CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 13: Primes, GCD



Recall: Familiar Properties of "="

- If a = b and b = c, then a = c.
 - i.e., if a = b = c, then a = c
- If a = b and c = d, then a + c = b + d.
 - in particular, since c = c is true, we can "+ c" to both sides
- If a = b and c = d, then ac = bd.
 - in particular, since c = c is true, we can " $\times c$ " to both sides

These are the facts that allow us to use algebra to solve problems

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Suppose that $a \equiv_m b$ and $b \equiv_m c$. Then, by the previous property, we have $a \mod m = b \mod m$ and $b \mod m = c \mod m$.

Putting these together, we have $a \mod m = c \mod m$, which says that $a \equiv_m c$, by the previous property.

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Suppose that $a \equiv_m b$ and $c \equiv_m d$. Unrolling the definitions, we can see that a - b = km and c - d = jm for some $k, j \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Adding the equations together gives us (a + c) - (b + d) = m(k + j).

By the definition of congruence, we have $a + c \equiv_m b + d$.

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Multiplying both together gives us $ac = (km + b)(jm + d) = kjm^2 + kmd + bjm + bd$. Re-arranging, this becomes ac - bd = m(kjm + kd + bj).

This says $ac \equiv_m bd$ by the definition of congruence.

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 and $b \equiv_m c$, then $a \equiv_m c$.

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Corollary: If $a \equiv_m b$, then $a + c \equiv_m b + c$.

If
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Corollary: If $a \equiv_m b$, then $ac \equiv_m bc$.

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- " \equiv_m " allows us to solve problems in modular arithmetic, e.g.
 - add / subtract numbers from both sides of equations
 - chains of " \equiv_m " values shows first and last are " \equiv_m "
 - substitute " \equiv_m " values in equations (not proven yet)

Substitution Follows From Other Properties

Given
$$2y + 3x \equiv_m 25$$
 and $x \equiv_m 7$, show that $2y + 21 \equiv_m 25$. (substituting 7 for x)

$$x \equiv_m 7$$

Multiply both sides $3x \equiv_m 21$

$$3x \equiv_m 21$$

Add to both sides

$$2y + 3x \equiv_m 2y + 21$$

Combine
$$\equiv_m$$
's

$$2y + 21 \equiv_m 2y + 3x \equiv_m 25$$

Basic Applications of mod

- Two's Complement
- Hashing
- Pseudo random number generation

n-bit Unsigned Integer Representation

• Represent integer x as sum of powers of 2:

99 =
$$64 + 32 + 2 + 1$$
 = $2^6 + 2^5 + 2^1 + 2^0$
18 = $16 + 2$ = $2^4 + 2^1$

If $b_{n-1}2^{n-1} + \cdots + b_12 + b_0$ with each $b_i \in \{0,1\}$ then binary representation is $b_{n-1}...b_2 b_1 b_0$

• For n = 8:

99: 0110 0011

18: 0001 0010

Easy to implement arithmetic $mod 2^n$... just throw away bits n+1 and up

$$2^n \mid 2^{n+k}$$
 so $b_{n+k} 2^{n+k} \equiv_{2^n} 0$ for $k \ge 0$

n-bit Unsigned Integer Representation

• Largest representable number is $2^n - 1$

$$2^{n} = 100...000$$
 (n+1 bits)
 $2^{n} - 1 = 11...111$ (n bits)

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Berkshire Hathaway's Stock Price Is Too Much for Computers

32 bits 1 = \$0.0001 \$429,496.7295 max

Berkshire Hathaway Inc. (BRK-A)

NYSE - Nasdag Real Time Price. Currency in USD

436,401.00 +679.50 (+0.16%)

At close: 4:00PM EDT

Sign-Magnitude Integer Representation

n-bit signed integers

Suppose that $-2^{n-1} < x < 2^{n-1}$ First bit as the sign, n-1 bits for the value

$$99 = 64 + 32 + 2 + 1$$

 $18 = 16 + 2$

For n = 8:

99: 0110 0011

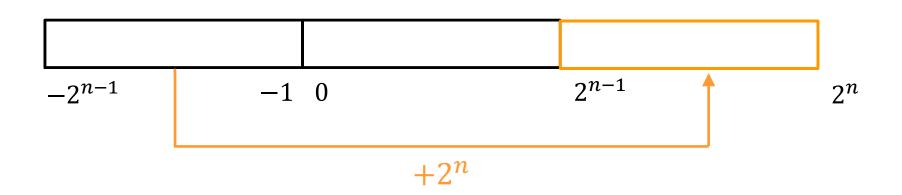
-18: 1001 0010

Problem: this has both +0 and -0 (annoying)

Suppose that $0 \le x < 2^{n-1}$

x is represented by the binary representation of xSuppose that $-2^{n-1} \le x < 0$

x is represented by the binary representation of $x + 2^n$ result is in the range $2^{n-1} \le x < 2^n$



-8 -7 -2 -1

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6 7 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4
 0
                                                                            -1
0000
     0001
          0010
              0011
                    0100
                         0101
                              0110
                                   0111
                                        1000
                                             1001
                                                  1010
                                                       1011
                                                            1100
                                                                 1101
                                                                      1110
                                                                           1111
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$$99 = 64 + 32 + 2 + 1$$

 $18 = 16 + 2$

For n = 8:

99: 0110 0011

-18: 1110 1110

(-18 + 256 = 238)

Suppose that $0 \le x < 2^{n-1}$

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Suppose that $-2^{n-1} \le x < 0$

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6 7 -8 -7 -6 -5 -4 -1

Key property: First bit is still the sign bit!

Key property: Twos complement representation of any number y is equivalent to $y \mod 2^n$ so arithmetic works $\mod 2^n$

$$y + 2^n \equiv_{2^n} y$$

- For $0 < x \le 2^{n-1}$, -x is represented by the binary representation of $-x + 2^n$
 - How do we calculate –x from x?
 - E.g., what happens for "return -x;" in Java?

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

- To compute this, flip the bits of x then add 1!
 - All 1's string is $2^n 1$, so

 Flip the bits of x means replace x by $2^n 1 x$ Then add 1 to get $-x + 2^n$

More Number Theory Primes and GCD

Primality

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

$$p > 1 \land \forall x ((x \mid p) \rightarrow ((x = 1) \lor (x = p)))$$

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

$$p > 1 \land \exists x ((x \mid p) \land (x \neq 1) \land (x \neq p))$$

Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Every positive integer greater than 1 has a "unique" prime factorization

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48 = 2 • 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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Algorithmic Problems

Multiplication

– Given primes $p_1, p_2, ..., p_k$, calculate their product $p_1p_2 ... p_k$

Factoring

- Given an integer n, determine the prime factorization of n

Factoring

Factor the following 232 digit number [RSA768]:



Famous Algorithmic Problems

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

- Factoring is hard
 - (on a classical computer)
- Primality Testing is easy

Greatest Common Divisor

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GCD(a, b):
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Largest integer d such that $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$

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

d is GCD iff $(d \mid a) \land (d \mid b) \land \forall x (((x \mid a) \land (x \mid b)) \rightarrow (x \leq d))$

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 hard!

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

Useful GCD Fact

Let a and b be positive integers. We have $gcd(a,b) = gcd(b, a \mod b)$

Proof:

We will show that every number dividing a and b also divides b and $a \mod b$. I.e., $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$ iff $d \mid b$ and $d \mid (a \mod b)$.

Hence, their set of common divisors are the same, which means that their greatest common divisor is the same.

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

Suppose d|b and $d|(a \mod b)$.

Then b = md and $(a \mod b) = nd$ for some integers m and n.

Therefore $a = qb + (a \mod b) = qmd + nd = (qm + n)d$. So d|a.

Suppose $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$.

Then a = kd and b = jd for some integers k and j.

Therefore $(a \mod b) = a - qb = kd - qjd = (k - qj)d$.

So, $d \mid (a \mod b)$ also.

Since they have the same common divisors, $gcd(a, b) = gcd(b, a \mod b)$.

Another simple GCD fact

Let a be a positive integer. We have gcd(a,0) = a.

Euclid's Algorithm

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gcd(a, b) = gcd(b, a mod b) gcd(a, 0) = a
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int gcd(int a, int b){ /* Assumes: a >= b, b >= 0 */
   if (b == 0) {
      return a;
   } else {
      return gcd(b, a % b);
   }
}
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Note: gcd(b, a) = gcd(a, b)

Euclid's Algorithm

Repeatedly use $gcd(a, b) = gcd(b, a \mod b)$ to reduce numbers until you get gcd(g, 0) = g.

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gcd(660,126) =
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gcd(660,126) = gcd(126, 660 mod 126) = gcd(126, 30)
= gcd(30, 126 mod 30) = gcd(30, 6)
= gcd(6, 30 mod 6) = gcd(6, 0)
= 6
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