

Lab Notes 2/10/12

I. Operations in a group

Group \mathbb{Z}_p^* | has $p-1$ elements

| If p is prime, all elements in group have a multiplicative inverse

Definition– a set that has binary operations that are associative, for all elements $a \in G$, there exists the multiplicative inverse, a^{-1} , in G , and has the property of closure.

1. Binary operations

a. For a (some operation) b , if $a, b \in G$, then $a * b \in G$

2. Multiplicative Inverse

a. $a \in G$

b. $\exists a^{-1} \in G$

c. Such that $a * a^{-1} = I$, where I is the identity(or 1)

3. Closure

a. All products and sums of elements within the group will still be in the group

b. EX: $G(\mathbb{Z}_5^*, +)$ $4 + 2 \equiv 1$ (Note: there is an implied (mod 5) here)

c. Multiplication table of a closed group \mathbb{Z}_5^*

*	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	1	3
3	3	1	4	2
4	4	3	2	1

d. This table is always symmetric along the diagonal

II. Multiplicative Order

Definition of multiplicative order– the smallest k such that $a^k \equiv I \pmod{n}$

1. Example for \mathbb{Z}_5^*

a. $4^2 \equiv 1$ (means 2 is the multiplicative order of 4 in this group)

b. $3^4 \equiv 1$ (4 is the multiplicative order of 3)

2. Suppose $a \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ has a multiplicative order k . Show that for any $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, the multiplicative order of a^m is $k/\gcd(k, m)$

Proof

(trying to prove $(a^m)^{k/\gcd(m, k)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$)

1. Let $d = \gcd(m, k)$

2. $k = dk'$
3. $m = dm'$
4. $(a^m)^{k'} = a^{dm'k'} = a^{km'} \equiv (a^k)^{m'} \pmod{n}$
5. Since $\text{ord}_n(a) = k$ (Note " $\text{ord}_n(a)$ means the multiplicative order of $a \pmod{n}$ is k and this is told from the supposition)
6. For any integer y , if $a^y \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ then $k|y$.
7. From $a^{mx} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ follows therefore $k|mx$
8. $mx = kl$ for some integer l
9. $mx/d = kl/d$
10. $m'x = k'l$
11. Since $\text{gcd}(m', k') = 1$
12. $k'|x$

III. Quadratic Residue

- a. a is a quadratic residue if $a \equiv x^2 \pmod{n}$ for some $x \in \mathbb{Z}$
- b. Euler Criterion
 - i. If a is a quadratic residue \pmod{p} then $a^{(p-1)/2} \equiv 1$
 - ii. If $a^{(p-1)/2}$ is congruent to 1 it is a quadratic residue, if it is congruent to -1 , it is not

EX: Show that 3 is a quadratic residue mod 23

1. $3^{(23-1)/2} \equiv 3^{11}$
2. $\equiv 3^3 * 3^3 * 3$
3. $\equiv 3^3 * 3^8$
4. $\equiv 3^3 * 3^5 * 4$
5. $\equiv 4 * 4 * 4 * 9$
6. $\equiv 1$