

# 11/131 Discrete

## Quiz 17

$$1. \quad \frac{26 \cdot 10 \cdot 10}{\text{letter} \quad \text{digits}} = 2600$$

2. There are more <sup>(3000)</sup> pigeons = bankers  
than holes = passcodes (2600),

So PHP  $\Rightarrow$  at least 2 bankers  
have same passcode.

Or  $f: \{\text{Bankers}\} \rightarrow \{\text{passcodes}\}$   
 $x \mapsto \text{passcode for } x$

is not 1-1 because  
 $|\{\text{Bankers}\}| = 3000, |\{\text{passcodes}\}| = 2600$

3. 2601 is smallest.

Last time Modular Arithmetic

$$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\} = \text{remainders mod } n$$

$$a \oplus b = (a+b) \text{ mod } n$$

$$a \ominus b = (a-b) \text{ mod } n$$

$$a \otimes b = (a \cdot b) \text{ mod } n$$

satisfy usual algebra rules:

(1) Commutative:  $a \oplus b = b \oplus a$ ,  
 $a \otimes b = b \otimes a$

(2) Associative:  $a \oplus (b \oplus c) = (a \oplus b) \oplus c$ ,  
 $a \otimes (b \otimes c) = (a \otimes b) \otimes c$

(3) Identity  $a \oplus () = a$ ,  $a \oplus 0 = a$

(4) Distributive  
 $a \otimes (b \oplus c) = (a \otimes b) \oplus (a \otimes c)$

Recall multiplication table  
for  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ :

$\otimes$	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	0	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	0	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	0	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	0	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	0	6	5	4	3	2	1

Remark:

Each nonzero  
column-row  
contains all  
7 elements  
of  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ ,

so can divide by nonzero

numbers:  $x = \frac{1}{3} = 5$

because  $3 \otimes 5 = 1$

$x = \frac{3}{4} = 6$  b/c  $4 \otimes 6 = 3$

i.e.  $3 \otimes 4 = 6$

↖ modular  
division

Contrast this to the case  $n=6$ :

Ex 2 table for  $\otimes$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$

$\otimes$	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	0	2	4	0	2	4
3	0	3	0	3	0	3
4	0	4	2	0	4	2
5	0	5	4	3	2	1

Here  $3 \otimes 4$  is not defined,  
 because there is no solution  
 to  $4 \otimes x = 3$

But  $\frac{1}{5} = 5$  b/c  $5 \otimes 5 = 1$

and  $\frac{4}{5} = \frac{1}{5} \otimes 4 = 5 \otimes 4 = 20 \equiv 2$

You can divide by 1 and 5

Defn: Let  $0 \neq x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ . A  
reciprocal (or modular inverse)

for  $x$  is  $\exists y \in \mathbb{Z}_n : x \otimes y = 1$   
(i.e.  $y = \frac{1}{x}$ ). If  $x$  has a  
reciprocal, then  $x$  is invertible.

The set of all invertible elements  
in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is denoted  $\mathbb{Z}_n^*$

(So in Ex 2,  $\mathbb{Z}_6^* = \{1, 5\}$ )

Prop 1: Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n, n > 0$ .

① If  $a$  is invertible, then  $\frac{1}{a}$  unique

② If  $a$  invertible and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ ,

$\exists c : c = b/a$  and  $c$  is unique.

Proof: ① If  $c = \frac{1}{a}$  and  $c' = \frac{1}{a}$ ,  
then  $a \otimes c = 1, a \otimes c' = 1$ , so  
 $c = c \otimes 1 = c \otimes (a \otimes c') = (c \otimes a) \otimes c'$

$$= | \otimes c' = e', \text{ so } c = c',$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad c = b/a \text{ means } a \otimes c = b,$$

$$\text{but then } \underbrace{\frac{1}{a} \otimes a}_{=} \otimes c = \frac{1}{a} \otimes b$$

$$c = 1 \otimes c$$

$$\text{so } c = \frac{1}{a} \otimes b.$$

Ex 3 Compute  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}^*$

$$\mathbb{Z}_{10} = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 9\}$$

$0 \notin \mathbb{Z}_{10}^*$   $2 \otimes x = 1$  has no solution,

so  $2 \notin \mathbb{Z}_{10}^*$ , also  $4, 6, 8 \notin \mathbb{Z}_{10}^*$

$5 \otimes x = 1$  no solution, so

only need check  $1, 3, 7, 9$

Now  $1 \otimes 1 = 1, 3 \otimes 7 = 1, 9 \otimes 9 = 1,$

$$\text{so } \mathbb{Z}_{10}^* = \{1, 3, 7, 9\}.$$

What's the general pattern?

Theorem For  $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ ,

$a$  invertible  $\Leftrightarrow a$  rel. prime to  $n$

Proof:  $a$  invertible  $\Leftrightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ :

$$a \otimes x = 1 \Leftrightarrow \exists b: ax = 1 \pmod{n}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \exists x \in \mathbb{Z}_n: n \mid 1 - ax \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\exists x \in \mathbb{Z}_n, y \in \mathbb{Z}: ny = 1 - ax \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z}: 1 = ax + ny \Leftrightarrow$$

$$\gcd(a, n) = 1 \Leftrightarrow a, n \text{ rel. prime}$$

Ex 4 Find  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}^*$  and inverses

$$\mathbb{Z}_{18}^* = \{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}$$

$$\frac{1}{1} = 1, \quad \frac{1}{17} = 17, \quad \frac{1}{5} = 11, \quad \frac{1}{7} = 13,$$
$$\frac{1}{11} = 5, \quad \frac{1}{13} = 7$$

Ex 5 find  $\frac{1}{7}$  and  $\frac{8}{7}$

(a) In  $\mathbb{Z}_{10}$ .  $\frac{1}{7} = 3$  b/c

$$7 \otimes 3 = 1.$$

$$\text{Thus } \frac{8}{7} = 8 \otimes \frac{1}{7} = 8 \otimes 3 = 4.$$

(b) In  $\mathbb{Z}_{40}$ . Now  $|\mathbb{Z}_{40}^\times| = 16$

and brute force approach is not convenient.

But theorem suggests that

solving  $7 \otimes x = 1$  is same

as solving  $7x + 40y = 1$ ,

we know how from § 36.

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 40 = 5 \cdot 7 + 5$$

$$\textcircled{2} \quad 2 = 5 - 1 + 2$$



$$\textcircled{3} \quad 5 = 2 \cdot 2 + \textcircled{1} = 9 \text{ mod } (4271).$$

$$1 = 5 - 2 \cdot 2 \stackrel{\textcircled{2}}{=} 5 - 2(7 - 5) =$$

$$-2 \cdot 7 + 3 \cdot 5 \stackrel{\textcircled{1}}{=} -2 \cdot 7 + 3(40 - 5 \cdot 7) =$$

$$\underbrace{-17}_{x} \cdot 7 + \underbrace{3}_{y} \cdot 40 = 1$$

$$\text{So } x = -17 \equiv 23 \text{ (mod } 40),$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{7} = 23.$$

$$8/7 = 8 \otimes \frac{1}{7} = 8 \otimes 23 = 184 \equiv 24 \text{ (mod } 40)$$

$$\therefore 8/7 = 24.$$