

# Introduction to Cryptology

## Tutorial-04 Mathematical Background: Extension Finite Fields

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### Irreducible Polynomials and extension Fields $GF(2^m)$

$g(x)$  is called **Irreducible Polynomial** of degree  $m$  over  $GF(2)$

$$g(x) = a_n + a_{n-1}x + a_{n-2}x^2 + \dots + a_1x^{n-1} + a_0x^n$$

where  $a_i \in GF(2)$  and Factorization is not possible over  $GF(2)$

- The period  $e$  of  $g(x)$  is the **smallest**  $e$  such that  $x^e = 1 \pmod{g(x)}$
- $e$  is actually the **order** of  $x$  modulo  $g(x)$ .  $e$  divides  $2^m - 1$
- If  $e = 2^m - 1$  the the polynomial is called **primitive**
- The **reciprocal** polynomial is defined as  $g^*(x) = x^n g(1/x)$
- The **period** of the reciprocal polynomial  $g^*(x)$  is equal to that of  $g(x)$

#### $GF(2^m)$

The ring of polynomials  $Z_{g(x)}$  modulo an irreducible polynomial of degree  $m$  over  $GF(2)$  is an extension field with  $2^m$  elements

The order of any element in  $GF(2^m)$  is a divisor of  $2^m - 1$  (Lagrange theorem)

#### Problem 4-1: Polynomials over a field

Give the corresponding vector representation of the polynomials

- $1 + x^2 + x^5 + x^9$
- $1 + x^3 + x^8 + x^{12}$
- $x^2 + x^5 + x^7$
- $x + x^2 + x^{10}$
- $1 + x^8$
- $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7$

#### Solution 4-1:

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- $1 + x^2 + x^5 + x^9 = 1010010001$
- $1 + x^3 + x^8 + x^{12} = 1001000010001$
- $x^2 + x^5 + x^7 = 00100101$
- $x + x^2 + x^{10} = 0100000011$
- $1 + x^8 = 100000001$
- $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + x^6 + x^7 = 11111111$

#### Problem 4-2: Polynomials over a field

Compute the following polynomial products over  $GF(2)$

- $(1 + x^2)(1 + x^2 + x^5)$
- $(x^3 + x^7)(1 + x^3 + x^5 + x^{12})$
- $x^2(1 + x^2 + x^5 + x^9)$

Compute the following polynomial products over  $GF(3)$

- $(1 + 2x^2)(1 + x^2 + 2x^5)$
- $(x + 2x^2)(1 + 2x^3 + x^5 + x^{12})$

Compute the following polynomial products over  $GF(7)$

- $(2 + 4x^2)(1 + 3x^2 + 5x^5)$
- $(3x + 5x^2)(6 + 2x^3 + 3x^5)$

#### Solution 4-2:

products over  $GF(2)$

- $(1 + x^2)(1 + x^2 + x^5) = 1 + x^2 + x^5 + x^4 + x^7 = 1 + \cancel{2}x^2 + x^4 + x^5 + x^7 = 1 + x^4 + x^5 + x^7$
- $(x^3 + x^7)(1 + x^3 + x^5 + x^{12}) = x^3 + x^6 + x^{11} + x^{15} + x^4 + x^7 + x^{12} + x^{16} = x^3 + x^4 + x^6 + x^7 + x^{11} + x^{12} + x^{15} + x^{16}$
- $x^2(1 + x^2 + x^5 + x^9) = x^2 + x^4 + x^7 + x^{11}$

#### Solution 4-2 cont.:

products over  $GF(3)$

- $(1 + 2x^2)(1 + x^2 + 2x^5) = 1 + x^2 + 2x^5 + 2x^2 + 2x^4 + 4x^7 = 1 + 3x^2 + 2x^4 + 2x^5 + 4x^7 = 1 + 2x^4 + 2x^5 + 4x^7$
- $(x + 2x^2)(1 + 2x^3 + x^5 + x^{12}) = \dots$

products over  $GF(7)$

- $(2 + 4x^2)(1 + 3x^2 + 5x^5) = 2 + 6x^2 + 10x^5 + 4x^2 + 12x^4 + 20x^7 = 2 + 10x^2 + 12x^4 + 10x^5 + 20x^7 = 2 + 3x^2 + 5x^4 + 3x^5 + 6x^7$
- $(3x^2 + 5x^3)(6x^2 + 2x^3 + 3x^5) = \dots$

#### Problem 4-3: Polynomials division over a finite field

Compute the following polynomial divisions over  $GF(2)$

$$(x^{12} + x^6 + x^5 + x^2 + 1) \div (x^5 + x^2 + 1)$$

#### Solution 4-3:

	$(x^{12} + x^6 + x^5 + x^2 + 1) \div (x^5 + x^2 + 1)$	
	$(x^{12} + x^6 + x^5) - (x^7 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1)$	$Q(x)$
	$x^5 + x^6 + x^4$	
	$x^5 + x^6 + x^4$	
	$x^5 + x^7 + x^4 + x^2 + 1$	
	$x^5 + x^6 + x^2$	
	$x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + 1$	
	$x^7 + x^4 + x^2$	
	$x^5 + x^3 + 1$	
	$x^5 + x^2 + 1$	
	$x^3 + x^2$	
		<b>Remainder of the division <math>R(x)</math></b>

in  $GF(2)$ :  
 $1+1=2=0$   
 $\Rightarrow 1=-1$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Addition is equal to subtraction

**Problem 4-4:** Find the multiplicative inverse of  $x + 1$  modulo  $x^2 + x^2 + 1$

**Solution 4-4:** Compute  $\text{gcd}[P_1(x), P_2(x)] = A(x)P_1(x) + B(x)P_2(x)$  if  $\text{gcd} = 1$ , then the inverse is  $B(x)$

Extended gcd Algorithm:

$P_1(x)$	$P_2(x)$	$A1(x)$	$A2(x)$	$B1(x)$	$B2(x)$	$Q(x)$	$R(x)$
$x^2 + x^2 + 1$	$x + 1$	1	0	0	1		$x^2 + x^2 + 1$
$x + 1$	1	0	1	1	0	$0 - (x^2 + x^2 + 1) \cdot 1 = x^2 + x^2 + 1$	$x + 1$

$\Rightarrow (x^2 + x^2) \equiv (x + 1)^{-1} \pmod{x^2 + x^2 + 1}$

Check:  $(x + 1)(x^2 + x^2) = x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x = x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1 = x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{x^2 + x^2 + 1}$

**Problem 4-5: Elements order over an extension field**

Compute the exponents of the element  $x$  from 1 to 16 and 31 over  $\text{GF}(2^2)$  which is generated by the irreducible polynomial  $P(x) = (x^2 + x^2 + 1)$

**Solution 4-5:**

If  $P(x) = x^2 + x^2 + 1$  is the modulus then it is equal to zero  
That is  $x^2 + x^2 + 1 = 0$  Thus  $x^2 = x^2 + 1$   
Let us compute the exponents of  $x$  over this field:

- $x^1 = x$
- $x^2 = x^2$
- $x^3 = x^3$
- $x^4 = x^4$
- $x^5 = x^2 + 1$
- $x^6 = x(x^2 + 1) = x^3 + x$
- $x^7 = x(x^3 + x) = x^4 + x^2$
- $x^8 = x^5 + x^2 = x^2 + x^2 + 1 = 1$
- $x^9 = x^4 + x^2 + x$
- $x^{10} = x^5 + x^4 + x^2 = x^2 + x^2 + 1 + x^2 + 1 = x^2 + 1$
- $x^{11} = x^5 + x = x^2 + x + 1$
- $x^{12} = x^2 + x^2 + 1$

**Solution 4-5 cont.:**

- $x^{13} = x^4 + x^2 + x^2$
- $x^{14} = x^2 + x^2 + x^2 = x^2 + x^2 + 1$
- $x^{15} = x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x = x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1$
- $x^{16} = x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x = x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1 = x^2 + x^2 + x + 1$
- ...
- $x^{31} = x(x^{15})^2 = x(x^2 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1)^2 = x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1 = 1$

$\Rightarrow$  The order of  $x$  is 31!

**Important notice:**  
In  $\text{GF}(2^n)$ : the order of any element is a divisor of  $2^n - 1 = 31$   
Divisors of 31 are 1 and 31!  
 $\Rightarrow$  The order can be either 1 or 31!

**Problem 4-6: sample Hardware Structure for Multiplication and division in  $\text{GF}(2^2)$**

Given  $\text{GF}(2^2)$  generated by the irreducible polynomial  $g(x) = x^2 + x^2 + 1$   
Design a circuit which multiplies any serial data stream  $l(x)$  by the inverse of the polynomial  $b(x) = x + 1$  in  $\text{GF}(2^2)$ .

Check the circuit by multiplying  $l(x) = (1 + x^2 + x^2)$  by  $H(x) = (x + 1)^{-1}$

**Solution 4-6:** First computing the multiplicative inverse of  $b(x)$  modulo  $g(x)$   
the inverse is  $H(x) = b(x)^{-1} \text{ mod } g(x) = (x + 1)^{-1} \text{ mod } (x^2 + x^2 + 1)$

Computing  $H(x)$  by the Extended gcd Algorithm:

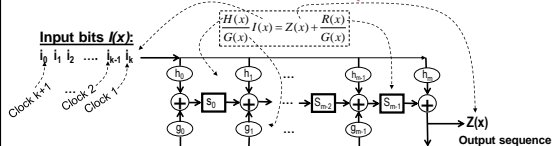
$P_1(x)$	$P_2(x)$	$A1(x)$	$A2(x)$	$B1(x)$	$B2(x)$	$Q(x)$	$R(x)$
$x^2 + x^2 + 1$	$x + 1$	1	0	0	1		$x^2 + x^2 + 1$
$x + 1$	1	0	1	1	0	$0 - (x^2 + x^2 + 1) \cdot 1 = x^2 + x^2 + 1$	$x + 1$

$\Rightarrow H(x) = (x + 1)^{-1} \text{ mod } (x^2 + x^2 + 1) = (x^2 + x^2)$

Check:  $(x + 1)(x^2 + x^2) = x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x = x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1 = x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{x^2 + x^2 + 1}$  q.e.d

Use the following implementation template:

**Hardware Architectures for Arithmetic in  $\text{GF}(2^m)$**   
**Combined Division and Multiplication**



**Multiplier:**  $H(x) = h_0 + h_1x^1 + h_2x^2 \dots + h_{m-1}x^{m-1}$

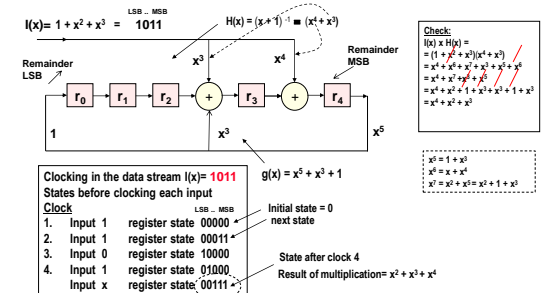
**Divisor:**  $G(x) = g_0 + g_1x^1 + g_2x^2 \dots + g_{m-1}x^{m-1}$

**Input:**  $l(x) = l_0 + l_1x^1 + l_2x^2 \dots + l_kx^k$

**Remainder:**  $R(x) = r_0 + r_1x^1 + r_2x^2 \dots + r_{m-1}x^{m-1}$   
 $R(x) = H(x) \cdot l(x) \text{ mod } G(x) = s_0 + s_1x^1 + s_2x^2 \dots + s_{m-1}x^{m-1}$  after clock  $k+1$

**Solution 4-6 cont.:**

A circuit which multiplies any serial data stream  $l(x)$  by the inverse of the polynomial  $b(x) = x + 1$  that is  $b(x)^{-1} = H(x) = x^2 + x^2$  modulo the irreducible polynomial  $g(x) = x^2 + x^2 + 1$



**Clocking in the data stream l(x) = 1011**  
States before clocking each input  
Clock

- Input 1 register state 00000
- Input 1 register state 00011
- Input 0 register state 10000
- Input 1 register state 01000

Input x register state: 00111

Initial state = 0  
next state  
State after clock 4  
Result of multiplication =  $x^2 + x^2 + 1$

**Problem 4-7: ad-hoc Class exercise**

Select a polynomial as a modulus for  $GF(2^5)$

Compute a primitive element

- Which are the possible multiplicative orders in  $GF(2^5)$
- How many elements do exist from each possible order
- Compute a primitive element
- Compute other 5 primitive elements
- Compute one element for each possible multiplicative order

**Solution 4-7:**

**Problem 4-8: ad-hoc Class exercise, Online-Example: ad-hoc Class exercise**

Compute the multiplicative inverse of  $x^4 + x^2 + 1$  modulo  $x^5 + x + 1$

$P_1(x)$	$P_2(x)$	$B1(x)$	$B2(x)$	$Q(x)$	$R(x)$
$X^5 + x + 1$	$x^4 + x^2 + 1$	0	1	x	$X^3 + 1$
$x^4 + x^2 + 1$	$X^3 + 1$	1	X	x	$X^2 + X + 1$
$X^3 + 1$	$X^2 + X + 1$	X	$x^2 + 1$	$X + 1$	0

As  $\gcd [ P_1(x) , P_2(x) ] \neq 1 \Rightarrow$  a multiplicative inverse do not exist.

Trying another  $P_2(x) = x^2 + 1$

$P_1(x)$	$P_2(x)$	$B1(x)$	$B2(x)$	$Q(x)$	$R(x)$
$X^5 + x + 1$	$x^2 + 1$	0	1	$x^3 + x$	1
$x^2 + 1$	1	1	$x^3 + x$	$x^2 + 1$	0

As  $\gcd [ P_1(x) , P_2(x) ] = 1, \Rightarrow$  the multiplicative inverse is  $P_2(x)^{-1} = B2(x) = x^3 + x$

Check:  $(x^2 + 1) (x^3 + x) = x^5 + x^3 + x^2 + x = x + 1 + x = 1$  q.e.d

**Online-Example: ad-hoc Class exercise**

Compute the multiplicative inverse of  $x^2 + 1$  modulo  $x^7 + x^6 + 1$

$P1(x)$	$P2(x)$	$B1(x)$	$B2(x)$	$Q(x)$	$R(x)$
$x^7 + x^6 + 1$	$x^2 + 1$	0	1	$x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	x
$x^2 + 1$	x	1	$x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	x	1
x	1	$x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	$x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$	x	0

Check:  $(x^2 + 1) (x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$

$$= x^7 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1 = x^7 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1$$

$$= x^7 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x^2 + x + 1 = 1$$

$$x^7 = x^6 + 1$$

$$x^8 = x^7 + x = x^6 + x + 1$$