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# Introduction to Information Security

## Lecture 5: Number Theory

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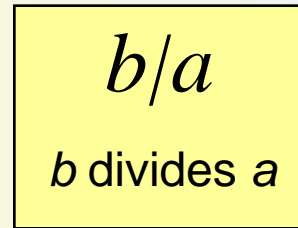
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# Divisibility

- ❖ Let  $Z$  denote the set of all integers.  $Z = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$
- ❖ Division Theorem ( $a, b \in Z$ )
  - ❖ For nonzero  $b$ ,  $\exists q, r \in Z$  s.t.  $a = qb + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < b$
  - ❖  $q$ : quotient,  $r$ : remainder
- ❖ Divide
  - ❖  $b$  divides  $a$ , or  $b/a$  iff  $\exists c \in Z$  s.t.  $a = bc$  (i.e.  $r=0$ )
  - ❖ If  $a/b$ , then  $a/bc$
  - ❖ If  $a/b$  and  $a/c$ , then  $a/(bx+cy)$
  - ❖ If  $a/b$  and  $b/a$  then  $a = \pm b$  (antisymmetry)
  - ❖ If  $a/b$  and  $b/c$ , then  $a/c$  (transitivity)


$$b/a$$

$b$  divides  $a$

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# Prime Numbers

## ❖ Prime

- ❖ An integer  $p$  is called prime if its divisors are  $\pm 1$  and  $\pm p$
- ❖ A number that is divisible only by 1 and itself
- ❖ 2,3,5,7,11,13,17,19,23,29,31,.....
- ❖ If a prime  $p$  divides  $ab$ , then  $p/a$  or  $p/b$

## ❖ Composite number

- ❖ Any number that is not prime

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# Prime Number Theorem

❖ There are infinitely many prime numbers

❖ Prime number theorem

$\pi(x) \approx \frac{x}{\ln x}$  : number of primes less than  $x$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x) \ln(x)}{x} = 1$$

❖ Example: Estimate the number of 100-digit primes

$$\pi(10^{100}) - \pi(10^{99}) \approx \frac{10^{100}}{\ln 10^{100}} - \frac{10^{99}}{\ln 10^{99}} \approx 3.9 \times 10^{97}$$

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# Sieve of Eratosthenes

❖ **Sieve of Eratosthenes** : Determine all primes smaller than  $N$

S1. Create an initial set of all numbers  $N_N = \{2, 3, 4, \dots, N-1\}$

S2. For all integers  $n < \text{sqrt}(N)$ , remove all multiples of  $n$  from the above  $N_N$

S3. The final reduced set  $N_N$  contains all primes smaller than  $N$

❖ **Exercise 1: Obtain all primes less than 200**

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# Factorization

## ❖ Factorization

❖ Any positive integer can be uniquely factored into the product of primes

$$n = \prod_{p \in P} p^{e_p}$$

❖  $504 = 2^3 3^2 7$ ,  $1125 = 3^2 5^3$

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# lcm and gcd

- ❖  $lcm(a,b)$  - least common multiple
  - ❖ lcm of  $a$  and  $b$  is the smallest integer which is divisible by both  $a$  and  $b$
  
- ❖  $gcd(a,b)$  - greatest common divisor
  - ❖ gcd of  $a$  and  $b$  is the largest integer which divides both  $a$  and  $b$
  - ❖ Example:  $gcd(24,60)=12$ ,  $gcd(5,7)=1$
  - ❖  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime if  $gcd(a,b)=1$
  
- ❖ Finding  $gcd(a,b)$ 
  - ❖ Using the factorization of  $a$  and  $b$   
 $576=2^63^2$ ,  $135=3^35$ ,  $gcd(576,135)=3^2$
  - ❖ Using the Euclidean algorithm



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# Euclidean Algorithm

- find gcd using division and remainder

❖ Find  $\gcd(a,b)$

❖ Initialize  $r_0=a, r_1=b$

❖ Computes the following sequence of equations

$$r_0 = q_1 r_1 + r_2$$

$$r_1 = q_2 r_2 + r_3$$

$$r_2 = q_3 r_3 + r_4$$

.....

$$r_{n-2} = q_{n-1} r_{n-1} + r_n \quad \text{where } r_n = 0$$

❖ Then  $\gcd(a,b) = r_{n-1}$

$$r_0 = a = (?) \times r_{n-1}$$

$$r_1 = b = (??) \times r_{n-1}$$

# Euclidean Algorithm

- find gcd using division and remainder

❖ Example :  $\gcd(3465, 882) = 63$

$$3465 = 3 \times 882 + 819$$

$$882 = 1 \times 819 + 63$$

$$819 = 13 \times 63 + 0$$

3		3465	882		1
		2646			
13		819	819		
		819	63		
		0			

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# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

## ❖ Extended Euclidean Algorithm

❖ Let  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ . Then there exist integers  $x, y$  such that  $ax + by = d$ .

❖ If  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime, then there exist  $x, y$  such that  $ax + by = 1$

$$\begin{array}{ll} a = q_1 b + r_2 & r_2 = a - q_1 b \\ b = q_2 r_2 + r_3 & r_3 = b - q_2 r_2 = -q_2 a + (1 + q_1 q_2) b \\ r_2 = q_3 r_3 + r_4 & \longrightarrow r_4 = r_2 - q_3 r_3 = (?)a + (??)b \\ \dots & \dots \\ r_{n-2} = q_{n-1} r_{n-1} & r_{n-1} = (?)a + (??)b \longrightarrow ax + by = d \end{array}$$

## Example

$$\gcd(10, 7) = 1 \longrightarrow 1 = (-2)(10) + (3)(7).$$

$$\gcd(367, 221) = 1 \longrightarrow 1 = (-56)(367) + (93)(221)$$

# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

- ❖ Easier calculation algorithm by hand
  - ❖ <http://marauder.millersville.edu/~bikenaga/absalg/exteuc/exteucex.html>
- ❖ Example: for  $\text{gcd}(187, 102) = 17$

The two numbers go here.

This box is always empty.

These four numbers are always the same.

a	q	x	y
187	-	1	0
102		0	1

a	q	x	y
187	-	1	0
102	1	0	1
85	1	1	-1
17	5	-1	2

$$\begin{aligned} (\text{next } x) &= (\text{next-to-last } x) - q (\text{last } x) \\ (\text{next } y) &= (\text{next-to-last } y) - q (\text{last } y) \end{aligned}$$

$$17 = (187, 102) = (-1)(187) + (2)(102).$$

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# Extended Euclidean Algorithm

- ❖ Exercise 2: For the following pair of numbers
  1. Find gcd using Euclidean algorithm
  2. Solve  $ax+by=d$  using Extended Euclidean algorithm

1.  $\gcd(55,123)$
2.  $\gcd(41,789)$
3.  $\gcd(352,124)$
4.  $\gcd(1124,368)$
5.  $\gcd(2733,725)$

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# Congruence

## ❖ Definition) Congruence

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \text{ iff } n|(a-b)$$

$$a = b + kn \text{ for some integer } k$$

$$a \% n = b \% n$$

$a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $n$

$$a \equiv a$$

$$a \equiv b \text{ iff } b \equiv a$$

$$\text{If } a \equiv b \text{ and } b \equiv c \text{ then } a \equiv c$$

$$32 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$-12 \equiv 37 \pmod{7}$$

## ❖ Residue Class Group: $Z_n = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 0 \leq x < n\}$

Addition:  $a + b = (a + b \pmod{n})$

Multiplication:  $ab = (ab \pmod{n})$

Closed under addition, subtraction, and multiplication

Closed under division if  $n$  is prime

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# Modular Arithmetic

- ❖ Modular addition
- ❖ Modular subtraction
- ❖ Modular multiplication
  - ❖ Fill out the table

b

x	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	2								
2	2	4								
3			9	1	4	7				
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										
10										

a

Modular multiplication in mod 11  
Compute  $axb \pmod{11}$

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# Modular Arithmetic

- ❖ Modular exponentiation
  - ❖ Fill out the table

b

^	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1										
2										
3	3	9	5	4	1	3	9	5	4	1
4										
5										
6										
7										
8										
9										
10										

a

Modular exponentiation in mod 11  
Compute  $a^b \pmod{11}$



# Modular Arithmetic

b

a <sup>b</sup>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	4	8	3	6	12	11	9	5	10	7	1
3	3	9	1	3	9	1	3	9	1	3	9	1
4	4	3	12	9	10	1	4	3	12	9	10	1
5	5	12	8	1	5	12	8	1	5	12	8	1
6	6	10	8	9	2	12	7	3	5	4	11	1
7	7	10	5	9	11	12	6	3	8	4	2	1
8	8	12	5	1	8	12	5	1	8	12	5	1
9	9	3	1	9	3	1	9	3	1	9	3	1
10	10	9	12	3	4	1	10	9	12	3	4	1
11	11	4	5	3	7	12	2	9	8	10	6	1
12	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1

a

Modular exponentiation in mod 13  
 Compute  $a^b \pmod{13}$

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# Modular Arithmetic

- ❖ Modular division

- ❖ Solve:  $2x+7=3 \pmod{17} \rightarrow 2x=-4 \pmod{17} \rightarrow x=-2 \pmod{17}=15$

- ❖ You can divide by a mod n only when  $\gcd(a,n)=1$

- ❖ Find the multiplicative inverse of a mod n =  $a^{-1}$  and then multiply  $a^{-1}$

- ❖  $b/a \pmod{n} = b \cdot a^{-1} \pmod{n}$

- ❖ If  $ac=1 \pmod{n}$ , then  $c=a^{-1} \pmod{n}$

- ❖ Compute  $a^{-1} \pmod{n}$  using the extended Euclidean algorithm

- ❖ For  $\gcd(n,a)=1$ , solve  $ax+ny=1$ , then  $x=a^{-1} \pmod{n}$

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# Efficient Modular Exponentiation

- ❖ How to compute  $a^x \pmod n$  efficiently?
  - ❖ Multiply  $a$   $x$  times? No good

$$\begin{aligned}2^{1234} \pmod{789} &= 2^{1024+128+64+16+2} \pmod{789} \\ &= 2^{1024} * 2^{128} * 2^{64} * 2^{16} * 2^2 \pmod{789} \\ &= 286 * 559 * 367 * 49 * 4 \pmod{789} \\ &= 481 \pmod{789}\end{aligned}$$

# Square and Multiply Algorithm

❖ How to compute  $y=a^x \pmod n$  efficiently?

1. binary representation of  $x=x_r x_{r-1} \dots x_1 x_0$
2. Let  $y=a$
3. For  $i$  from  $r-1$  to  $0$ 
  - $y=y^2 \pmod n$
  - If  $x_i=1$ , then  $y=ya \pmod n$
4. Output  $y$

Compute  $7^{21} \pmod{11}$ ,  $21=10101_{(2)}$ ,  $r=4$

$i$	bit	$y^2$	$y*a$	$y$
4	1			7
3	0	$7^2=5$	-	5
2	1	$5^2=3$	$3*7=10$	10
1	0	$10^2=1$	-	1
0	1	$1^2=1$	$1*7=7$	7

$$\begin{aligned}
 &7^{21} \pmod{11} \\
 &= 7^{16+4+1} \pmod{11} \\
 &= (((7^2)^2 7)^2)^2 7 \pmod{11}
 \end{aligned}$$

→ Output 7 as the result

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# Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

## ❖ Chinese Remainder Theorem

Suppose  $\gcd(m,n)=1$ . Given integers  $a$  and  $b$ , there exists exactly one solution  $x$  (mod  $mn$ ) to the simultaneous congruences

$$x=a \pmod{m}, x=b \pmod{n}$$

proof)

❖ there exists  $s, t$  such that  $ms+nt=1$

❖  $ms=1 \pmod{n}, nt=1 \pmod{m}$

❖ Let  $x=ant+bms$ , then

$$\text{❖ } x=ant \pmod{m}=a \pmod{m}$$

$$\text{❖ } x=bms \pmod{n}=b \pmod{n}$$

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# Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

Find a number  $x$  which satisfies

$$x = b_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

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$$x = b_n \pmod{m_n}$$

Example: Find  $x$  such that

$$x = 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$x = 3 \pmod{7}$$

$$x = 6 \pmod{11}$$

❖ Efficient algorithm to compute  $x$

1.  $m = m_1 m_2 \dots m_n = 5 * 7 * 11 = 385$

2.  $M_1 = m/m_1 = 385/5 = 7 * 11 = 77$

$$M_2 = m/m_2 = 385/7 = 5 * 11 = 55$$

$$M_3 = m/m_3 = 385/11 = 5 * 7 = 35$$

3.  $N_1 = M_1^{-1} \pmod{m_1} = 77^{-1} \pmod{5} = 3$

$$N_2 = M_2^{-1} \pmod{m_2} = 55^{-1} \pmod{7} = 6$$

$$N_3 = M_3^{-1} \pmod{m_3} = 35^{-1} \pmod{11} = 6$$

← Use extended Euclidean algorithm

4.  $T = b_1 M_1 N_1 + b_2 M_2 N_2 + b_3 M_3 N_3 \pmod{m}$

$$= 4 * 77 * 3 + 3 * 55 * 6 + 6 * 35 * 6 \pmod{385} = 94$$

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# Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT)

❖ Exercise 3: find a number which satisfies

1.  $x = 3 \pmod{11} = 6 \pmod{7} = 8 \pmod{13}$

2.  $x = 5 \pmod{31} = 6 \pmod{17} = 8 \pmod{29}$

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## Euler phi function: $\phi(n)$

- ❖ Euler phi function (or Euler totient function):  $\phi(n)$ 
  - The number of integers in  $[1, n]$ , which are relatively prime to  $n$
  - If  $p$  is prime,  $\phi(p) = p-1$
  - $\phi(p^e) = p^e - p^{e-1} = p^{e-1}(p-1)$  for prime  $p > 2$
  - if  $\gcd(n, m) = 1$ ,  $\phi(nm) = \phi(n) \cdot \phi(m)$  (multiplicative property)
  - So, for primes  $p$  &  $q$ ,  $\phi(pq) = \phi(p) \cdot \phi(q) = (p-1)(q-1)$



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# Fermat's Theorem and Euler's Theorem

## ❖ Fermat's Theorem: Let $p$ be a prime

- If  $\gcd(x, p) = 1$ , then  $x^{p-1} = 1 \pmod{p}$
- If  $a = b \pmod{p-1}$ , then  $x^a = x^b \pmod{p}$  for all integers  $x$
- $x^p = x \pmod{p}$  for all integers  $x$

## ❖ Euler's Theorem: Let $n$ be an integer

- If  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$ , then  $x^{\phi(n)} = 1 \pmod{n}$
- If  $n$  is a product of distinct primes and  $a = b \pmod{\phi(n)}$ , then  $x^a = x^b \pmod{n}$  for all integers  $x$
- $x^n = x \pmod{n}$  for all integers  $x$

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# Legendre Symbol

- ❖ Quadratic congruence for a prime modulus  $p$   
 $x^2 = a \pmod{p}$  where  $p$  is a prime

It will have

1. one solution if  $a=0 \pmod{p}$
2. two solutions if  $a$  is a quadratic residue modulo  $p$
3. no solution if  $a$  is a quadratic non-residue modulo  $p$

- ❖ Legendre symbol is defined as

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{If } a = 0 \\ 1 & \text{If } a \text{ is a QR} \\ -1 & \text{If } a \text{ is a QNR} \end{cases}$$

It is computed by

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = a^{\frac{1}{2}(p-1)} \pmod{p}$$

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# Quadratic Residue

## ❖ Example in $Z_{13}^*$

$$1^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$2^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{13}$$

$$3^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$$

$$4^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$$

$$5^2 \equiv 12 \pmod{13}$$

$$6^2 \equiv 10 \pmod{13}$$

$$7^2 \equiv 10 \pmod{13}$$

$$8^2 \equiv 12 \pmod{13}$$

$$9^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$$

$$10^2 \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$$

$$11^2 \equiv 4 \pmod{13}$$

$$12^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

$$\text{❖ QR} = \{1, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12\} \quad \left(\frac{3}{13}\right) = 3^{\frac{1}{2}(13-1)} \pmod{13} = 3^6 \pmod{13} = 1$$

$$\text{❖ QNR} = \{2, 5, 6, 7, 8, 11\} \quad \left(\frac{2}{13}\right) = 2^{\frac{1}{2}(13-1)} \pmod{13} = 2^6 \pmod{13} = -1$$

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# Jacobi Symbol

- ❖ Generalization of Legendre symbol
- ❖ Quadratic congruence for an arbitrary modulus  $n$   
 $x^2 = a \pmod{n}$  where  $n = p_1 \dots p_r$

It is computed by

$$\left(\frac{a}{n}\right) = \prod_{i=1}^r \left(\frac{a}{p_i}\right)$$

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# Group

Definition) A **group**  $(G, *)$  consists of a set  $G$  with a binary operation  $*$  on  $G$  satisfying the following three axioms.

1.  $a*(b*c)=(a*b)*c$  for all  $a,b,c \in G$  : associative
2. There is an element  $1 \in G$  called the identity element s.t.  $a*1=1*a=a$
3. For each  $a \in G$  there exists an element  $a^{-1}$  (inverse) s.t.  $a*a^{-1}=a^{-1}*a=1$

A group  $G$  is abelian (or commutative) if, furthermore,

4.  $a*b=b*a$  for all  $a,b \in G$

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# Ring

**Definition)** A **ring**  $(R, +, \cdot)$  consists of a set  $R$  with two binary operations arbitrarily denoted  $+$  (addition) and  $\cdot$  (multiplication) on  $R$  satisfying the following axioms.

1.  $(R, +)$  is an abelian group with identity denoted  $0$ .
2. The operation  $\cdot$  is associative. That is  $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$  for all  $a, b, c \in R$ .
3. There is a multiplicative identity denoted  $1$ , s.t.  $1 \cdot a = a \cdot 1 = a$  for all  $a \in R$ .
4. The operation  $\cdot$  is distributive over  $+$ .  $a \cdot (b + c) = (a \cdot b) + (a \cdot c)$  for all  $a, b, c \in R$ .

The ring  $R$  is a commutative ring if  $a \cdot b = b \cdot a$  for all  $a, b \in R$ .

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# Field and Finite Field

Definition) A **field** is a commutative ring in which all non-zero elements have multiplicative inverses.

Definition) A **finite field (Galois Field)** is a field  $F$  which contains a finite number of elements.

Galois Field  $GF(p) = \mathbb{Z}_p$  with prime  $p$   
addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division by non-zero elements are all well-defined.  
arithmetic modulo  $p$ .

Galois Field  $GF(q^n)$  with prime  $q$  and degree  $n$   
arithmetic modulo irreducible polynomials of degree  $n$  whose coefficients are integers modulo  $q$ .

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# Order of Group

## ❖ Order of group in modular arithmetic

- $x = y \pmod n$  :  $x$  is congruent to  $y$  modulo  $n$ ;  $n$  divides  $(x-y)$
- $Z_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$
- $Z_n^* = \{x \in Z_n \mid \gcd(x, n) = 1\}$ : multiplicative group of  $Z_n$
- Order of  $Z_n^* =$  the number of elements in  $Z_n^* = |Z_n^*| = \phi(n)$
- Order of  $x \in Z_n^* =$  smallest integer  $r$  such that  $x^r = 1 \pmod n$
- $\text{Ord}(x)$  for any  $x \in Z_n^* =$  a divisor of  $\phi(n)$



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# Cyclic Group

## ❖ Let $p$ be a prime

➤  $Z_p = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-1\}$

➤  $Z_p^* = \{x \in Z_p \mid \gcd(x, p) = 1\} = \{1, 2, \dots, p-1\} = Z_p - \{0\}$

➤ Order of  $Z_p = |Z_p^*| = \phi(p) = p-1$

➤ Order of an element  $\alpha \in Z_p^* = \text{Ord}(\alpha) = \text{a divisor of } p-1$

➤  $\alpha$  is a generator / primitive element of  $Z_p^*$  if  $\text{Ord}(\alpha) = \phi(p) = p-1$

✓ Then  $Z_p^* = \{\alpha^i \mid i = 0, 1, \dots, p-2\}$  : cyclic group

✓ For any  $y \in Z_p^*$ , there exists an integer  $x \in [0, p-2]$  such that  $y = \alpha^x \pmod p$

## ❖ Let $p$ be a prime and $q$ be a prime divisor of $p-1$ , i.e., $p-1 = kq$

➤ Let  $g$  be an element of order  $q$ , i.e.,  $g \neq 1$  and  $g^q = 1 \pmod p$

➤  $\langle g \rangle = \{g^i \mid i = 0, 1, \dots, q-1\} \subset Z_p^*$  : a **multiplicative subgroup** of  $Z_p^*$

➤ That is, for any  $y \in \langle g \rangle$ , there exists an integer  $x \in [0, q-1]$  such that  $y = g^x \pmod p$

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# Cyclic Group

## ❖ Example: $p = 13$

➤  $Z_{13} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 12\}$

➤  $Z_{13}^* = \{1, 2, \dots, 12\}; |Z_p^*| = 12$

➤  $\alpha = 6$  : a generator of  $Z_{13}^*$

$i$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
$\alpha^i \bmod 13$	1	6	10	8	9	2	12	7	3	5	4	11

➤ Order of  $x \in Z_{13}^*$  : a divisor of  $12 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3$

$x$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Ord(x)	1	12	3	6	4	12	12	4	3	6	12	2

❖ Exercise 4. Find the order of  $x \in Z_{31}^*$

$\mathbb{Z}_{13}^*$

b

$a^b$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Ord(a)
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	4	8	3	6	12	11	9	5	10	7	1	12
3	3	9	1	3	9	1	3	9	1	3	9	1	3
4	4	3	12	9	10	1	4	3	12	9	10	1	6
5	5	12	8	1	5	12	8	1	5	12	8	1	4
6	6	10	8	9	2	12	7	3	5	4	11	1	12
7	7	10	5	9	11	12	6	3	8	4	2	1	12
8	8	12	5	1	8	12	5	1	8	12	5	1	4
9	9	3	1	9	3	1	9	3	1	9	3	1	3
10	10	9	12	3	4	1	10	9	12	3	4	1	6
11	11	4	5	3	7	12	2	9	8	10	6	1	12
12	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1	12	1	2

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# Homework #5

**Solve the exercises appeared in this lecture.**

- 1. Exercise 1 on finding prime numbers**
- 2. Exercise 2 on Euclidean / Extended Euclidean algorithm**
- 3. Exercise 3 on Chinese Remainder Theorem**
- 4. Exercise 4 on Order in cyclic group**