

Introduction to Cryptography

CS 355

Lecture 6

Elementary Number Theory (2)

Lecture Outline

- The Extended Euclidian Algorithm
- Solving Linear Congruence
- The Affine Cipher
- The Chinese Remainder Theorem



Towards Extended Euclidian Algorithm

- **Theorem:** Given integers $a, b > 0$ and $a < b$, then $d = \gcd(a,b)$ is the least positive integer that can be represented as $ax + by$, x, y integer numbers.
- How to find such x and y ?

The Extended Euclidian Algorithm

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|-----------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| First computes | Then computes | And |
| $b = q_1 a + r_1$ | $x_0 = 0$ | $y_0 = 1$ |
| $a = q_2 r_1 + r_2$ | $x_1 = 1$ | $y_1 = 0$ |
| $r_1 = q_3 r_2 + r_3$ | $x_2 = -q_1 x_1 + x_0$ | $y_2 = -q_1 y_1 + y_0$ |
| ... | ... | ... |

$$r_{k-3} = q_{k-1} r_{k-2} + r_{k-1} \quad x_k = -q_{k-1} x_{k-1} + x_{k-2} \quad y_k = -q_{k-1} y_{k-1} + y_{k-2}$$

$$r_{k-2} = q_k r_{k-1}$$

We have $ax_k + by_k = r_{k-1} = \gcd(a,b)$

Extended Euclidian Algorithm

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x=1; y=0; d=a; r=0; s=1; t=b;
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while (t>0) {
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    q = ⌊d/t⌋
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    u=x-qr; v=y-qs; w=d-qt
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    x=r; y=s; d=t
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    r=u; s=v; t=w
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}
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return (d, x, y)
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Invariants:

$$ax + by = d$$

$$ar + bs = t$$

Another Way

Find $\gcd(143, 111)$

$$143 = 1 \times 111 + 32$$

$$111 = 3 \times 32 + 15$$

$$32 = 2 \times 15 + 2$$

$$15 = 7 \times 2 + 1$$

$$\gcd(143, 111) = 1$$

$$32 = 143 - 1 \times 111$$

$$15 = 111 - 3 \times 32$$

$$= 4 \times 111 - 3 \times 143$$

$$2 = 32 - 2 \times 15$$

$$= 7 \times 143 - 9 \times 111$$

$$1 = 15 - 7 \times 2$$

$$= 67 \times 111 - 52 \times 143$$

Linear Equation Modulo n

If $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, the equation

$$ax \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

has a unique solution, $0 < x < n$. This solution is often represented as $a^{-1} \pmod{n}$

Proof: if $ax_1 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ and $ax_2 \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$,
then $a(x_1 - x_2) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$, then $n \mid a(x_1 - x_2)$,
then $n \mid (x_1 - x_2)$, then $x_1 - x_2 = 0$

How to compute $a^{-1} \pmod{n}$?

Linear Equation Modulo (cont.)

To solve the equation

$$ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

When $\gcd(a,n)=1$, compute $x = a^{-1} b \pmod{n}$.

When $\gcd(a,n) = d > 1$, do the following

- If d does not divide b , there is no solution.
- Assume $d|b$. Solve the new congruence, get x_0

$$(a/d)x \equiv b/d \pmod{n/d}$$

- The solutions of the original congruence are $x_0, x_0+(n/d), x_0+2(n/d), \dots, x_0+(d-1)(n/d) \pmod{n}$.

The Affine Cipher

- A special case of monoalphabetical substitution cipher that strengthen the shift cipher slightly
- A key consists of two integers α and β in $[0..25]$ such that $\gcd(\alpha, 26)=1$.
- $E_{\alpha, \beta}[x] = \alpha x + \beta \pmod{26}$
- What is the key size?
- How to decrypt?
- How to do ciphertext only, known plaintext, chosen plaintext attack?

Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

Theorem

Let n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k be integers s.t. $\gcd(n_i, n_j) = 1$ for any $i \neq j$.

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{n_1}$$

$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{n_2}$$

...

$$x \equiv a_k \pmod{n_k}$$

There exists a unique solution modulo

$$n = n_1 n_2 \dots n_k$$

Proof of CRT

- Consider the function $\chi: \mathbb{Z}_n \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_{n_1} \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_2} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}_{n_k}$
 $\chi(x) = (x \bmod n_1, \dots, x \bmod n_k)$
- We need to prove that χ is a bijection.
- For $1 \leq i \leq k$, define $m_i = n / n_i$, then $\gcd(m_i, n_i) = 1$
- For $1 \leq i \leq k$, define $y_i = m_i^{-1} \bmod n_i$
- Define function $\rho(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k) = \sum a_i m_i y_i \bmod n$,
this function inverts χ
 - $a_i m_i y_i \equiv a_i \pmod{n_i}$
 - $a_i m_i y_i \equiv 0 \pmod{n_j}$ where $i \neq j$

An Example Illustrating Proof of CRT

- Example of the mappings:
 - $n_1=3, n_2=5, n=15$
 - $m_1=5, y_1=m_1^{-1} \bmod n_1=2, 5^{-1} \bmod 3 = 1$
 - $m_2=3, y_2=m_2^{-1} \bmod n_2=2, 3^{-1} \bmod 5 = 1$
 - $\rho(2,4) = (2 \cdot 5 \cdot 2 + 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2) \bmod 15$
 $= 44 \bmod 15 = 14$
 - $14 \bmod 3 = 2, 14 \bmod 5 = 4$

Example of CRT:

- $n_1=7, n_2=11, n_3=13, n=1001$ $x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$
- $m_1=143, m_2=91, m_3=77$ $x \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$
- $y_1=143^{-1} \pmod{7} = 3^{-1} \pmod{7} = 5$ $x \equiv 10 \pmod{13}$
- $y_2=91^{-1} \pmod{11} = 3^{-1} \pmod{11} = 4$
- $y_3=77^{-1} \pmod{13} = 12^{-1} \pmod{13} = 12$
- $x = (5 \times 143 \times 5 + 3 \times 91 \times 4 + 10 \times 77 \times 12) \pmod{1001}$
 $= 13907 \pmod{1001} = 894$

Summary

- Extended Euclidian Algorithm
- Solving linear congruence
- Affine Cipher
- Chinese Remainder Theorem



Summary of Recommended Readings up to This Lecture

- Trappe & Washington
 - Section 1
 - Section 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, 2.12
 - Section 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4
- The Code Book
 - Chapters 1, 2, 3, 4



Coming Attractions ...

- More on Attacking Enigma Machine
- Recommended reading for next lecture:
 - [Facts and myths of Enigma: breaking stereotypes](#). By Kris Gaj and Arkadiusz Orłowski. In EuroCrypt 2003.

