

# 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 $\&\wedge$ 5705890543 mod 37;`