
CHAPTER 2

Mathematics of Cryptography

Part I

(Solution to Odd-Numbered Problems)

Review Questions

1. The set of integers is \mathbf{Z} . It contains all integral numbers from negative infinity to positive infinity. The set of residues modulo n is \mathbf{Z}_n . It contains integers from 0 to $n - 1$. The set \mathbf{Z} has non-negative (positive and zero) and negative integers; the set \mathbf{Z}_n has only non-negative integers. To map a nonnegative integer from \mathbf{Z} to \mathbf{Z}_n , we need to divide the integer by n and use the remainder; to map a negative integer from \mathbf{Z} to \mathbf{Z}_n , we need to repeatedly add n to the integer to move it to the range 0 to $n - 1$.
3. The number 1 is an integer with only one divisor, itself. A prime has only two divisors: 1 and itself. For example, the prime 7 has only two divisor 7 and 1. A composite has more than two divisors. For example, the composite 42 has several divisors: 1, 2, 3, 6, 7, 14, 21, and 42.
5. A linear Diophantine equation of two variables is of the form $ax + by = c$. We need to find integer values for x and y that satisfy the equation. This type of equation has either no solution or an infinite number of solutions. Let $d = \gcd(a, b)$. If d does not divide c then the equation have no solutions. If d divides c , then we have an infinite number of solutions. One of them is called the particular solution; the rest, are called the general solutions.
7. A residue class $[a]$ is the set of integers congruent modulo n . It is the set of all integers such that $x = a \pmod{n}$. In each set, there is one element called the least (non-negative) residue. The set of all of these least residues is \mathbf{Z}_n .
9. A matrix is a rectangular array of $l \times m$ elements, in which l is the number of rows and m is the number of columns. If a matrix has only one row ($l = 1$), it is called a row matrix; if it has only one column ($m = 1$), it is called a column matrix. A square matrix is a matrix with the same number of rows and columns ($l = m$). The determinant of a square matrix \mathbf{A} is a scalar defined in linear algebra. The multiplicative inverse of a square matrix exists only if its determinant has a multiplicative inverse in the corresponding set.

Exercises

11.

- a. It is false because $26 = 2 \times 13$.
- b. It is true because $123 = 3 \times 41$.
- c. It is true because 127 is a prime.
- d. It is true because $21 = 3 \times 7$.
- e. It is false because $96 = 2^5 \times 3$.
- f. It is false because 8 is greater than 5.

13.

- a. $\gcd(a, b, 16) = \gcd(\gcd(a, b), 16) = \gcd(24, 16) = 8$
- b. $\gcd(a, b, c, 16) = \gcd(\gcd(a, b, c), 16) = \gcd(12, 16) = 4$
- c. $\gcd(200, 180, 450) = \gcd(\gcd(200, 180), 450) = \gcd(20, 450) = 10$
- d. $\gcd(200, 180, 450, 600) = \gcd(\gcd(200, 180, 450), 600) = \gcd(10, 600) = 10$

15.

a. $\gcd(3n + 1, 2n + 1) = \gcd(2n + 1, n) = 1$

b.

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(301, 201) &= \gcd(3 \times 100 + 1, 2 \times 100 + 1) = 1 \\ \gcd(121, 81) &= \gcd(3 \times 40 + 1, 2 \times 40 + 1) = 1 \end{aligned}$$

17.

- a. $22 \bmod 7 = 1$
- b. $291 \bmod 42 = 39$
- c. $84 \bmod 320 = 84$
- d. $400 \bmod 60 = 40$

19.

- a. $(125 \times 45) \bmod 10 = (125 \bmod 10 \times 45 \bmod 10) \bmod 10 = (5 \times 5) \bmod 10 = 5 \bmod 10$
- b. $(424 \times 32) \bmod 10 = (424 \bmod 10 \times 32 \bmod 10) \bmod 10 = (4 \times 2) \bmod 10 = 8 \bmod 10$
- c. $(144 \times 34) \bmod 10 = (144 \bmod 10 \times 34 \bmod 10) \bmod 10 = (4 \times 4) \bmod 10 = 6 \bmod 10$
- d. $(221 \times 23) \bmod 10 = (221 \bmod 10 \times 23 \bmod 10) \bmod 10 = (1 \times 3) \bmod 10 = 3 \bmod 10$

21. $a \bmod 5 = (a_n \times 10^n + \dots + a_1 \times 10^1 + a_0) \bmod 5$
 $= [(a_n \times 10^n) \bmod 5 + \dots + (a_1 \times 10^1) \bmod 5 + a_0 \bmod 5] \bmod 5$
 $= [0 + \dots + 0 + a_0 \bmod 5] = \mathbf{a_0 \bmod 5}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 23. \quad a \bmod 4 &= (a_n \times 10^n + \dots + a_1 \times 10^1 + a_0) \bmod 4 \\
 &= [(a_n \times 10^n) \bmod 4 + \dots + (a_1 \times 10^1) \bmod 4 + a_0 \bmod 4] \bmod 4 \\
 &= [0 + \dots + 0 + (a_1 \times 10^1) \bmod 4 + a_0 \bmod 4] = \mathbf{(a_1 \times 10^1 + a_0) \bmod 4}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 25. \quad a \bmod 9 &= (a_n \times 10^n + \dots + a_1 \times 10^1 + a_0) \bmod 9 \\
 &= [(a_n \times 10^n) \bmod 9 + \dots + (a_1 \times 10^1) \bmod 9 + a_0 \bmod 9] \bmod 9 \\
 &= \mathbf{(a_n + \dots + a_1 + a_0) \bmod 9}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 27. \quad a \bmod 11 &= (a_n \times 10^n + \dots + a_1 \times 10^1 + a_0) \bmod 11 \\
 &= [(a_n \times 10^n) \bmod 11 + \dots + (a_1 \times 10^1) \bmod 11 + a_0 \bmod 11] \bmod 11 \\
 &= \dots + \mathbf{a_3 \times (-1) + a_2 \times (1) + a_1 \times (-1) + a_0 \times (1)} \bmod 11
 \end{aligned}$$

For example, $631453672 \bmod 11 = [(1)6 + (-1)3 + (1)1 + (-1)4 + (1)5 + (-1)3 + (1)6 + (-1)7 + (1)2] \bmod 11 = -8 \bmod 11 = 5 \bmod 11$

29.

$$\text{a. } (A + N) \bmod 26 = (0 + 13) \bmod 26 = 13 \bmod 26 = \mathbf{N}$$

$$\text{b. } (A + 6) \bmod 26 = (0 + 6) \bmod 26 = 6 \bmod 26 = \mathbf{G}$$

$$\text{c. } (Y - 5) \bmod 26 = (24 - 5) \bmod 26 = 19 \bmod 26 = \mathbf{T}$$

$$\text{d. } (C - 10) \bmod 26 = (2 - 10) \bmod 26 = -8 \bmod 26 = 18 \bmod 26 = \mathbf{S}$$

31. (1, 1), (3, 7), (9, 9), (11, 11), (13, 17), (19, 19)

33.

a. We have $a = 25$, $b = 10$ and $c = 15$. Since $d = \gcd(a, b) = 5$ divides c , there is an infinite number of solutions. The reduced equation is $5x + 2y = 3$. We solve the equation $5s + 2t = 1$ using the extended Euclidean algorithm to get $s = 1$ and $t = -2$. The particular and general solutions are

Particular:	$x_0 = (c/d) \times s = \mathbf{3}$	$y_0 = (c/d) \times t = \mathbf{-6}$
General:	$x = \mathbf{3} + 2 \times k$	$y = \mathbf{-6} - 5 \times k$ (k is an integer)

b. We have $a = 19$, $b = 13$ and $c = 20$. Since $d = \gcd(a, b) = 1$ and divides c , there is an infinite number of solutions. The reduced equation is $19x + 13y = 20$. We solve the equation $19s + 13t = 1$ to get $s = -2$ and $t = 3$. The particular and general solutions are

Particular:	$x_0 = (c/d) \times s = \mathbf{-40}$	$y_0 = (c/d) \times t = \mathbf{60}$
General:	$x = \mathbf{-40} + 13 \times k$	$y = \mathbf{60} - 19 \times k$ (k is an integer)

c. We have $a = 14$, $b = 21$ and $c = 77$. Since $d = \gcd(a, b) = 7$ divides c , there is an infinite number of solutions. The reduced equation is $2x + 3y = 11$. We solve the equation $2s + 3t = 1$ to get $s = -1$ and $t = 1$. The particular and general solutions are

Particular:	$x_0 = (c/d) \times s = \mathbf{-11}$	$y_0 = (c/d) \times t = \mathbf{11}$
General:	$x = \mathbf{-11} + 3 \times k$	$y = \mathbf{11} - 2 \times k$ (k is an integer)

- d. We have $a = 40$, $b = 16$ and $c = 88$. Since $d = \gcd(a, b) = 8$ divides c , there is an infinite number of solutions. The reduced equation is $5x + 2y = 11$. We solve the equation $5s + 2t = 1$ to get $s = 1$ and $t = -2$. The particular and general solutions are

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Particular:} & x_0 = (c/d) \times s = 11 \qquad y_0 = (c/d) \times t = -22 \\ \text{General:} & x = 11 + 2 \times k \qquad y = -22 - 5 \times k \quad (k \text{ is an integer}) \end{array}$$

35. We have the equation $39x + 15y = 270$. We have $a = 39$, $b = 15$ and $c = 270$. Since $d = \gcd(a, b) = 3$ divides c , there is an infinite number of solutions. The reduced equation is $13x + 5y = 90$. We solve the equation $13s + 5t = 1$: $s = 2$ and $t = -5$. The particular and general solutions are

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{Particular:} & x_0 = (c/d) \times s = 180 \qquad y_0 = (c/d) \times t = -450 \\ \text{General:} & x = 180 + 5 \times k \qquad y = -450 - 13 \times k \end{array}$$

To find an acceptable solution (nonnegative values) for x and y , we need to start with negative values for k . Two acceptable solutions are

$$k = -35 \rightarrow x = 5 \text{ and } y = 5 \qquad k = -36 \rightarrow x = 0 \text{ and } y = 18$$

37.

a.

$$3x + 5 \equiv 4 \pmod{5} \rightarrow 3x \equiv (-5 + 4) \pmod{5} \rightarrow 3x \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$a = 3, b = 4, n = 5 \rightarrow d = \gcd(a, n) = 1$$

Since d divides b , there is only **one** solution.

$$\text{Reduction: } 3x \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$x_0 = (3^{-1} \times 4) \pmod{5} = 2$$

b.

$$4x + 6 \equiv 4 \pmod{6} \rightarrow 4x \equiv (-6 + 4) \pmod{6} \rightarrow 4x \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$$

$$a = 4, b = 4, n = 6 \rightarrow d = \gcd(a, n) = 2$$

Since d divides b , there are **two** solutions.

$$\text{Reduction: } 2x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$x_0 = (2^{-1} \times 2) \pmod{3} = 1$$

$$x_1 = 1 + 6 / 2 = 4$$

c.

$$9x + 4 \equiv 12 \pmod{7} \rightarrow 9x \equiv (-4 + 12) \pmod{7} \rightarrow 9x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$a = 9, b = 1, n = 7 \rightarrow d = \gcd(a, n) = 1$$

Since d divides b , there is only **one** solution.

$$\text{Reduction: } 9x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$x_0 = (9^{-1} \times 1) \pmod{7} = 4$$

d.

$$232x + 42 \equiv 248 \pmod{50} \rightarrow 232x \equiv 206 \pmod{50}$$

$$a = 232, b = 206, n = 50 \rightarrow d = \gcd(a, n) = 2$$

Since d divides b , there are **two** solutions.

$$\text{Reduction: } 116x \equiv 103 \pmod{25} \rightarrow 16x \equiv 3 \pmod{25}$$

$$x_0 = (16^{-1} \times 3) \pmod{25} = 8$$

$$x_1 = 8 + 50/2 = 33$$

39.

a. The determinant and the inverse of matrix A are shown below:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \det(A) = 3 \pmod{10} \rightarrow (\det(A))^{-1} = 7 \pmod{10}$$

$$A^{-1} = 7 \times \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 9 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{\text{adj}(A)} A^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 7 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

b. Matrix B has no inverse because $\det(B) = (4 \times 1 - 2 \times 1) \pmod{10} = 2 \pmod{10}$, which has no inverse in \mathbf{Z}_{10} .

c. The determinant and the inverse of matrix C are shown below:

$$C = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4 & 6 \\ 1 & 1 & 8 \\ 5 & 8 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \det(C) = 3 \pmod{10} \rightarrow (\det(C))^{-1} = 7 \pmod{10}$$

$$C^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & 2 & 2 \\ 9 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$$

In this case, $\det(C) = 3 \pmod{10}$; its inverse in \mathbf{Z}_{10} is $7 \pmod{10}$. It can be proved that $C \times C^{-1} = \mathbf{I}$ (identity matrix).

