

Introduction to Cryptology

Lecture-3 Mathematical Background : A quick approach to Group and Field Theory

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Mathematical Background

In Discrete Mathematics, Number Theory

Outlines

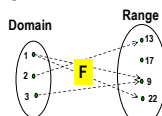
- Euclidean Algorithm, Remainder Greatest Common Divisor (gcd) | [part 1](#)
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Main Objectives for Crypto-Mappings/functions

Mapping function F :

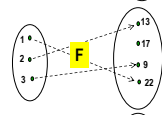
Domain: input choices

Range: Output choices



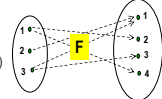
"One-To-One" functions:

No output from two different inputs



"Onto" functions:

Every output results from at least one input (scanning the input space would scan the whole output space)

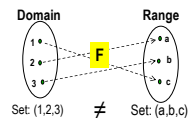


Targeted Crypto-Mappings

Bijjective Function/Mapping :

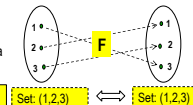
It's a mapping which is:
One-to-One AND Onto at the same time

- A function F has an inverse function F^{-1} , if and only if F is one to one

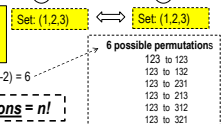


Permutation:

A bijective function from a set to itself is also called a permutation (Domain = Range)



Crypto-Mappings use mostly permutations to keep data size unchanged. (domain space is the same as the range space)



In general: $|F| = \text{Number of } n \text{ to } n \text{ permutations} = n!$

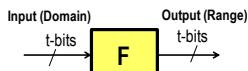
Number of permutations: $3! = 3 \times (3-1) \times (3-2) = 6$

Permutations Bounds

Engineering approach:

Mapping as a hardware-block:

A mapping function from t-bits to t-bits keeping the input space=output space (Data size unchanged!)



- Domain size = number of possible input combinations = $n = 2^t$

- Number of all possible "F" mappings = $2^{t \cdot 2^t}$

- Number of all possible invertible mappings $S_{max} = 2^{t!}$

Stirling's approximation $S_{max} = 2^{t!} \approx [2^t/e]^{2^t}$ or $S_{max} \approx 2^{(t-1.45)2^t}$

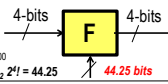
- Number of bits needed to select all S_{max} mappings = $\log_2 S_{max} = \log_2 2^{t!} = t! \text{ bits}$

Example: t=4, 4-bit to 4-bit mapping

Number of all possible mappings = $2^{4 \cdot 16} = 2^{64}$ mappings

Number of possible invertible mappings = $2^{4!} = 20,922,789,888,000$

bits required to select all possible invertible mappings = $\log_2 2^{4!} = 44.25$



Group Theory

Semigroup $\langle S, * \rangle$

- S \leftrightarrow set of elements
- * \leftrightarrow operation
- $a * b = c$, with $a, b, c \in S$ (closure)
- $a * (b * c) = (a * b) * c$, where $a, b, c \in S$ (associative)

Monoid $\langle M, * \rangle$

- $\langle M, * \rangle \leftrightarrow \langle S, * \rangle$ in addition to a particular element e
- e is called the neutral element of the monoid with the properties: $e * a = a * e = a$ and $a, e \in M$
- e is unique
- an element a is invertible under * if there is $b \in M$ such that: $a * b = b * a = e$
- $b = a^{-1}$ is called the inverse of a under the Monoid operation * (the inverse b is unique)

Group $\langle G, * \rangle$

- Is a Monoid, with all **element invertible** under the operation $*$ of G , that is: for any element a from G , there is $c \in G$ such that: $c * a = e$, ($c = a^{-1}$)
- If $a * b = b * a$ then the group is called **abelian** (or a **Commutative Group**)

!! Groups are the most used algebraic structures in cryptography !!

Examples:

Z is a group under **addition** where $e=0$. The additive inverse of any $b \in Z$ is $-b$ which also an element in Z

Z is however a Monoid under **multiplication** where $e=1$, as not every element has a multiplicative inverse (example there is no additive inverse for 2)

Ring $\langle R, +, * \rangle$

$\langle R, + \rangle \iff$ abelian group with $e=0$
 $\langle R, * \rangle \iff$ Monoid with $e=1$

The following holds:

$$\begin{aligned} a(b+c) &= ab+ac \\ (b+c)a &= ba+ca \quad \text{mit } a,b,c \in R \end{aligned}$$

The Ring is **commutative** if:

$$a * b = b * a$$

Example: $Z_{10} = \{0,1,2,\dots,9\}$ is the ring of integers modulo 10 with
 \oplus : Addition modulo 10
 \odot : Multiplication modulo 10

Not all element in Z_m are invertible under multiplication

Example:

The Monoid Z_{10} under \odot (multiplication modulo 10)

where $e=1$, as $a \odot e = e \odot a = a$ for $a, e \in Z_{10}$

Invertible elements in $\langle Z_{10}, \odot \rangle$ are:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \odot 1 &= 1 \Rightarrow 1^{-1} = 1 \\ 3 \odot 7 &= 1 \Rightarrow 3^{-1} = 7 \\ 9 \odot 9 &= 1 \Rightarrow 9^{-1} = 9 \\ 7 \odot 3 &= 1 \Rightarrow 7^{-1} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

1, 3, 7 and 9 are the only invertible elements in Z_{10}

4 is not invertible as:

$$\begin{aligned} 4 \odot 1 &= 4 \\ 4 \odot 2 &= 8 \\ 4 \odot 3 &= 2 \\ 4 \odot 4 &= 6 \\ 4 \odot 5 &= 0 \\ 4 \odot 6 &= 4 \\ 4 \odot 7 &= 8 \\ 4 \odot 8 &= 2 \\ 4 \odot 9 &= 6 \\ \Rightarrow 4 \text{ has no inverse!} \end{aligned}$$

Invertible elements are called **units**

Reminder: Units and the Modular Multiplicative Inversion

Definition: If an integer is invertible under multiplication modulo m , then it is called a **unit**

Example: $2 \times 3 = 6 = 1 \pmod{5}$

says that : 3 is the multiplicative inverse of 2 modulo 5 ($2^{-1}=3$)
 or 2 is the multiplicative inverse of 3 modulo 5 ($3^{-1}=2$)

Fundamental Theorem of units:

An integer u is a unit modulo m (or u has a **multiplicative inverse modulo m**) iff (if and only if):

$$\boxed{\text{gcd}(m, u) = 1}$$

Computing the multiplicative inverse: If $\text{gcd}(m, u) = 1$ then $a \cdot m + b \cdot u = 1$

Taking the remainder modulo m of both sides: $R_m(a \cdot m + b \cdot u) = R_m(1)$

$$R_m(b \cdot u) = 1$$

$$\text{or } R_m(b \cdot R_m(u)) = 1$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{u^{-1} = R_m(b)}$$

$$\text{or } \boxed{u^{-1} = b \pmod{m}}$$

That is the **multiplicative inverse of $u \pmod{m}$** is the parameter $b \pmod{m}$ in the extended Euclidian gcd Algorithm.

Example: $\text{gcd}(13, 2) = 1 = 1 \cdot 13 - 6 \cdot 2$ (Extended Euclidian Algorithm)

$$R_{13}(1, 13 - 6 \cdot 2) = 1$$

$$R_{13}(-6 \cdot 2) = 1 \Rightarrow R_{13}(2^{-1}) = -6 \text{ or } -6 = -6 + 13 = 7 \pmod{13}$$

$$\text{That is } 2^{-1} = -6 \text{ or } 7 \quad \text{Check: } 2 \cdot -6 = -12 = 1 \pmod{13} \text{ or } 2 \cdot 7 = 14 = 1 \pmod{13}$$

The Group Z_m^* in Z_m

The (units) **invertible elements** under multiplication in Z_m build a group under multiplication this group is called Z_m^*

Example:

1, 3, 7 and 9 are the only invertible elements in Z_{10}

$\Rightarrow Z_{10}^* = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}$ is a multiplicative group

The neutral element is: $e = 1$

The **inverse** of any element in Z_m^* is computable by the extended gcd algorithm

The number of elements in Z_m^* is called the **order of the group Z_m^*** , the number is computable if m is possible to be factorized.

This number is known as **Euler Function $\phi(m)$**

Invertible Elements and Euler Function $\phi(m)$

For $m = P_1^{e_1} P_2^{e_2} P_3^{e_3} \dots P_r^{e_r}$ where $P_i \neq P_j$ for all i, j and P_i is a prime and e_i is a positive integer for any i .

The order of Z_m^* is called **Euler Function $\phi(m)$** where:

$$\phi(m) = m \left(1 - \frac{1}{P_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{P_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{P_r}\right)$$

$\phi(m)$: is the number of non-zero integers less than m and relatively prime to m
 $\phi(m)$ represents therefore the number of invertible elements in Z_m^*

Example 1: $\phi(15) = \phi(5 \cdot 3) = 15(1-1/5)(1-1/3) = (5-1)(3-1) = 8$

(This means that only 8 integers modulo 15 have a multiplicative inverse. Which?)

Example 2: $\phi(45) = \phi(5 \cdot 3^2) = 5 \cdot 3^2(1-1/5)(1-1/3) = 24$

!! No technique is known to compute $\phi(m)$ without factoring m !!

Example: Number of units

The invertible elements (units) in $\langle \mathbb{Z}_{15}, \odot \rangle$ are all elements u for which $\gcd(15, u) = 1$

The number of units modulo 15 is: $\phi(15)$

compute $\phi(15)$:

15 is factored to $3 \cdot 5 \Rightarrow \phi(15) = (3-1)(5-1) = 8$

The invertible elements are $1, 2, 4, 7, 8, 11, 13, 14$, they build a group called \mathbb{Z}_{15}^* with 8 elements.

To compute the multiplicative inverse any element in \mathbb{Z}_n^* , the extended gcd algorithm is used as was shown in lecture 02

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Galois*-Fields (Finite Fields) $\text{GF} \equiv \langle F, \oplus, \odot \rangle^*$ (Evariste Galois, 1811-1832)

Set of elements F with two operations: Addition \oplus and Multiplication \odot where:

Addition: \oplus

- $(a \oplus b) \in F \quad a, b \in F$ (closure)
- $(a \oplus b) \oplus c = a \oplus (b \oplus c)$ (associative)
- $a \oplus b = b \oplus a$ (commutative)
- $\exists 0$ in F (neutral element) such that $a \oplus 0 = 0 \oplus a = a$
- $\exists -a$ in for any a in F (inverses Element) such that $a \oplus (-a) = (-a) \oplus a = 0$

Multiplication: \odot

- $(a \odot b) \in F \quad a, b \in F$ (closure)
- $a \odot (b \odot c) = (a \odot b) \odot c$ (associative)
- $a \odot b = b \odot a$ (commutative)
- $\exists 1$ in F (neutral element) such that $a \odot 1 = 1 \odot a = a$
- $\exists a^{-1}$ for any $a \in (F - \{0\})$ (inverses Element) such that $a \odot a^{-1} = a^{-1} \odot a = 1$ for all $a, b \in (F - \{0\})$


Addition / Multiplication: $\oplus \odot$

- $a \odot 0 = 0 \odot a = 0$
- $a(b \odot c) = ab \odot ac$ (distributive)

For any prime number p there is a field having p elements.
 Any non-zero element u from 1 to $p-1$ is invertible modulo p under multiplication.
 (proof: As p is prime $\gcd(p, u) = 1$, thus every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse)

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Évariste Galois
 October 25, 1811 – May 31, 1832 (lived 21 years!)



Académie des Sciences. First paper 17 years old

- Cauchy, Fourier Poisson rejected his work
- His friend contacted Gauss and Jacobi after his death (no response is known)
- His achievements became first known after his death in 1843.

“finite fields” are mostly known as „Galois Fields“ GF

Basic intensive reference on GF:

R. Lidl and H. Niederreiter

Finite Fields
 (Encyclopedia of Mathematics and its Applications)
 Cambridge University Press, Cambridge, 1996.


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Galois-Field $\text{GF}(2)$

Example:
 $\text{GF}(2) = \langle \{0, 1\}; \oplus; \odot \rangle$
 with \oplus as addition (mod 2) (XOR)
 and \odot as multiplication (mod 2) (AND).


Addition table

\oplus	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0



Multiplication table

\odot	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1



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Galois-Field $\text{GF}(3)$

Example:
 $\text{GF}(3) = \langle \{0, 1, 2\}; \oplus; \odot \rangle$
 with \oplus as addition (mod 3)
 and \odot as multiplication (mod 3)

Addition table

\oplus	0	1	2
0	0	1	2
1	1	2	0
2	2	0	1

Multiplication table

\odot	0	1	2
0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2
2	0	2	1

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Example: Arithmetic in Galois-Fields $\text{GF}(7) \leftrightarrow \langle F, \oplus, \odot \rangle$

Example: Solve the set of linear equations in $\text{GF}(7)$

$$4x_1 + x_2 = 3 \quad (1)$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 = 4 \quad (2)$$

Gaussian reduction

$$2(4x_1 + x_2) = 3 \cdot 2 \quad (4^{-1} = 2 \text{ in } \text{GF}(7))$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 = 6 \rightarrow x_1 = 6 - 2x_2$$

replace in (2) $\rightarrow 2(6 - 2x_2) + 3x_2 = 4 \rightarrow -x_2 = -8 \rightarrow x_2 = 1$ and $x_1 = 4$

AS Matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{(9-4)}{(12-2)} = \frac{5}{10} = \frac{5}{3} = 5 \cdot 3^{-1} = 5 \cdot 5 = 25 = 4$$

$$x_2 = \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 3 \\ 2 & 4 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{(16-6)}{(12-2)} = \frac{10}{10} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$$

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Same example Arithmetic in Galois-Field GF(5) ⇔ <F, ⊕, ⊙ >

Example: Solve the set of linear equations in GF(5)

$$\begin{aligned} 4x_1 + x_2 &= 3 & (1) \\ 2x_1 + 3x_2 &= 4 & (2) \end{aligned}$$

Gaussian reduction

$$\begin{aligned} 4(4x_1 + x_2) &= 3 \cdot 4 & [4^{-1} = 4 \text{ in GF}(5)] \\ x_1 + 4x_2 &= 2 & \rightarrow x_1 = 2 - 4x_2 \end{aligned}$$

replace in (2) → $2(2 - 4x_2) + 3x_2 = 4$
 → $4 = 4$ The two equations are **linearly dependent !!!**

AS Matrix:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 \\ 4 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 9-4 \\ 12-2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 5 \\ 10 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{!!!!}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{!!!!}$$

Order of a Group Elements

Let $\alpha \in \langle G, \odot \rangle$, the order of α is the smallest n such that:

$$\underbrace{\alpha \odot \alpha \odot \dots \odot \alpha}_n = e \quad \text{or} \quad \alpha^n = e$$

\odot : is the group operation,
 e : is the neutral element

Example: powers of 5 in $Z_7 = \text{GF}(7)$, $5^1 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 5^5 \cdot 5^6 = 1$
Elements are 5 4 6 2 3 1 ⇒ order of 5 is 6

Fundamental properties of elements orders in a group:

Definition: The order of a group G is the number of its elements = $|G|$

- **(Lagrange Theorem):** The order of any element in a finite group is finite and divides the group's order

If the order of α is k then: **Order(α^i) = $k / \text{gcd}(i, k)$**

A Cyclic Group

A cyclic group: Is a group that can be generated by one of its elements.

In a multiplicative group G:

If $\alpha \in G$ has the order n , and the elements: $\{\alpha^1 \alpha^2 \alpha^3 \dots \alpha^n\}$ build the whole group, then G is a cyclic group

The element which can generate the whole group is called a **primitive element** (not all elements can generate the whole group!)

Example: powers of 5 in $Z_7 = \text{GF}(7)$ $5^1 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 5^4 \cdot 5^5 \cdot 5^6 = 1$
Elements are 5 4 6 2 3 1

Fundamental properties :

- The number of elements with order k in a cyclic group is $\phi(k)$
- Element's order k always divides the group's order n (Lagrange Th.)

Example: Order of Units in a Finite Field GF(7)

The invertible elements in $\langle Z_7, \odot \rangle$ are all non-zero elements for which **$\text{gcd}(7, u) = 1$**

We have $\phi(7) = (7-1) = 6$ such invertible elements. The elements are **1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6**. These elements build a cyclic multiplicative group. $\text{GF}(7) = Z_7$ as **7 is a prime number.**

The multiplicative order of any element should be a **divisor of the group's order = 6**. Therefore, possible orders are then **1, 2, 3, or 6**

Computing the order for any element, is by exponentiating it to **1, 2, 3 or 6**.

The **smallest exponent yielding 1 modulo 7** is the element's order :

- The order of 1 is 1 as $1^1 = 1$ in Z_7
- The order of 2 is 3 as $2^3 = 8 = 1$ in Z_7
- The order of 3 is 6 as $3^6 = 1$ in Z_7
- The order of 4 is 3 as $4^3 = 1$ in Z_7
- The order of 5 is 6 as $5^6 = 1$ in Z_7
- The order of 6 is 2 as $6^2 = 1$ in Z_7

Example: Multiplicative orders of all non-zero elements in GF(7)

Element	1	2	3	4	5	6
Computing orders	$1^1 = 1$	$2^1 = 2$ $2^2 = 4$ $2^3 = 1$	$3^1 = 3$ $3^2 = 2$ $3^3 = 6$ $3^4 = 4$ $3^5 = 5$ $3^6 = 1$	$4^1 = 4$ $4^2 = 2$ $4^3 = 1$	$5^1 = 5$ $5^2 = 4$ $5^3 = 6$ $5^4 = 2$ $5^5 = 3$ $5^6 = 1$	$6^1 = 6$ $6^2 = 1$
order	1	3	6	3	6	2

Primitive elements (field generators) → 3, 5

Facts:

- The order of any element should be a **divisor of 6**, that is **1, 2, 3, or 6**
- Number of elements from each order k is $\phi(k)$
- The powers of the **primitive elements** 3 and 5 generate all non-zero elements of $\text{GF}(7)$ (as a Cyclic Group)

Example: Cyclic groups in GF(7)

Each element of order k generates a cyclic group having k elements

Element	1	2	3	4	5	6
Computing orders	$1^1 = 1$	$2^1 = 2$ $2^2 = 4$ $2^3 = 1$	$3^1 = 3$ $3^2 = 2$ $3^3 = 6$ $3^4 = 4$ $3^5 = 5$ $3^6 = 1$	$4^1 = 4$ $4^2 = 2$ $4^3 = 1$	$5^1 = 5$ $5^2 = 4$ $5^3 = 6$ $5^4 = 2$ $5^5 = 3$ $5^6 = 1$	$6^1 = 6$ $6^2 = 1$

Cyclic group with order 1 Cyclic groups with order 3 Cyclic groups with order 6 Cyclic group with order 2

Divisors of $\phi(7) = (7-1)$
 possible cyclic subgroup orders : **1, 2, 3, 6**
 Order of any subgroup divides the group's order

Summary: Order of elements in the Ring of Integers Modulo m: Z_m

The set of all units in Z_m build a **group** under multiplication called Z_m^*

Fundamental properties of the Z_m^* elements :

- The multiplicative order of any element in Z_m^* divides $\phi(m)$
- If the order of α is k then $\text{Ord}(\alpha^i) = k / \text{gcd}(i, k)$
special case: If the order of α is k then the other elements with order k are (α^i) for all i values for which $\text{gcd}(i, k) = 1$
- Number of elements with order k is $\phi(k)$ if and only if Z_m^* is a cyclic group

The largest order of a unit in Z_m^* is called $\lambda(m)$, known as **Carmichael's Function $\lambda(m)$**

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Largest multiplicative order of elements in Z_m^*

Carmichael's Function

The largest possible multiplicative order of an elements in Z_m^* is computable by **Carmichael's function $\lambda(m)$** :

- $\lambda(m)$ divides $\phi(m)$
- for any $u \in Z_m^*$, $u^{\lambda(m)} = 1$ in Z_m^* , that is, the order of any unit divides $\lambda(m)$

Carmichael's function:

$\lambda(2) = 1$, $\lambda(2^e) = 2$, $\lambda(2^e) = 2^{e-2}$ for any $e \geq 3$:

$\lambda(p^e) = \phi(p^e) = (p-1)p^{e-1}$ for p odd prim.

for $m = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} p_3^{e_3} \dots p_n^{e_n}$

$\lambda(m) = \text{lcm}[\lambda(p_1^{e_1}), \lambda(p_2^{e_2}), \dots, \lambda(p_n^{e_n})]$

lcm: least common multiple

Notice: non units (non-invertible elements) have no multiplicative order! Mathematically said to have order: ∞

hint

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) = \frac{a \cdot b}{\text{gcd}(a, b)}$$

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Example: multiplicative order of units in $Z_{19}^* = \text{GF}(19)$

- All non-zero elements are units or invertible as the modulus $m=19$ is a prime number
- The **Multiplicative Order** of any unit α in Z_{19}^* is a divisor of $\phi(19)$
- $\phi(19) = (19-1) = 18$
 we have 18 units (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18)

- The multiplicative order of any unit is: **1, 2, 3, 6, 9, or 18** (i.e. all divisors of 18)
 - from order 1 there are $\phi(1) = 1$ units
 - from order 2 there are $\phi(2) = 1$ units
 - from order 3 there are $\phi(3) = 2$ units
 - from order 6 there are $\phi(6) = (3-1)(2-1) = 2$ units
 - from order 9 there are $\phi(9) = \phi(3^2) = 3^2(1-1/3) = 6$ units
 - from order 18 there are $\phi(18) = \phi(2 \cdot 3^2) = 18(1-1/2)(1-1/3) = 6$ units

- Find the order of the unit $\alpha = 2$:

$$2^1 = 2 \neq 1, \quad 2^2 = 4 \neq 1, \quad 2^3 = 8 \neq 1, \quad 2^6 = 7 \neq 1, \quad 2^9 = 18 \neq 1 \Rightarrow 2^{18} = 1$$

the order of 2 is 18 (2 is a primitive element)

The other units with order 18 are:

$$(1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17 \text{ are relatively prime to } 18) \quad \begin{matrix} 2^1, 2^5, 2^7, 2^{11}, 2^{13}, 2^{17} \\ \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\ 2, 13, 14, 15, 3, 10 \end{matrix}$$

Useful fact:
 $\text{Ord}(\alpha^i) = k / \text{gcd}(i, k)$

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Example cont.: multiplicative order of units in Z_{19}^*

The fact that: $\text{Ord}(\alpha^i) = k / \text{gcd}(i, k)$ allows finding elements with other required orders:

- $\text{Ord}(2^{18}) = 18 / \text{gcd}(18, 18) = 1 \Rightarrow 2^{18} = 1$ has order 1
- $\text{Ord}(2^9) = 18 / \text{gcd}(9, 18) = 2 \Rightarrow 2^9 = 18$ has order 2
- $\text{Ord}(2^6) = 18 / \text{gcd}(6, 18) = 3 \Rightarrow 2^6 = 7$ has order 3
 the units with order 3 are: 7, 7², 7, 11
- $\text{Ord}(2^3) = 18 / \text{gcd}(3, 18) = 6 \Rightarrow 2^3 = 8$ has order 6
 the units with order 6 are: 8¹, 8⁵, 8, 12
- $\text{Ord}(2^2) = 18 / \text{gcd}(2, 18) = 9 \Rightarrow 2^2 = 4$ has order 9
 the units with order 9 are: 4¹, 4², 4⁴, 4⁵, 4⁷, 4⁸, 4, 16, 9, 17, 6, 5

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Fermat and Euler's Theorems

Fermat's Theorem: (Pierre de Fermat 1607-1665)

- If m is a prime p then $\phi(m) = p-1 \Rightarrow b^{(p-1)} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ for $1 \leq b < m$



- **Primality test:** If a number verifies Fermat theorem for some b then it is called a pseudo prime to the base b

Euler's Theorem: (Generalization of Fermat theorem): **Leonhard Euler:** 1707 Basel, † 1783 in Sankt Petersburg

If $\text{gcd}(a, m) = 1$

or for any unit a in Z_m^* or for any element in Z_m^* , the following holds:

$$a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

Proof: The order of any group's element $\alpha \in Z_m^*$ divides the group's order $\phi(m)$

Important Notice: the modulus in the exponent is $\phi(m)$ (example)



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