


37181 DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

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Lecture 16: Euler's theorem

PLAN

- Euler's phi function
- Euler's theorem
- Fermat's little theorem 

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Eg: \mathbb{Z}_{26}^* is the set:

$$\{1, 3, 5, 7, 9, 11, 15, 17, 19, 21, 23, 25\}.$$

plus multiplication mod 26. Eg $7 \cdot 7 = 49 \equiv 23$

Note that every element in this set has a multiplicative inverse mod 26.
in the same set.

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Ex: $\varphi(7) = 7 - 1 = 6$

✓ Ex: $\varphi(9) = 6$ $\mathbb{Z}_9^* = \{1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8\}$

∴ Ex: $\varphi(16) = 8$.
 $\frac{16}{2^4}$ $1, 3, 5, \dots, 15$

EULER'S PHI FUNCTION

$$\{1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$$

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$$p^2 \rightarrow p$$

$$\checkmark \text{gcd} = 1$$

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1	2	3	...
$p+1$	$p+2$	$p+3$...
$2p+1$	$2p+2$	$2p+3$...
$(p-1)p+1$	$(p-1)p+2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \underline{1-p} \\
 & \cdot p + p = \underline{2p} \\
 & \cdot \underline{3p} \\
 & \cdot \underline{4p} \\
 & \vdots \\
 & \cdot \underline{p} \\
 & \cdot \underline{p} = (p-1)p + p
 \end{aligned}$$

EULER'S PHI FUNCTION

Guess
 $\varphi(n) = n - n^{-1}$

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1	2	...	p
$p + 1$	$p + 2$...	$2p$
$2p + 1$	$2p + 2$...	$3p$
\vdots			$(p - 1).p$
$(p - 1).p + 1$	$(p - 1).p + 2$...	$(p - 1).p + p$

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$p^2 + 1$	$p^2 + 2$...	$p^2 + p$
$p^2 + p + 1$	$p^2 + p + 2$...	$p^2 + 2p$

$p^2 + (p - 1)p + 1$	$p^2 + (p - 1)p + 2$...	$p^2 + p^2$
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$\gcd(p^n, -) > 1$

$= 1p^2$

$= 2p^2$

$2p^2 + 1$

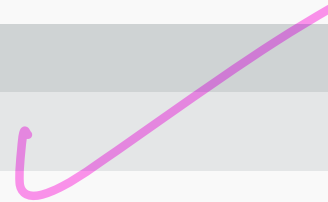
$$\begin{array}{rcl}
 & & = 3p^2 \\
 & & p \\
 & & = 4p^2 \\
 & \vdots & \\
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 & & \underline{p \cdot p^2}
 \end{array}$$

$p^3 - p^2$

Claim
for $n \in \mathbb{N}$: $\varphi(p^n) = p^n - p^{n-1}$

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$\varphi(6) = \varphi(2 \cdot 3) = \varphi(2)\varphi(3) = 1 \cdot 2 = 2$

$\varphi(9) = 6$

$\neq \varphi(3)\varphi(3) = 2 \cdot 2 = 4$

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eg: $f : \mathbb{Z}_{30}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5^* \times \mathbb{Z}_6^*$

$$f(11) \rightarrow (1, 5)$$
$$f(29) \rightarrow (4, 5)$$

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→ write:

$$\mathbb{Z}_{20}^* \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_5^* \times \mathbb{Z}_4^*$$

if I tell you

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$$[x]_a = [y]_a$$

$$[x]_b = [y]_b$$

✓ Onto: \therefore bijection

□

EULER'S THEOREM

Theorem

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Eg: (from lecture 15) Compute $121^{12} \pmod{13}$

$$\gcd(121, 13) = 1$$

$$\varphi(13) = 12$$

\therefore By Euler's theorem

$$121^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{13}.$$

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Now consider \mathbb{Z}_n^* as a structure with multiplication mod n .

$$\mathbb{Z}_{30}^* =$$

$$\varphi(30) = 8$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{30}^* = \{1, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29\}.$$

$$7 \cdot 7 = 49 \equiv 19$$

$$7 \cdot 11 = 77 \equiv 17$$

$$7 \cdot 19 \equiv 13$$

$$7 \cdot 13 \equiv 1$$

$$\varphi(5) \varphi(6)$$

$$\varphi(5) \varphi(3) \varphi(2)$$

$$4 \cdot 2 \cdot 1$$

✓✓

$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ 7 \\ \hline 91 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 19 \\ 7 \\ \hline 133 \end{array}$$

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mult every number in \mathbb{Z}_{30}^* by 7

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$$\{7.1, 7.7, 7.11, \underline{7.13}, 7.17, 7.19, 7.23, 7.29\} = \{7, 19, 17, 1, \dots\}$$

Claim \nearrow same set
(re-ordered)

EULER'S THEOREM: PROOF

List the elements of \mathbb{Z}_n^* : $0 < \underline{a_1} < \underline{a_2} < \cdots < \underline{a_{\varphi(n)}} < \underline{n}$.

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Claim: multiplying (and reducing mod n) each element by some $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ simply permutes the elements around.

That is, $\{[aa_1]_n, [aa_2]_n, \dots, [aa_{\varphi(n)}]_n\} \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ is exactly the same set.

$= ?$

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Proof. (contrad) a, a_i, a_j rel. prime to n .

Suppose $aa_i \equiv aa_j$, then $a(a_i - a_j) \equiv 0$ which means $n \mid a(a_i - a_j)$.

Homework exercise: a rel prime to n ,
and $n \mid ab \Rightarrow n \mid b$

$$\therefore n \mid (a_i - a_j)$$

$$\text{But } -n < a_i - a_j < n$$

$$a_i - a_j = 0$$

$$\frac{1}{n} - \dots - \frac{1}{n}$$

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EULER'S THEOREM: PROOF

$$\underline{a^{\varphi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}}$$

distinct $\varphi(n)$ numbers.

Now

$$\begin{aligned} a^{\varphi(n)} \cdot a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_{\varphi(n)} &= (aa_1) \cdot (aa_2) \cdot \dots \cdot (aa_{\varphi(n)}) \\ &\equiv a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot \dots \cdot a_{\varphi(n)} \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{a \ a \ a \ \dots \ a}_{\varphi(n)}$

$$a^{\varphi(n)} \cdot \underbrace{a_1 \dots a_{\varphi(n)}}_{\substack{\rightarrow 1 \cdot a_1 \cdot a_2 \dots a_{\varphi(n)} \\ \equiv 0 \pmod{n}}}$$

$$\left(a^{\varphi(n)} - 1 \right) a_1 \dots a_{\varphi(n)}$$

So $n \mid \underbrace{a_1 a_2 \dots a_{\varphi(n)}}_{\text{---}}$ $\left(a^{\varphi(n)} - 1 \right)$

rel prime to n .

So by Homework exercise

$$\begin{aligned} n \mid a^{\varphi(n)} - 1 & \quad \therefore a^{\varphi(n)} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \\ \therefore a^{\varphi(n)} & \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\varphi(26) = \varphi(2)\varphi(13) = 1 \cdot 12 = 12$$

$$11^{12} \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$$

$$= 11 \cdot 11^{11}$$

$$\left[11^{11} \right]_{26}$$

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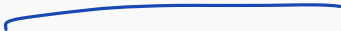
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Repeated squaring to finish. Hmm is that really quicker?



ANOTHER THEOREM

The old version of this course only looked at "Fermat's little theorem" which is:

If p is prime and p does not divide $a \in \mathbb{N}_+$ then

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

$$\varphi(p) = p-1$$

Prove it. Just use Euler's theorem.

(Note: for RSA we need Euler's theorem, not this one)

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Lemma

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$$\varphi(n) = (p-1)(q-1)$$

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Proof.

Consider the quadratic equation

$$X^2 + (\varphi(n) - n - 1)X + n = 0.$$

Find the roots.

$$X = \frac{-(\varphi(n) - n - 1) \pm \sqrt{(\varphi(n) - n - 1)^2 - 4n}}{2}$$

□

$$= \frac{((p-1)(q-1) - pq - 1) \pm 1}{2} \cdot \dots$$

Handwritten notes in pink:
 $p-2 \neq 1$
 $p+q$

Claim = $\begin{cases} p \\ q \end{cases}$

Next lecture:

- RSA cryptosystem.