

## Exercise 1.

Theorem. If  $\gcd(e, m) = 1$ , then for any  $a \in (\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z})^\times$ , there is a unique solution to  $x^e \equiv a \pmod{m}$  ( $x \in \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ ) given by  $x = a^d$  where  $d$  is the mult. inverse of  $e$  modulo  $\phi(m)$ .

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way to find roots in  $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$  i.e. solve

$$x^e = a \pmod{m}.$$

Part (1) - (4) Exercise 1.

Example:  $x^5 \equiv 2 \pmod{35}$      $e=5$      $a=2$      $m=35$

$$\phi(m) = \phi(35) = \phi(5)\phi(7) = 24$$

$\gcd(5, 24) = 1$  so the theorem applies.

Need to compute  $d$ :  $24 = 5 \cdot 4 + 4$      $1 = 5 - 1 \cdot 4$

Euclidean algorithm  $\rightarrow$   $5 = 1 \cdot 4 + 1$      $\rightarrow$   $= 5 - (24 - 5 \cdot 4)$

mult. inverse of 5 mod 24 is 5!     $= 5 \cdot 5 - 24$

so  $d=5$ . Solution is  $x = a^d = 2^5 = \underline{\underline{32}}$      $(5 \cdot 5 = 25 = 1 + 24)$

Can check:  $32^5 \equiv (-3)^5 \equiv 8 \cdot 9 \equiv 72 \equiv 2 \pmod{35}$      $\checkmark$

$$(-3)^3 = -27 \\ = 9 \pmod{35}$$

$$(-3)^2$$

## Exercise 2.

① Recall the order of  $g \in G$   
is the smallest  $k$  s.t.  
 $g^k = e.$

E.g. in  $\mathbb{F}_{13}^\times$ ,  $\text{ord}(g) = 12 \Leftrightarrow g$   
is a primitive root.

② and ③ are interesting  $\hookrightarrow$  use discrete log  
to solve some equations.

2 is a primitive root in  $\mathbb{F}_{11}$ .

Discrete log base 2 in  $\mathbb{F}_{11}$

$$\mathbb{F}_{11}^* \xrightarrow{I} \mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}$$

$$I(x) = y \text{ s.t. } 2^y = x.$$

Turns mult. into addition

$$2 - (2)cc \quad \text{---} \quad \forall x^2 \equiv a \pmod{11}.$$

$$I(4x^2) = I(a) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}$$

$$I(4) + I(x^2) = I(a) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}$$

$$2 \cdot I(x) = I(a) - I(4) \quad \text{in } \mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z}.$$

- solve for  $I(x)$

$$X \equiv 2^{I(X)}$$

To do this — need discrete log faster,  
need to write out

| $a$            | 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5  | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
|----------------|---|---|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|---|
| $2^a \bmod 11$ | 1 | 2 | 4 | 8 | 5 | 10 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 6 |

|                                    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |
|------------------------------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|
| $\mathbb{F}_{11}^* \ni x$          | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| $\mathbb{Z}/10\mathbb{Z} \ni I(x)$ | 0 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 4 | 9 | 7 | 3 | 6 | 5  |

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$$2^a \equiv 2^b \pmod{11} \text{ if } a \equiv b \pmod{10}$$

$2 \in \mathbb{F}_{11}^{\times} \leftarrow$  group of order 10.

$$b = 10q + a$$

$$2^b = 2^{10q} \cdot 2^a \pmod{11}$$

$$= (2^{10})^q \cdot 2^a \pmod{11}$$

$$= 1^q \cdot 2^a \pmod{11}$$

$$= 2^a \pmod{11}$$

$$2^{10} = 1 \text{ in } \mathbb{F}_{11}^{\times}$$

by Lagrange

because

$$|\mathbb{F}_{11}^{\times}| = 10$$