$\text{then: } a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{so, } a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{or, } a \cdot a^{p-2} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\text{so, } a^{-1} \equiv a^{p-2} \pmod{p}$$

✓ e.g., Let's check with $p = 7$ and $a = 2$

$$a^{p-2} = 2^5 = 32 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$$

$$2 \cdot 4 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } 2^{-1} \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$$



Fermat's Little Theorem and Euler's Theorem

- Fermat's little theorem = special case of Euler's Theorem
- for a prime p : $\Phi(p) = (p^1 - p^0) = p - 1$
→ Fermat: $a^{\Phi(p)} = a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Euler's Phi Function

Notes:

If p is prime, then $\Phi(p) = p - 1$

if p and q are prime, then $\Phi(pq) = \Phi(p) \times \Phi(q)$

How to prove that $\Phi(pq) = \Phi(p) \times \Phi(q)$?

Since Z_n has $(pq-1)$ positive integers.

Since integers that are not relatively prime to n are $\{p, 2p, \dots, (q-1)p\}$ and $\{q, 2q, \dots, (p-1)q\}$...
i.e., $(p-1)$ elements + $(q-1)$ elements.

Then the number of integers in Z_n that are relatively prime to $n = (pq-1) - [(p-1)+(q-1)]$

i.e., $pq - (p+q) + 1$

Then $\Phi(n) = (p-1) \times (q-1) = \Phi(p) \times \Phi(q)$





Thank You!

See You next Lectures!!
Any Question?

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