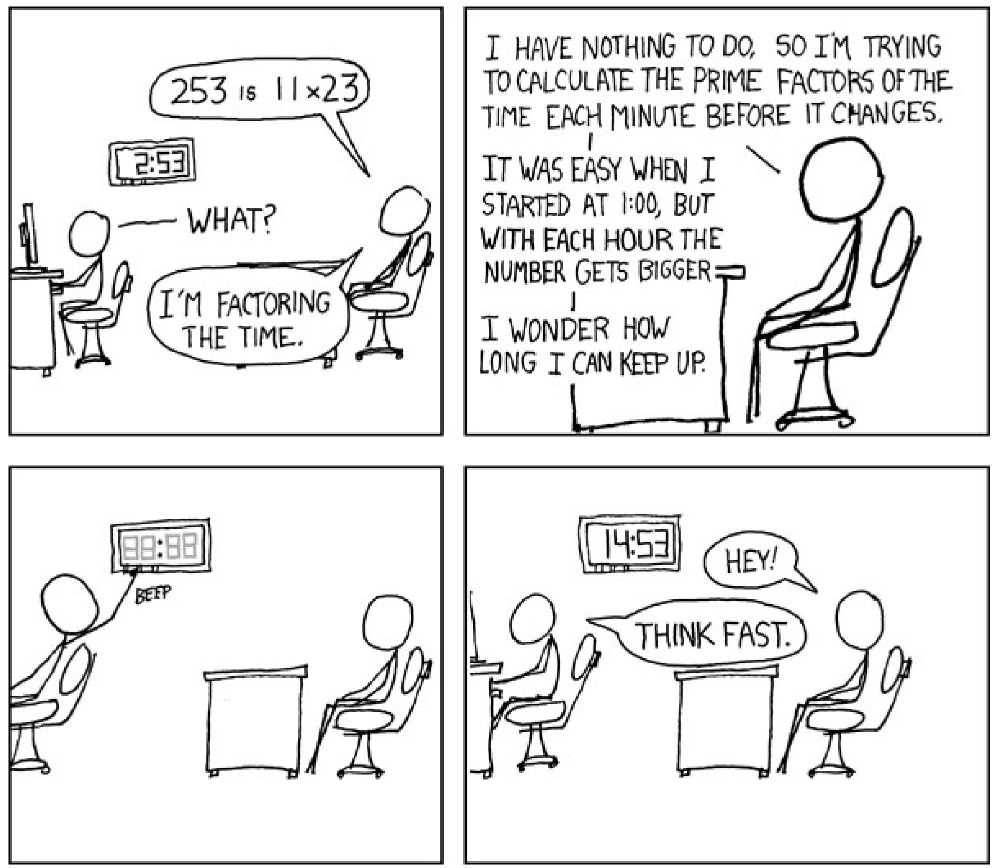
CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 12: Primes, GCD

1. 2 = 1

2. 0 = 0



Last time: Modular Arithmetic

- Working $\bmod m$ reduces to finite domain
- Elements are the m classes of integers:
  - $0 + mk$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ (those $\equiv 0 \pmod{m}$)
  - $1 + mk$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
  - ...
  - $m - 1 + mk$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$
- Addition and multiplication are well defined
- Two's complement representation
  - addition and multiplication are esp. easy mod 2^n
  - represent $-x$ by $2^n - x$ instead (same mod 2^n)

$2^n - x$

$= 2^n - 1 + 1 - x$

$= (2^n - 1) - x + 1$

Basic Applications of mod

- Hashing
- Pseudo random number generation
- Simple cipher

Hashing

Scenario:

Map a small number of data values from a large domain $\{0, 1, \ldots, M-1\}$ …

…into a small set of locations $\{0,1, \ldots, n-1\}$ so one can quickly check if some value is present

- $\text{hash}(x) = x \bmod p$ for p a prime close to n
  - or $\text{hash}(x) = (ax + b) \bmod p$
- Depends on all of the bits of the data
  - helps avoid collisions due to similar values
  - need to manage them if they occur

Pseudo-Random Number Generation

Linear Congruential method

$$x_{n+1} = (a\, x_n + c) \bmod m$$

Choose random x_0, a, c, m and produce a long sequence of x_n's

Simple Ciphers

- **Caesar cipher**, A = 1, B = 2, . . .
  - HELLO WORLD
- **Shift cipher**
  - $f(p) = (p + k) \bmod 26$
  - $f^{-1}(p) = (p - k) \bmod 26$
- **More general**
  - $f(p) = (ap + b) \bmod 26$

Primality

An integer *p* greater than 1 is called *prime* if the only positive factors of *p* are 1 and *p*.

A positive integer that is greater than 1 and is not prime is called *composite*.

Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Every positive integer greater than 1 has a unique prime factorization

48 = 2 • 2 • 2 • 2 • 3
591 = 3 • 197
45,523 = 45,523
321,950 = 2 • 5 • 5 • 47 • 137
1,234,567,890 = 2 • 3 • 3 • 5 • 3,607 • 3,803

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Case 1: Q is prime: Then Q is a prime different from all of $p_1, p_2, \ldots, p_n$ since it is bigger than all of them.

Case 2: $Q > 1$ is not prime: Then Q has some prime factor p (which must be in the list). Therefore $p|P$ and $p|Q$ so $p|(Q - P)$ which means that $p|1$.

Both cases are contradictions so the assumption is false. ∎

Famous Algorithmic Problems

- Primality Testing "easy"
  - Given an integer n, determine if n is prime
- Factoring "hard"
  - Given an integer n, determine the prime factorization of n

Factoring

Factor the following 232 digit number [RSA768]:

1230186684530117755130494958384962720772
8535695953347921973224521517264005072636
5751874520219978646938995647494277406384
5925192557326303453731548268507917026122
1429134616704292143116022212404792747377
94080665351419597459856902143413

12301866845301177551304949583849627207728535695953347
92197322452151726400507263657518745202199786469389956
47494277406384592519255732630345373154826850791702612
21429134616704292143116022212404792747377940806653514
19597459856902143413

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334780716989568987860441698482126908177047949837
137685689124313889828837938780022876147116525317
43087737814467999489

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367460436667995904282446337996279526322791581643
430876426760322838157396665112792333734171433968
10270092798736308917

Greatest Common Divisor

GCD(a, b):

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

- GCD(100, 125) = 25
- GCD(17, 49) = 1
- GCD(11, 66) = 11
- GCD(13, 0) = 13
- GCD(180, 252) =

GCD and Factoring

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

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

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

Factoring is expensive!

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

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If *a* and *b* are positive integers, then
gcd(*a*,*b*) = gcd(*b*, *a* mod *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 $d|a$ and $d|b$ so $a = kd$ and $b = jd$ for some integers k and j.

Therefore $(a \bmod b) = a - qb = kd - qjd = (k - qj)d$.
So, $d|(a \bmod b)$ and since $d|b$ we must have $d \leq \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$.

Now, let $e = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$. Then $e|b$ and $e\,|(a \bmod b)$ so $b = me$ and $(a \bmod b) = ne$ for some integers m and n.

Therefore $a = qb + (a \bmod b) = qme + ne = (qm + n)e$.
So, $e|a$ and since $e|b$ we must have $e \leq \gcd(a, b)$.

It follows that $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \bmod b)$. ■

Another simple GCD fact

If a is a positive integer, $\gcd(a,0) = a$.

Euclid's Algorithm

gcd(a, b) = gcd(b, a mod b), gcd(a,0)=a

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int gcd(int a, int b){ /* a >= b, b >= 0 */
    if (b == 0) {
        return a;
    }
    else {
        return gcd(b, a % b);
    }
```

Example: GCD(660, 126)

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In tableau form:

660 = 5 * 126 + 30
126 = 4 * 30 + 6
30 = 5 * 6 + 0

Bézout's theorem

If *a* and *b* are positive integers, then there exist integers ***s*** and ***t*** such that

$$\gcd(a,b) = \boldsymbol{s}a + \boldsymbol{t}b.$$

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a b — b a mod b = r — b r

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$$= \gcd(8, 27 \bmod 8) \quad = \gcd(8, 3)$$

$$= \gcd(3, 8 \bmod 3) \quad = \gcd(3, 2)$$

$$= \gcd(2, 3 \bmod 2) \quad = \gcd(2, 1)$$

$$= \gcd(1, 2 \bmod 1) \quad = \gcd(1, 0)$$

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

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Plug in the def of 3

$$= (-1) * 8 + 3 * (27 - 3 * 8)$$
$$= (-1) * 8 + 3 * 27 + (-9) * 8$$
$$= 3 * 27 + (-10) * 8$$

Re-arrange into 8's and 27's

$$= 3 * 27 + (-10) * (35 - 1 * 27)$$
$$= 3 * 27 + (-10) * 35 + 10 * 27$$
$$= 13 * 27 + (-10) * 35$$

Re-arrange into 27's and 35's

Multiplicative inverse $\bmod m$

Suppose $\mathrm{GCD}(a, m) = 1$

By Bézout's Theorem, there exist integers s and t such that $sa + tm = 1$.

$s \bmod m$ is the multiplicative inverse of a:

$$1 = (sa + tm) \bmod m = sa \bmod m$$

Example

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$$\gcd(26,7) = \gcd(7,5) = \gcd(5,2) = \gcd(2,1) = 1$$

$$26 = 7*3 + 5 \qquad 5 = 26 - 7*3$$
$$7 = 5*1 + 2 \qquad 2 = 7 - 5*1$$
$$5 = 2*2 + 1 \qquad 1 = 5 - 2*2$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 5 - 2*(7 - 5*1) \\ &= (-7)*2 + 3*5 \\ &= (-7)*2 + 3*(26 - 7*3) \\ &= (-11)*7 + 3*26 \end{aligned}$$

Multiplicative inverse of 7 mod 26

Now $(-11) \bmod 26 = 15$. **So,** $x = 15 + 26k$ **for** $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Example of a more general equation

Now solve: $7y \equiv 3 \pmod{26}$

We already computed that 15 is the multiplicative inverse of 7 modulo 26:

That is, $7 \cdot 15 \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$

By the multiplicative property of mod we have

$$7 \cdot 15 \cdot 3 \equiv 3 \pmod{26}$$

So any $y \equiv 15 \cdot 3 \pmod{26}$ is a solution.

That is, $y = 19 + 26k$ for any integer k is a solution.

Math mod a prime is especially nice

$\gcd(a, m) = 1$ **if** m **is prime and** $0 < a < m$ **so can always solve these equations mod a prime.**

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
2	2	3	4	5	6	0	1
3	3	4	5	6	0	1	2
4	4	5	6	0	1	2	3
5	5	6	0	1	2	3	4
6	6	0	1	2	3	4	5

X	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

mod 7