

# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

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## Lecture 11: Application, Primes, GCD



# Last class: Modular Arithmetic: Properties

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If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$  then  $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$

If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$  then  
 $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$  and  
 $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$

**Corollary:** If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  then  
 $a + c \equiv b + c \pmod{m}$  and  
 $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$

These allow us to solve problems in modular arithmetic, e.g.

- add/subtract numbers from both sides of equations
- multiply numbers on both sides of equations.
- use chains of equivalences

# Basic Applications of mod

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

- For  $n = 8$ :

99: 0110 0011

18: 0001 0010

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

$$2^n \mid 2^{n+k} \quad \text{so} \quad b_{n+k}2^{n+k} \equiv 0 \pmod{2^n} \\ \text{for } k \geq 0$$

# $n$ -bit Unsigned Integer Representation

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

$$2^n = 100\dots000 \quad (n+1 \text{ bits})$$

$$2^n - 1 = \underline{11\dots111} \quad (n \text{ bits})$$

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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 - Nasdaq Real Time Price. Currency in USD

**436,401.00** +679.50 (+0.16%)

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# 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

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

$$18 = 16 + 2$$

$$18 = 00010010$$

For  $n = 8$ :

$$99: \quad 0110 \ 0011$$

$$-18: \quad 1001 \ 0010$$

$$-18 = 10010010$$

$$0000 \ 0000$$

$$1000 \ 0000$$

"-0"

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

# Two's Complement Representation

$$2^n - 1$$

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

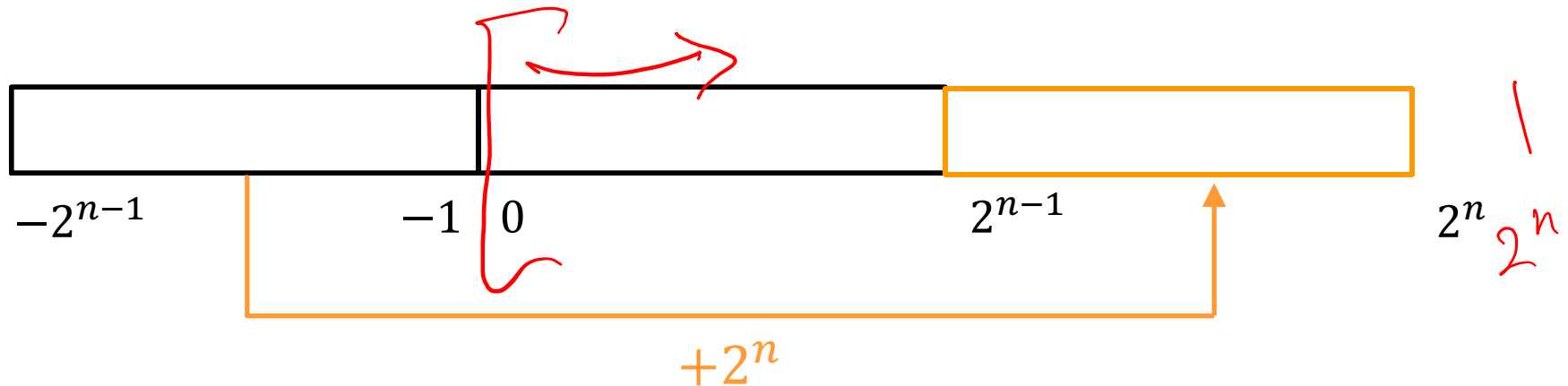
$x$  is represented by the binary representation of  $x$

vs  $2^{n-1}$

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

$x$  is represented by the binary representation of  $x + 2^n$

result is in the range  $2^{n-1} \leq x < 2^n$



0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	-8	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
0000	0001	0010	0011	0100	0101	0110	0111	1000	1001	1010	1011	1100	1101	1110	1111

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$$(-18 + 256 = 238)$$



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$$15 \equiv -1 \pmod{16}$$

$$16 \mid (15 - (-1))$$

$n=4$

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unsigned 8

$$8 \equiv -8 \pmod{16}$$

$$16 \mid (8 - (-8))$$

**Key property:** First bit is still the sign bit!

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

$$y + 2^n \equiv y \pmod{2^n}$$

$$16 \mid 16$$

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0111

1111

0110

7 + -1

6

VS

7 + 15

$22 \equiv 6 \pmod{16}$

0111

1111

$\boxed{10110}$

# Two's Complement Representation

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- For  $0 < x \leq 2^{n-1}$ ,  $-x$  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?

$$\underline{-x + 2^n} = \overbrace{(2^n - 1)} - x + 1$$

1111111  
- 0000000

- 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

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

$$p > 1 \wedge \forall x ((x > 0) \wedge (x \mid p)) \rightarrow ((x = 1) \vee (x = p))$$

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

$$p > 1 \wedge \exists x ((x > 0) \wedge (x \mid p) \wedge (x \neq 1) \wedge (x \neq p))$$

# Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

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Every positive integer greater than 1 has a “unique” prime factorization

$$48 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$$

$$591 = 3 \cdot 197$$

$$45,523 = 45,523$$

$$321,950 = 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 47 \cdot 137$$

$$1,234,567,890 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 3,607 \cdot 3,803$$

# Algorithmic Problems

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- **Multiplication**

- Given primes  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$ , calculate their product  $p_1 p_2 \dots p_k$


- **Factoring**

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

# Factoring

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**Factor the following 232 digit number [RSA768]:**



123018668453011775513049495838496272077  
285356959533479219732245215172640050726  
365751874520219978646938995647494277406  
384592519255732630345373154826850791702  
612214291346167042921431160222124047927  
4737794080665351419597459856902143413



12301866845301177551304949583849627207728535695953347  
92197322452151726400507263657518745202199786469389956  
47494277406384592519255732630345373154826850791702612  
21429134616704292143116022212404792747377940806653514  
19597459856902143413

=

334780716989568987860441698482126908177047949837  
137685689124313889828837938780022876147116525317  
43087737814467999489

×

367460436667995904282446337996279526322791581643  
430876426760322838157396665112792333734171433968  
10270092798736308917

# Famous Algorithmic Problems

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- **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):



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

- $\text{GCD}(100, 125) = 25$

- $\text{GCD}(17, 49) = 1$

- $\text{GCD}(11, 66) = 11$

- $\text{GCD}(13, 0) = 13$

- $\text{GCD}(180, 252) =$

$$2^2 \cdot 3^2 = 36$$

$$(2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5, 2^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7)$$

$$d = \text{GCD}(a, b) \text{ iff } (d \mid a) \wedge (d \mid b) \wedge \forall x ((x \mid a) \wedge (x \mid b)) \rightarrow (x \leq d)$$

# GCD and Factoring

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

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

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

$$2^1 \cdot 3^1 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 7$$

**Factoring is hard!**

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

# Useful GCD Fact

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

## Proof:

We will show that the numbers dividing  $a$  and  $b$  are  
the same as those dividing  $b$  and  $a \bmod b$ .  
i.e.,  $d|a$  and  $d|b$  iff  $d|b$  and  $d|(a \bmod b)$ .

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

# Useful GCD Fact

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

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be positive integers.

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## Proof:

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

$(\Rightarrow)$  Suppose that  $d|b$  and  $d|(a \bmod b)$ .

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

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

So  $d|a$ . Therefore  $d|a$  and  $d|b$ .

$(\Leftarrow)$  Suppose that  $d|a$  and  $d|b$ .

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

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

So  $d|(a \bmod b)$  also. Therefore  $d|b$  and  $d|(a \bmod b)$ .

$$a \bmod b = a - qb$$

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

# Another simple GCD fact

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

# Euclid's Algorithm

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

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

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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

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

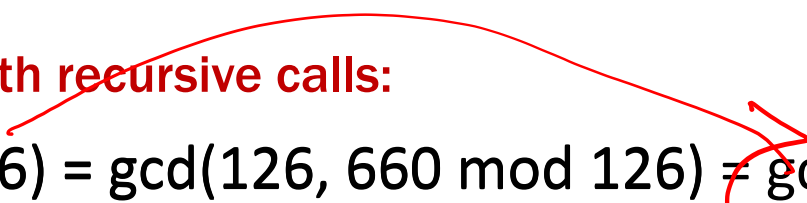
$\gcd(660, 126)$

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Equations with recursive calls:

$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(660, 126) &= \gcd(126, 660 \bmod 126) = \gcd(126, 30) \\ &= \gcd(30, 126 \bmod 30) = \gcd(30, 6) \\ &= \gcd(6, 30 \bmod 6) = \gcd(6, 0) \\ &= 6\end{aligned}$$


$$660 = 5 * 126 + 30$$

$$126 = 4 * 30 + 6$$

$$30 = 5 * 6 + 0$$

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Tableau form (which is much easier to work with and will be more useful):

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 660 & = & 5 * 126 + 30 \\ 126 & = & 4 * 30 + \textcircled{6} \\ 30 & = & 5 * 6 + 0 \end{array}$$

Each line computes both quotient and remainder of the shifted numbers

# Division (mod $m$ )

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We already can

- Add, subtract, and, multiply numbers (mod  $m$ )

What about dividing numbers (mod  $m$ )?

In ordinary arithmetic, to divide by  $a$  we can multiply by  $b = a^{-1} = 1/a$ , the *multiplicative inverse* of  $a$

- It doesn't always exist
  - if  $a = 0$
  - if the domain is integers and  $a \neq 1, -1$
- If it does exist then  $ab = 1$

# Multiplicative inverse (mod $m$ )

Let  $0 \leq a, b < m$ . Then,  $b$  is the *multiplicative inverse of  $a$  (modulo  $m$ )* iff  $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

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

$3 \cdot 5 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	0	2	4	6	8	0	2	4	6	8
3	0	3	6	9	2	5	8	1	4	7
4	0	4	8	2	6	0	4	8	2	6
5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5
6	0	6	2	8	4	0	6	2	8	4
7	0	7	4	1	8	5	2	9	6	3
8	0	8	6	4	2	0	8	6	4	2
9	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

mod 10

# Finding inverses with Euclid I: Bézout's theorem

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

$$\gcd(a, b) = sa + tb.$$

note:

$s$  or  $t$   
will

be negative

$$\forall a \forall b ((a > 0 \wedge b > 0) \rightarrow \exists s \exists t (\gcd(a, b) = sa + tb))$$

# Extended Euclidean algorithm

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**Step 1 (Compute GCD(a,b) in tableau form):**

Example:  $a = 35, b = 27$

Compute  $\gcd(35, 27)$ :

$$a = q * b + r$$

$$35 = 1 * 27 + 8$$

$$27 = 3 * 8 + 3$$

$$8 = 2 * 3 + 2$$

$$3 = 1 * 2 + 1$$

$$2 = 2 * 1 + 0$$



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**Step 2 (Solve the equations for r):**

Example:  $a = 35, b = 27$



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$$27 = 3 * 8 + 3$$

$$8 = 2 * 3 + 2$$

$$3 = 1 * 2 + \textcircled{1}$$

$$2 = 2 * 1 + 0$$

$$r = a - q * b$$

$$8 = 35 - 1 * 27$$

$$3 = 27 - 3 * 8$$

$$2 = 8 - 2 * 3$$

$$\textcircled{1} = 3 - \underbrace{1 * 2}$$

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## Step 3 (Backward Substitute Equations):

Example:  $a = 35, b = 27$

$$8 = 35 - 1 * 27$$

$$3 = 27 - 3 * 8$$

$$2 = 8 - 2 * 3$$

$$\textcircled{1} = 3 - 1 * 2$$

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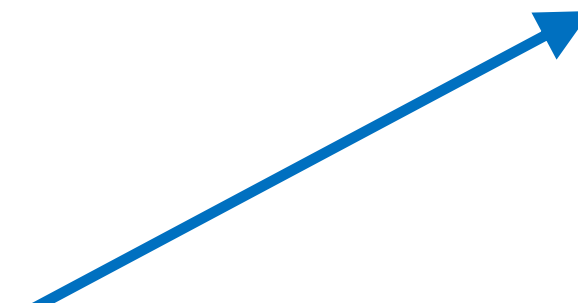
$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 3 - 1 * 2 && \text{Plug in for 2} \\ &= 3 - 1 * (8 - 2 * 3) \end{aligned}$$

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$$= (-1) * 8 + 3 * 3$$

Re-arrange into  
8's and 3's

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Plug in for 3

$$3 = 27 - 3 * 8$$

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

$$2 = 8 - 2 * 3$$

$$1 = 3 - 1 * 2$$

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$$= 3 - 8 + 2 * 3$$

$$= (-1) * 8 + 3 * 3$$

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

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

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

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

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



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$$= 3 - 8 + 2 * 3$$

$$= (-1) * 8 + 3 * 3$$

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

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

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

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

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

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

Optional Check:

$$(-10) * 35 = -350$$

$$13 * 27 = 351$$

Re-arrange into  
35's and 27's

# Finding multiplicative inverse mod $m$

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Suppose that  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ .

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

Therefore  $sa \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

The multiplicative inverse  $b$  of  $a$  modulo  $m$  must also satisfy  $0 \leq b < m$  so we set  $b = s \pmod{m}$ .

It works since  $ba \equiv sa \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

So... we can compute multiplicative inverses with the extended Euclidean algorithm.