

# CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

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## Lecture 13: Primes, GCD

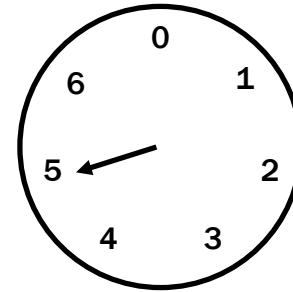


# Last Time: Modular Arithmetic

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$$(a + b) \bmod 7$$

$$(a \times b) \bmod 7$$



Replace number line with a clock.

Taking  $m$  steps returns to the same place.

where you stop

$$x = \underbrace{qm}_{\text{full rotations}} + \overbrace{r}$$

full rotations

$$r = x \bmod m$$

$$q = x \operatorname{div} m$$

Makes the answers small since  $0 \leq r < m$

Unclear (so far) that modular arithmetic has the same properties as ordinary arithmetic....

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**Idea:** Find replacement for “=” that works for modular arithmetic

“=” on ordinary numbers allows us to solve problems, e.g.

- add / subtract numbers from both sides of equations
- substitute “=” values in equations

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$$a \equiv_m b \leftrightarrow m \mid (a - b)$$

Equivalently,  $a \equiv_m b$  iff  $a = b + km$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

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**$a \equiv_m b$  if and only if  $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$ .**

**I.e.,  $a$  and  $b$  are congruent modulo  $m$  iff  $a$  and  $b$  steps stop at the same spot on the “clock” with  $m$  numbers**

# Last Time: Modular Arithmetic: Properties

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

If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $c \equiv_m d$ , then  $a + c \equiv_m b + d$

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

If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $c \equiv_m d$ , then  $ac \equiv_m bd$

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

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“ $\equiv$ ” allows us to solve problems in modular arithmetic, e.g.

- add / subtract numbers from both sides of equations
- chains of “ $\equiv$ ” values shows first and last are “ $\equiv$ ”
- substitute “ $\equiv$ ” values in equations (not *fully* proven yet)

# Substitution Follows From Other Properties

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

Start from  $x \equiv_m 7$

Multiply both sides  $3x \equiv_m 21$

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

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



# n-bit Unsigned Integer Representation

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- 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

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

# n-bit Unsigned Integer Representation

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

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

$$2^n - 1 = 011\dots111 \quad (n \text{ bits})$$

**Note:**  $2^n - 1 = 111\dots111$

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

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# Sign-Magnitude Integer Representation

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*n*-bit signed integers

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

First bit as the sign,  $n - 1$  bits for the value

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

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Any problems with this representation?

# Two's Complement Representation

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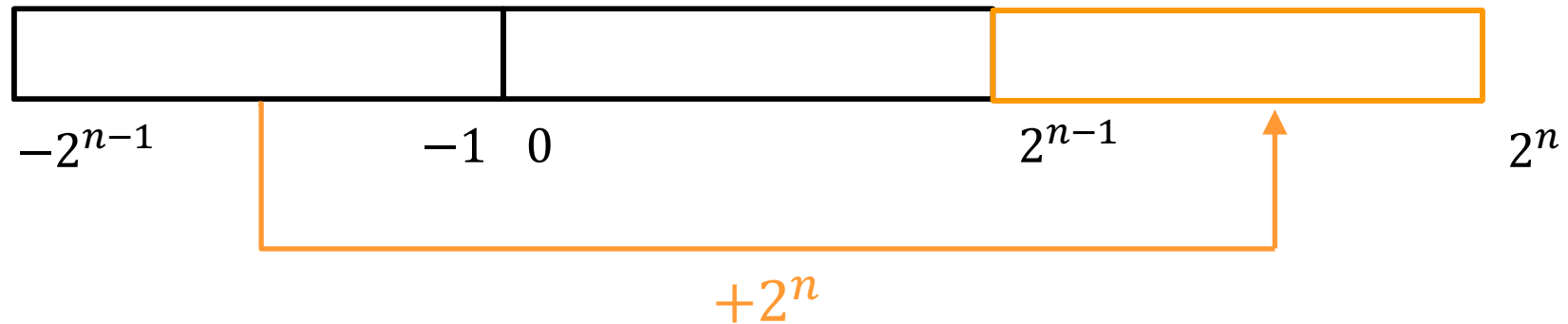
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$$(-18 + 256 = 238)$$

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

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

# Two's Complement Representation

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

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

- To compute this, flip the bits of  $x$  then add 1!
  - All 1's string is  $2^n - 1$ , so
    - Flip the bits of  $x \equiv$  replace  $x$  by  $2^n - 1 - x$
    - Then add 1 to get  $2^n - x$

# Hashing

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## Scenario:

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

...into a small set of locations  $\{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\}$  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



# Hashing

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- $\text{hash}(x) = x \bmod p$  for  $p$  a prime close to  $n$
- deterministic function with random-ish behavior
- Applications
  - map integer to location in array (hash tables)
  - map user ID or IP address to machine
    - requests from the same user / IP address go to the same machine
    - requests from different users / IP addresses spread randomly

# Pseudo-Random Number Generation

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## 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

# **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  $p$ .

$$p > 1 \wedge \forall x \in \mathbf{N} ((x \mid p) \rightarrow ((x = 1) \vee (x = p)))$$

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

$$p > 1 \wedge \exists x \in \mathbf{N} ((x \mid p) \wedge (x \neq 1) \wedge (x \neq p))$$

# Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

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

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

$$591 = 3 \cdot 197$$

$$45,523 = 45,523$$

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

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

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

**Case 2:**  $Q$  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 (proof by cases). ■



# Famous Algorithmic Problems

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- **Primality Testing**
  - Given an integer  $n$ , determine if  $n$  is prime
- **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  
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# Greatest Common Divisor

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GCD( $a, b$ ):

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  $(d \mid a) \wedge (d \mid b) \wedge \forall x \in \mathbb{N} ((x \mid a) \wedge (x \mid b)) \rightarrow (x \leq d)$

# GCD and Factoring

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

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

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

**Factoring is expensive!**

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 every number dividing  $a$  and  $b$  also divides  $b$  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.

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**Proof:**

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

Suppose  $d|b$  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  $d|a$ .

Suppose  $d|a$  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.

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

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

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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);
    }
}
```

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

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