

Discrete Exponent Function (3/14)

Let Γ be the set of generators in $Z_p^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$ *mod p is defined and /mod p is defined by obtaining the inverse element of divider, e.g. let we want to $a/b \text{ mod } p = a * (b^{-1}) \text{ mod } p$.
The second step is to find $b^{-1} \text{ mod } p$.

How to find a generator in Z_p^* ?

In general, it is a hard problem, but using strong prime p and *Lagrange theorem in group theory* the generator in Z_p^* can be found by random search satisfying two following conditions if p is strongprime.

For all $g \in \Gamma$

$$g^q \neq 1 \text{ mod } p; \text{ and } g^2 \neq 1 \text{ mod } p.$$

Fermat little theorem: If p is prime then for all integers i :

$$i^{p-1} = 1 \text{ mod } p.$$

Corollaries: 1. The exponent $p-1$ is equivalent to the exponent 0, since $i^0 = i^{p-1} = 1 \text{ mod } p-1$.

2. Any exponent e can be and should be reduced mod $(p-1)$, i.e.

$$i^e \text{ mod } p = i^{e \text{ mod } (p-1)} \text{ mod } p.$$

3. All non-equivalent exponents x are in the set $Z_{p-1} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-2\}$; +, -, * mod $(p-1)$ and / mod $(p-1)$ with exception.

4. Sets Z_{p-1} and Z_p^* have the same number of elements.

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In Z_{p-1} addition +, multiplication * and subtraction - operations are realized mod $(p-1)$.

Subtraction operation $(h-d) \text{ mod } (p-1)$ is replaced by the following addition operation $(h + (-d)) \text{ mod } (p-1)$.

Therefore, it is needed to find $-d \text{ mod } (p-1)$ such that $d + (-d) = 0 \text{ mod } (p-1)$, then assume that

$$-d \text{ mod } (p-1) = (p-1-d).$$

Indeed, according to the distributivity property of modular operation

$$(d + (-d)) \text{ mod } (p-1) = (d + (p-1-d)) \text{ mod } (p-1) = (p-1) \text{ mod } (p-1) = 0.$$

Then

$$(h-d) \text{ mod } (p-1) = (h + (p-1-d)) \text{ mod } (p-1)$$

Discrete Exponent Function (5/14)

Statement: If greatest common divider between $p-1$ and i is equal to 1, i.e., $\gcd(p-1, i) = 1$, then there exists unique inverse element $i^{-1} \text{ mod } (p-1)$ such that $i * i^{-1} \text{ mod } (p-1) = 1$. This element can be found by *Extended Euclidean algorithm* or using *Fermat little theorem*. We do not fall into details how to find $i^{-1} \text{ mod } (p-1)$ since we will use the ready-made computer code instead in our modeling.

Division operation $u/i \text{ mod } (p-1)$ of any element in Z_{p-1} by some element i is replaced by multiplication * operation with $i^{-1} \text{ mod } (p-1)$ if $\gcd(i, p-1) = 1$ according to the *Statement* above.

To compute $u/i \text{ mod } (p-1)$ it is replaced by the following relation $u * i^{-1} \text{ mod } (p-1)$ since

$$u / i \text{ mod } (p-1) = u * i^{-1} \text{ mod } (p-1).$$

Discrete Exponent Function (6/14)

Example 1: Let for given integers u, x and h in $Z_{p-1} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-2\}$ we compute exponent s of generator g by the expression

$$s = u + xh. \quad \% \text{ this expression mistakenly is computed mod } p$$

Then

$$g^s \bmod p = g^{s \bmod (p-1)} \bmod p.$$

Therefore, s can be and should be computed **mod** $(p-1)$ in advance, to save a multiplication operations, i.e.

$$s = u + xh \bmod (p-1).$$

Example 2: Exponent s computation including subtraction by $xr \bmod (p-1)$ and division by i in Z_{p-1} when $\gcd(i, p-1) = 1$.

$$s = (h - xr)i^{-1} \bmod (p-1).$$

Firstly $d = xr \bmod (p-1)$ is computed.

Secondly $-d = -xr \bmod (p-1) = (p-1-d)$ is found.

Thirdly $i^{-1} \bmod (p-1)$ is found.

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>> d=mod(x*r,p-1);
>> md=mod(-d,p-1)
>> i_m1=mulinv(i,p-1)
% Verification
>> mod(i*i_m1,p-1)
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And finally exponent $s = (h + (p-1-d))i^{-1} \bmod (p-1)$ is computed. % >> s=mod((h+md)*i_m1,p-1)

Discrete Exponent Function (7/14)

Referencing to Fermat little theorem and its corollaries, formulated above, the following theorem can be proved.

Theorem. If g is a generator in $Z_p^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1\}$ then DEF provides the following 1-to-1 of $Z_{p-1} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, p-2\}$ to Z_p^* .

$$\text{DEF: } Z_{p-1} \longrightarrow Z_p^*.$$

Parameters p and g for DEF definition we name as Public Parameters and denote by $PP = (p, g)$.

Example: Strong prime $p = 11$, $p = 2 * 5 + 1$, then $q = 5$ and q is prime. Then $p-1 = 10$.

$$\text{DEF: } Z_{11}^* = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\} \longrightarrow Z_{10} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$$

Discrete Exponent Function (8/14)

The results of any binary operation (multiplication, addition, etc.) defined in any finite group is named *Cayley table* including multiplication table, addition table etc.

Multiplication table of multiplicative group Z_{11}^* is represented below.

Multiplication tab. mod 11	Z_{11}^*										
*	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
2	2	4	6	8	10	1	3	5	7	9	
3	3	6	9	1	4	7	10	2	5	8	
4	4	8	1	5	9	2	6	10	3	7	
5	5	10	4	9	3	8	2	7	1	6	
6	6	1	7	2	8	3	9	4	10	5	

Values of inverse elements in Z_{11}^*

$1^{-1} = 1 \bmod 11$
$2^{-1} = 6 \bmod 11$
$3^{-1} = 4 \bmod 11$
$4^{-1} = 3 \bmod 11$
$5^{-1} = 9 \bmod 11$
$6^{-1} = 2 \bmod 11$

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

$7^{-1} = 8 \bmod 11$
$8^{-1} = 7 \bmod 11$
$9^{-1} = 5 \bmod 11$
$10^{-1} = 10 \bmod 11$

Discrete Exponent Function (9/14)

The table of exponent values for $p = 11$ in Z_{11}^* computed **mod 11** and is presented in table below. Notice that according to Fermat little theorem for all $z \in Z_{11}^*$, $z^{p-1} = z^{10} = z^0 = 1 \bmod 11$.

Exponent tab. mod 11	Z_{11}^*										
$\wedge$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
2	1	2	4	8	5	10	9	7	3	6	1
3	1	3	9	5	4	1	3	9	5	4	1
4	1	4	5	9	3	1	4	5	9	3	1
5	1	5	3	4	9	1	5	3	4	9	1
6	1	6	3	7	9	10	5	8	4	2	1
7	1	7	5	2	3	10	4	6	9	8	1
8	1	8	9	6	4	10	3	2	5	7	1
9	1	9	4	3	5	1	9	4	3	5	1
10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1	10	1

$2^2 \neq 1 \bmod 11$ & $2^5 \neq 1 \bmod 11$
$6^2 \neq 1 \bmod 11$ & $6^5 \neq 1 \bmod 11$
$7^2 \neq 1 \bmod 11$ & $7^5 \neq 1 \bmod 11$
$8^2 \neq 1 \bmod 11$ & $8^5 \neq 1 \bmod 11$

Discrete Exponent Function (10/14)

Notice that there are elements satisfying the following different relations, for example:

$$3^5 = 1 \bmod 11 \text{ and } 3^2 \neq 1 \bmod 11.$$

The set of such elements forms a subgroup of prime order $q = 5$ if we add to these elements the *neutral group element* 1.

This subgroup has a great importance in cryptography we denote by

$$G_5 = \{1, 3, 4, 5, 9\}.$$

The multiplication table of G_5 elements extracted from multiplication table of Z_{11}^* is presented below.

Multiplication tab. mod 11	G_5					
$*$	1	3	4	5	9	
1	1	3	4	5	9	
3	3	9	1	4	5	
4	4	1	5	9	3	
5	5	4	9	3	1	
9	9	5	3	1	4	

Values of inverse
elements in G_5

$1^{-1} = 1 \bmod 11$
$3^{-1} = 4 \bmod 11$
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5	1	5	3	4	9	1
9	1	9	4	3	5	1

Discrete Exponent Function (11/14)

Notice that since G_5 is a subgroup of Z_{11}^* the multiplication operations in it are performed **mod 11**.

The exponent table shows that all elements $\{3, 4, 5, 9\}$ are the generators in G_5 .

Notice also that for all $\gamma \in \{3, 4, 5, 9\}$ their exponents 0 and 5 yields the same result, i.e.

$$\gamma^0 = \gamma^5 = 1 \bmod 11.$$

This means that exponents of generators γ are computed **mod 5**.

This property makes the usage of modular groups of prime order q valuable in cryptography since they

provide a higher-level security based on the stronger assumptions we will mention later.

Therefore, in many cases instead the group Z_p^* defined by the prime (not necessarily strong prime) number p the subgroup of prime order G_q in Z_p^* is used.

In this case if p is strong prime, then generator γ in G_q can be found by random search satisfying the following conditions

$$\gamma^q = 1 \bmod p \text{ and } \gamma^2 \neq 1 \bmod p.$$

Analogously in this generalized case this means that exponents of generators γ are computed **mod** q . In our modeling we will use group Z_p^* instead of G_q for simplicity.

Discrete Exponent Function (12/14)

Let as above $p=11$ and is strong prime and generator we choose $g = 7$ from the set $\Gamma=\{2, 6, 7, 8\}$.

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$DEF_7(x)$ provides the following 1-to-1 mapping, displayed in the table below.

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
$7^x \bmod p = a$	1	7	5	2	3	10	4	6	9	8	1	7	5	2	3

You can see that a values are repeating when $x = 10, 11, 12, 13, 14$, etc. since exponents are reduced **mod** 10 due to *Fermat little theorem*.

The illustration why $7^x \bmod p$ values are repeating when $x = 10, 11, 12, 13, 14$, etc. is presented in computations below:

$10 \bmod 10 = 0$; $7^{10} = 70 = 1 \bmod 11 = 1$.
 $11 \bmod 10 = 1$; $7^{11} = 71 = 7 \bmod 11 = 7$.
 $12 \bmod 10 = 2$; $7^{12} = 72 = 49 \bmod 11 = 5$.
 $13 \bmod 10 = 3$; $7^{13} = 73 = 343 \bmod 11 = 2$.
 $14 \bmod 10 = 4$; $7^{14} = 74 = 2401 \bmod 11 = 3$.
 etc.

Discrete Exponent Function (13/14)

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For illustration of 1-to-1 mapping of $DEF_7(x)$ we perform the following step-by-step computations.

	$x \in Z_{10}$		$a \in Z_{11}^*$
$7^0 = 1 \bmod 11$	0	→	1
$7^1 = 7 \bmod 11$	1	→	2
$7^2 = 5 \bmod 11$	2	→	3
$7^3 = 2 \bmod 11$	3	→	4
$7^4 = 3 \bmod 11$	4	→	5
$7^5 = 10 \bmod 11$	5	→	6
$7^6 = 4 \bmod 11$	6	→	7
$7^7 = 6 \bmod 11$	7	→	8
$7^8 = 9 \bmod 11$	8	→	9
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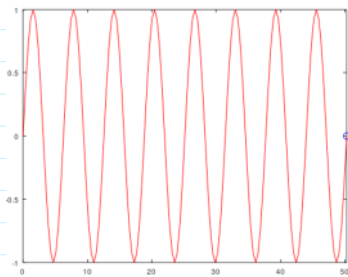
It is seen that one value of x is mapped to one value of a .

Discrete Exponent Function (14/14)

But the most interesting thing is that **DEF** is behaving like a *pseudorandom function*. It is a main reason why this function is used in cryptography - classical cryptography. To better understand the pseudorandom behaviour of **DEF** we compare the graph of "regular" **sine** function with "pseudorandom" **DEF** using Octave software.

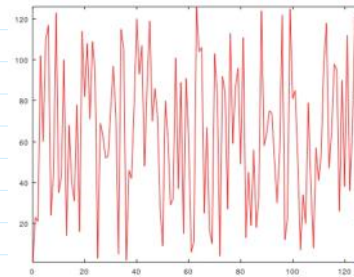
 p128sin.m

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>> p128sin
xrange = 16 * pi;
step = xrange/128;
x = 0:step:xrange;
y = sin(x);
comet(x, y)
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 p128def.m

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>> p128def % Strong prime number p=2*q+1 = 2*63+1
           % q is prime as well
p = 127;
g = 23;
x = 0:p-1;
a = mod_expv(g, x, p);
comet(x, a)
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