

Introduction to Cryptography

CS 355

Lecture 11

Fermat & Euler Theorems

Residue Classes

- Given positive integer n , congruence modulo n is an equivalence relation.
- This relation partition all integers into equivalent classes; we denote the equivalence class containing the number x to be $[x]_n$, or $[x]$ when n is clear from the context
- These classes are called residue classes modulo n
- E.g., $[1]_7 = [8]_7 = \{\dots, -13, -6, 1, 8, 15, 22, \dots\}$

Modular Arithmetic in \mathbf{Z}_n

- Define \mathbf{Z}_n as the set of residue classes modulo n
 - $\mathbf{Z}_7 = \{[0], [1], [2], \dots, [6]\}$
- Define two binary operators $+$ and \times on \mathbf{Z}_n
- Given $[x], [y]$ in \mathbf{Z}_n ,
$$[x] + [y] = [x+y],$$
$$[x] \times [y] = [xy]$$
- E.g., in \mathbf{Z}_7 : $[3]+[4] = [0]$, $[0]+[2] = [2]+[0] = 2$,
 $[5]+[6] = 4$
- Compute the table for \mathbf{Z}_4

Properties of Modular Addition and Multiplication

Let n be a positive integer and \mathbf{Z}_n be the set of residue classes modulo n . For all $a, b, c \in \mathbf{Z}_n$

1. $a + b = b + a$ addition is commutative
2. $(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$ addition is associative
3. $a + [0] = a$ exists addition identity
4. $[x] + [-x] = [0]$ exists additive inverse
5. $a \times b = b \times a$ multiplication is commutative
6. $(a \times b) \times c = a \times (b \times c)$ multiplication is associative
7. $a \times (b+c) = a \times b + a \times c$ mult. distributive over add.
8. $a \times [1] = [a]$ exists multiplicative identity

Multiplicative Inverse

- Theorem: $[x]_n$ has a multiplicative inverse if and only if $\gcd(x, n) = 1$
- We use \mathbf{Z}_n^* to denote the set of all residue classes that have a multiplicative inverse.
- \mathbf{Z}_n^* is closed under multiplication.

The Euler Phi Function

Definition

Given an integer n , $\Phi(n) = |Z_n^*|$ is the number of all numbers a such that $0 < a < n$ and a is relatively prime to n (i.e., $\gcd(a, n) = 1$).

Theorem:

If $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, $\Phi(mn) = \Phi(m) \Phi(n)$

The Euler Phi Function

Theorem: Formula for $\Phi(n)$

Let p be prime, e, m, n be positive integers

1) $\Phi(p) = p-1$

2) $\Phi(p^e) = p^e - p^{e-1}$

3) If $n = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_k^{e_k}$ then

$$\Phi(n) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_k}\right)$$

Fermat's Little Theorem

Fermat's Little Theorem

If p is a prime number and a is a natural number that is not a multiple of p , then

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Proof idea:

$\gcd(a, p) = 1$, then the set $\{i \cdot a \pmod{p} \mid 0 < i < p\}$ is a permutation of the set $\{1, \dots, p-1\}$. (otherwise we have $0 < n < m < p$ s.t. $ma \pmod{p} = na \pmod{p}$)

$$p \mid (ma - na) \Rightarrow p \mid (m-n), \text{ where } 0 < m-n < p$$

$$a \cdot 2a \cdot \dots \cdot (p-1)a = (p-1)! a^{p-1} \equiv (p-1)! \pmod{p}$$

Since $\gcd((p-1)!, p) = 1$, we obtain $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Euler's Theorem

Euler's Theorem

Given integer $n > 1$, such that $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ then
$$a^{\Phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Corollary

Given integer $n > 1$, such that $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ then
 $a^{\Phi(n)-1} \pmod{n}$ is a multiplicative inverse of $a \pmod{n}$.

Corollary

Given integer $n > 1$, x , y , and a positive integers with
 $\gcd(a, n) = 1$. If $x \equiv y \pmod{\Phi(n)}$, then
$$a^x \equiv a^y \pmod{n}.$$

Consequence of Euler's Theorem

Basic Principle

Given a, n, x, y with $n \geq 1$ and $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, if $x \equiv y \pmod{\phi(n)}$, then

$$a^x \equiv a^y \pmod{n}$$

Proof idea:

$$a^x = a^{k\phi(n) + y} = a^y (a^{\phi(n)})^k$$

by applying Euler's theorem we obtain

$$a^e \equiv a^f \pmod{p}$$

Coming Attractions ...

- The RC4 Stream Cipher
- Recommended reading for next lecture:
 - None

