

Some slides for 5th Lecture, Algebra 1

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- $\gcd(x, p) = 1 \Leftrightarrow p \nmid x$
- $x \leq p^m$ is NOT relative prime to $p^m \Leftrightarrow p \mid x$

Hence, $\varphi(p^m) = p^m - p^{m-1}$.

$$\varphi(n) = (p_1^{r_1} - p_1^{r_1-1}) \cdots (p_s^{r_s} - p_s^{r_s-1}) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \cdots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_s}\right)$$

- $N = p \cdot q$, p and q primes.
- e a number for encryption, d a number for decryption.
- Public: N, e . Private: d .
- Message: $X, 0 \leq X < N$.
- Encryption: $f(X) = [X^e]_N$
 Decryption: $g(X) = [X^d]_N$.
 $g(f(X)) = X$.

How do we choose e and d ?

We know:

$$g(f(X)) = [[X^e]^d] = [X^{ed}] = X \text{ if and only if } X \equiv X^{ed} \pmod{N}$$

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

Let X be any integer and k a natural number. Then

$$X^{k(p-1)(q-1)+1} \equiv X \pmod{N}$$

Proof:

- It is enough to prove that $X^{k(p-1)(q-1)+1} \equiv X \pmod{p}$.
- If $p \mid x$. Thus, $[X]_p = 0 = [X^{k(p-1)(q-1)+1}]_p$, we have $X^{k(p-1)(q-1)+1} \equiv X \pmod{N}$.
- If $p \nmid x$. Thus, $\gcd(p, x) = 1$, by Euler Theorem $X^{\varphi(p)} = X^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ and

$$X^{k(p-1)(q-1)} \equiv (X^{p-1})^{k(q-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

- Multiply the previous congruence with X

Encryption and decryption exponents



You are welcome to use Maple for computations.

To get some help type in Maple:

- `>?mod`
- `>?isprime` (or `nextprime`)
- `>?ifactor`
- `>?igcdex`

Do not forget that we use $\&\wedge$ to apply the repeated squaring algorithm in Maple. Type:

- `>185705890543 mod 37;`
- `>18&wedge5705890543 mod 37;`