

**CSE  
31F**

# Foundations of Computing I

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# Large Non-negative Integer Operations MOD M

Exponentiation?

$$a \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

$$\left( \cancel{a \cdot b} \cdot (c + d) \right) \pmod{m}$$

x	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	6	5	4	3	2	1

a	a <sup>1</sup>	a <sup>2</sup>	a <sup>3</sup>	a <sup>4</sup>	a <sup>5</sup>	a <sup>6</sup>
1						
2						
3						
4						
5						
6						

$$a^b$$

$$a^b \pmod{m}$$

$a$  has  $b$ -bits

$$a^{32} = (a^2)^{16} = ((a^2)^2)^8 \dots$$

$$a^5 = a \cdot a^4 = a \cdot (a^2)^2$$

# Exponentiation

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- **Compute**  $78365^{81453}$
- **Compute**  $78365^{81453} \bmod 104729$
- **Output is small**
  - need to keep intermediate results small

# Repeated Squaring – small and fast

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Since  $a \bmod m \equiv a \pmod{m}$  for any  $a$

we have  $a^2 \bmod m = (a \bmod m)^2 \bmod m$

and  $a^4 \bmod m = (a^2 \bmod m)^2 \bmod m$

and  $a^8 \bmod m = (a^4 \bmod m)^2 \bmod m$

and  $a^{16} \bmod m = (a^8 \bmod m)^2 \bmod m$

and  $a^{32} \bmod m = (a^{16} \bmod m)^2 \bmod m$

**Can compute  $a^k \bmod m$  for  $k=2^i$  in only  $i$  steps**

# Fast Exponentiation Algorithm

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$$81453 = 2^{16} + 2^{13} + 2^{12} + 2^{11} + 2^{10} + 2^9 + 2^5 + 2^3 + 2^2 + 2^0$$

$$a^{81453} = a^{2^{16}} \cdot a^{2^{13}} \cdot a^{2^{12}} \cdot a^{2^{11}} \cdot a^{2^{10}} \cdot a^{2^9} \cdot a^{2^5} \cdot a^{2^3} \cdot a^{2^2} \cdot a^{2^0}$$

$$a^{81453} \bmod m =$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (\dots((((a^{2^{16}} \bmod m \cdot \\ & \quad a^{2^{13}} \bmod m) \bmod m \cdot \\ & \quad a^{2^{12}} \bmod m) \bmod m \cdot \\ & \quad a^{2^{11}} \bmod m) \bmod m \cdot \\ & \quad a^{2^{10}} \bmod m) \bmod m \cdot \\ & \quad a^{2^9} \bmod m) \bmod m \cdot \\ & \quad a^{2^5} \bmod m) \bmod m \cdot \\ & \quad a^{2^3} \bmod m) \bmod m \cdot \\ & \quad a^{2^2} \bmod m) \bmod m \cdot \\ & \quad a^{2^0} \bmod m) \bmod m \end{aligned}$$

The fast exponentiation algorithm computes  $a^n \bmod m$  using  $O(\log n)$  multiplications  $\bmod m$

# Fast Exponentiation

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```
public static long FastModExp(long base, long exponent, long modulus) {
    long result = 1;
    base = base % modulus;

    while (exponent > 0) {
        if ((exponent % 2) == 1) {
            result = (result * base) % modulus;
            exponent -= 1;
        }
        /* Note that exponent is definitely divisible by 2 here. */
        exponent /= 2;
        base = (base * base) % modulus;
        /* The last iteration of the loop will always be exponent = 1 */
        /* so, result will always be correct. */
    }
    return result;
}
```

$$a^n = a^{2k} \rightarrow (a^2)^k$$
$$a^{2k+1} \rightarrow a \cdot (a^2)^k$$

# Large Non-negative Integer Operations MOD M

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Division?

$$\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) \cdot 5 = \frac{5}{5} = 1$$

**Let's get existential.**

**What, really, IS division?**

$$5 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{5}{2} = \text{"5/2"}$$

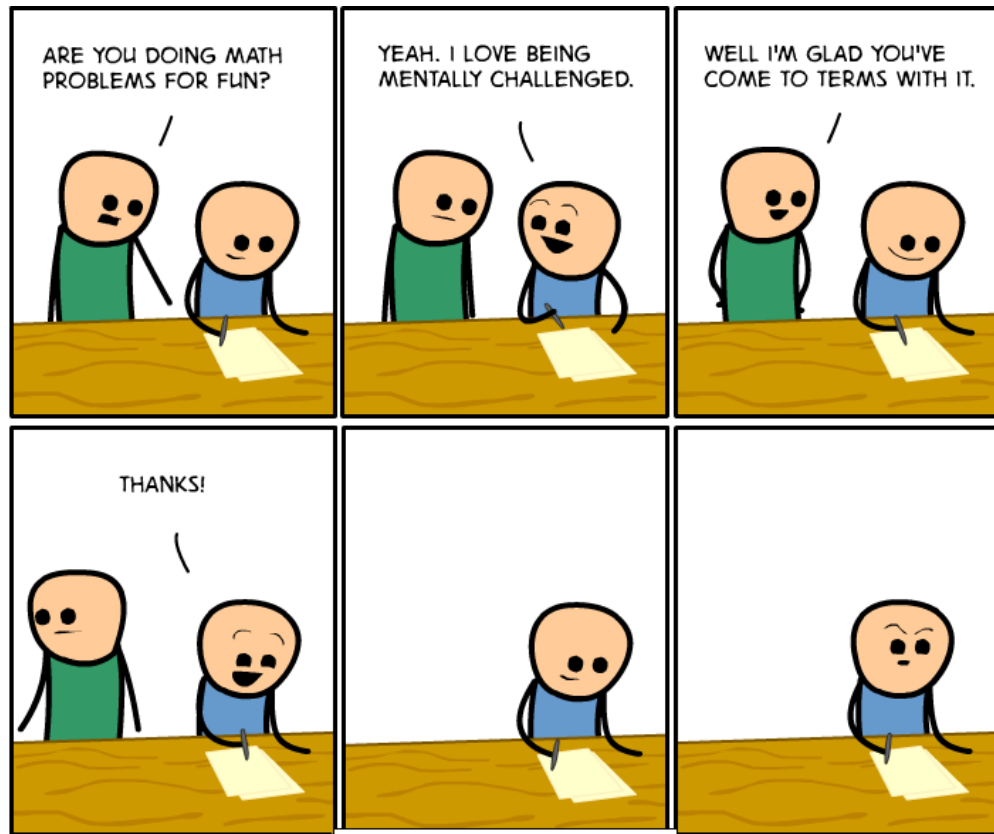
$$2x = 5$$

$$2x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

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## Lecture 13: Modular Inverses





# Greatest Common Divisor

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GCD(a, b):

Largest integer  $d$  such that  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$

2

$$100 = 2^2 \cdot 5^2$$

$$125 = 5^3 \cdot 2^0$$

- $\text{GCD}(100, 125) = 2^0 \cdot 5^2 = 25$
- $\text{GCD}(17, 49) =$
- $\text{GCD}(11, 66) =$
- $\text{GCD}(13, 0) =$
- $\text{GCD}(180, 252) =$

# GCD and Factoring

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$$a = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7 \cdot 11 = 46,200$$

$$b = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 13 = 204,750$$

$$\text{GCD}(a, b) = 2^{\min(3,1)} \cdot 3^{\min(1,2)} \cdot 5^{\min(2,3)} \cdot 7^{\min(1,1)} \cdot 11^{\min(1,0)} \cdot 13^{\min(0,1)}$$

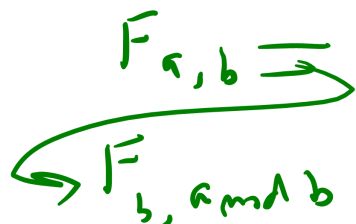
**Factoring is expensive!**

Can we compute **GCD(a,b)** without factoring?

# Useful GCD Fact

If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  
 $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$



(1)  $F_{a,b} \subseteq F_{b, a \bmod b}$

Suppose  $x \in F_{a,b}$  is arbitrary.

So,  $x | a$  and  $x | b$ .

So,  $a = kx$  and  $b = lx$   
 $kx - lx \cdot (a \text{ div } b) = a - b(a \text{ div } b) = \text{a mod } b$

So,  $b = (\quad)x$

So,  $x | b$  and  $x | a \bmod b$ .

So,  $x \in F_{b, a \bmod b}$ .

By division theorem,

$$a = b \cdot (a \text{ div } b) + a \bmod b$$

$$a \bmod b = a - b \cdot (a \text{ div } b)$$

# Useful GCD Fact

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If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  
$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$$

Proof:

By definition of mod,  $a = qb + (a \bmod b)$  for some integer  $q = a \operatorname{div} b$ .

Let  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ . Then  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$  so  $a = kd$  and  $b = jd$  for some integers  $k$  and  $j$ .  
Therefore  $(a \bmod b) = a - qb = kd - qjd = d(k - qj)$ .

So,  $d \mid (a \bmod b)$  and since  $d \mid b$  we must have  $d \leq \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$ .

Now, let  $e = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$ . Then  $e \mid b$  and  $e \mid (a \bmod b)$ . It follows that  $b = me$  and  $(a \bmod b) = ne$  for some integers  $m$  and  $n$ . Therefore

$$a = qb + (a \bmod b) = qme + ne = e(qm + n)$$

So,  $e \mid a$  and since  $e \mid b$  we must have  $e \leq \gcd(a, b)$ .

Therefore  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$ .

# Euclid's Algorithm

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If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  
 $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$

## GCD Algorithm

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

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(126, 660) &= \gcd(660, 126) \\ &= \gcd(126, 660 \bmod 126)\end{aligned}$$

# Euclid's Algorithm

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## GCD Algorithm

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

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$$

$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(126, 600) &= \gcd(600, 600 \bmod 126) \\ &= \gcd(600, 126) \\ &= \gcd(126, 600 \bmod 126) \\ &= \gcd(126, 30) \\ &= \gcd(30, 126 \bmod 30) \\ &= \gcd(30, 6) \\ &= \gcd(6, 30 \bmod 6) \\ &= \gcd(6, 0) \\ &= 6\end{aligned}$$

# Euclid's Algorithm

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## GCD Algorithm

$$\text{gcd}(a, 0) = a$$

$$\text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(b, a \bmod b)$$

```
gcd(a, b) {  
    if (b == 0) {  
        return a;  
    }  
    else {  
        return gcd(b, a mod b);  
    }  
}
```

# Finding $x$ & $y$

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## Bézout's Theorem

If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then there exist integers

$x_{(a,b)}$  and  $y_{(a,b)}$  such that

$$\gcd(a, b) = ax_{(a,b)} + by_{(a,b)}$$

## GCD Algorithm

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

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$$sx \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$\hookrightarrow sx + km = 1$$



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**Case 1:  $\gcd(a, 0) = a$**

$$\gcd(a, 0) = a \cdot x_{a,0} + 0 \cdot y_{a,0}$$

$$= a \cdot 1 + 0 \cdot 0$$

## GCD Algorithm

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**Case 2:**  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$

$$\gcd(a, b) = a * X_{a,b} + b * Y_{a,b}$$

## GCD Algorithm

$$\gcd(a, 0) = a * 1 + 0 * 0$$

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$$

We've figured out the answer for the "base case".

# Finding x & y

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## GCD Algorithm

$$\gcd(a, 0) = a*1 + 0*0$$

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**Case 2:**  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(a, b) &= aX_{a,b} + bY_{a,b} \\ &= \boxed{\gcd(b, a \bmod b)} = ?????????? \end{aligned}$$

**We're stuck. We need to find  $X_{a,b}$  and  $Y_{a,b}$ .**

**We're looking for an equation with  $a*x + b*y$ . The "a mod b" doesn't belong.**

$$\gcd(b, a \bmod b) = bX_{b, a \bmod b} + (a \bmod b)Y_{b, a \bmod b}$$

## Division Theorem

$$a = b(a \operatorname{div} b) + (a \bmod b)$$

# Finding x & y

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$$a = b(a \operatorname{div} b) + (a \bmod b)$$

$$(a \bmod b) = a - b(a \operatorname{div} b)$$

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We're still looking for  $X_{a,b}$  and  $Y_{a,b}$ . The equation has x and y terms. Group them...

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$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(b, a \bmod b) &= bX_{b, a \bmod b} + (a \bmod b)Y_{b, a \bmod b} \\ &= bX_{b, a \bmod b} + (a - b(a \operatorname{div} b))Y_{b, a \bmod b}\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}&= bX_{b, a \bmod b} + aY_{b, a \bmod b} - b(a \operatorname{div} b)Y_{b, a \bmod b} \\ &= b(X_{b, a \bmod b} - (a \operatorname{div} b)Y_{b, a \bmod b}) + aY_{b, a \bmod b} \\ &= aY_{b, a \bmod b} + b(X_{b, a \bmod b} - (a \operatorname{div} b)Y_{b, a \bmod b})\end{aligned}$$

$$\gcd(b, a \bmod b) = aY_{b, a \bmod b} + b(X_{b, a \bmod b} - (a \operatorname{div} b)Y_{b, a \bmod b})$$

# Finding x & y

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## GCD Algorithm

$$\gcd(a, 0) = a*1 + 0*0$$

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**Case 2:**  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$

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## EGCD Algorithm

$$\operatorname{egcd}(a, 0) = a*1 + 0*0$$

$$\operatorname{egcd}(a, b) = a*Y_{b, a \bmod b} + b*(X_{b, a \bmod b} - (a \operatorname{div} b)Y_{b, a \bmod b})$$



# Finding x & y

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## EGCD Algorithm

$$\text{egcd}(a, 0) = (a, 1, 0)$$

$$\text{egcd}(a, b) = (\text{gcd}(b, a \bmod b), Y_{b,a \bmod b}, X_{b,a \bmod b} - (a \text{ div } b)*Y_{b,a \bmod b})$$

# Computing x & y By Hand

## EGCD Algorithm

$$\text{egcd}(a, 0) = (a, 1, 0)$$

$$\text{egcd}(a, b) = (\text{gcd}(b, a \bmod b), Y_{b, a \bmod b}, X_{b, a \bmod b} - (a \text{ div } b) * Y_{b, a \bmod b})$$

Find x and y such that  $\text{gcd}(35, 27) = 35*x + 27*y$

a	b	a mod b	a div b	gcd(a, b) =	a	*	x	+	b	*	y
35	27	8	1	=	35	*		+	27	*	
				=	*			+		*	
				=	*			+		*	
				=	*			+		*	
				=	*			+		*	
				=	*			+		*	

We fill in this table row by row. First, we fill in all the left side. Then, we fill in the right side on our way back up.

# Computing x & y By Hand

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a	b	a mod b	a div b	gcd(a, b) = a * x + b * y
35	27	8	1	= 35 * + 27 *
27	8			= 27 * + 8 *
				= * + *
				= * + *
				= * + *
				= * + *

Since  $\text{gcd}(a,b) = \text{gcd}(b, a \bmod b)$ , we copy down b and a mod b.

# Computing x & y By Hand

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8	3	2	2	= 8 * + 3 *
3	2	1	1	= 3 * + 2 *
2	1	0	2	= 2 * + 1 *
1	0			= 1 * + 0 *

We got to  $\text{gcd}(a, 0) = a$ . So, fill in gcd(a, b) all the way up.

# Computing x & y By Hand

## EGCD Algorithm

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3	2	1	1	1 = 3 * + 2 *
2	1	0	2	1 = 2 * + 1 *
1	0			1 = 1 * + 0 *

Now, we back-fill X and Y using the equation for egcd:

- $X_n = Y_{n+1}$
- $Y_n = X_{n+1} - (a \text{ div } b) * Y_{n+1}$

# Computing x & y By Hand

## EGCD Algorithm

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1	0			1 = 1 * 1 + 0 * 0

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2	1	0	2	1 = 2 * 0 + 1 * 1
1	0			1 = 1 * 1 + 0 * 0

# Computing x & y By Hand

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a	b	a mod b	a div b	gcd(a, b) = a * x + b * y
35	27	8	1	1 = 35 * -10 + 27 * 13
27	8	3	3	1 = 27 * 3 + 8 * -10
8	3	2	2	1 = 8 * -1 + 3 * 3
3	2	1	1	1 = 3 * 1 + 2 * -1
2	1	0	2	1 = 2 * 0 + 1 * 1
1	0			1 = 1 * 1 + 0 * 0

So,  $1 = \text{gcd}(35, 27) = 35*(-10) + 27*13$



# Large Non-negative Integer Operations MOD M

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## Division?

**FINALLY! We're back to division mod m.**

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**We know how to do this now! It's just EGCD!**

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$$26 = 7*3 + 5$$

$$5 = 26 - 7*3$$

$$7 = 5*1 + 2$$

$$2 = 7 - 5*1$$

$$5 = 2*2 + 1$$

$$1 = 5 - 2*2$$

$$1 = 5 - (7 - 5*1)*2$$

$$= (-7)*2 + 5*3$$

$$= (-7)*2 + (26 - 7*3)*3$$

$$= 7*(-11) + 26*3$$

So,  $x = 15 + 26k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .