



Hensel引理、原根

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Hensel引理

Hensel's Lemma Suppose that $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}(x)$,
 $f(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k}$,

and $f'(a) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

Then there is a unique $t \pmod{p}$ such that

$$f(a + tp^k) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{k+1}}.$$

That is, there is a unique solution
 $b \pmod{p^{k+1}}$ which is congruent to
 $a \pmod{p^k}$.



Proof.

We are looking for the solutions $b = a + tp^k$ where $t \in \{0, 1, \dots, p-1\}$ to the congruence mod p^{k+1} .

Use Taylor expansion around a :

$$f(a + tp^k) = f(a) + f'(a)tp^k + \frac{f''(a)}{2!}[tp^k]^2 + \dots + \frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!}[tp^k]^n$$



If f is a polynomial with integer coefficients, $\frac{f^{(n)}(a)}{n!} \pmod{p^{k+1}}$ is an integer.

So,

$$\equiv f(a) + f'(a)tp^k \pmod{p^{k+1}} \quad \text{if } j \geq 1$$



Let both sides to $\equiv 0 \pmod{p^{k+1}}$.

$$\begin{aligned} f(a) + tp^k f'(a) &\equiv 0 \pmod{p^{k+1}} \\ tf'(a) + \frac{f(a)}{p^k} &\equiv 0 \pmod{p} \\ t &\equiv -\left(\frac{f(a)}{p^k} \frac{1}{f'(a)}\right) \pmod{p} \end{aligned}$$



Example

Use Hensel's Lemma to find a solution to $x^3 - 2x \equiv 1 \pmod{125}$.

Let $f(x) = x^3 - 2x - 1$.

Find a solution to $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$.

$$f(0) = -1 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$f(1) = -2 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$f(2) = 3 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$f(3) = 20 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$f(4) = 55 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$



So, $a_1 = 3, 4$ are all solutions to $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$.

We compute the derivative of f : $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2$.

$$f'(3) = 27 - 2 = 25 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$f'(4) = 48 - 2 = 46 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$



We cannot apply Hensel's

$$(f'(4))^{-1} \equiv 1(\text{mod}5).$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} a_2 &\equiv 4 - f(4)[f'(4)]^{-1}(\text{mod}25) \\ &\equiv 4 - 55 \times 1(\text{mod}25) \\ &\equiv -51(\text{mod}25) \\ &\equiv 24(\text{mod}25) \end{aligned}$$



$$\begin{aligned} a_3 &\equiv 24 - f(24)[f'(24)]^{-1}(\text{mod}125) \\ &\equiv 24 - 13775 \times 1(\text{mod}125) \\ &\equiv -13751(\text{mod}125) \\ &\equiv -1(\text{mod}125) \\ &\equiv 124(\text{mod}125) \end{aligned}$$

So, $x = 124$ is a solution to

$$x^3 - 2x \equiv 1(\text{mod}125).$$



Excise007

Solve the equation:

$$x^3 - x \equiv 139 \pmod{343}$$



模多项式

Theorem A congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ (p is a prime) of degree n has at most n solutions.

Example

- $3x - 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$
- $x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$
- $x^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$
- $x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{15}$



Proof.

The statements hold for degree 0 or 1.

Assume it holds for degree $< n$ ($n \geq 2$).

If it has no root, then done.

Otherwise, suppose it have a root α .

Dividing $f(x)$ by $x - \alpha$, we obtain $g(x) \in Z[x]$ and a constant r such that

$$f(x) = g(x)(x - \alpha) + r.$$



Now if we plug in α we obtain

$$f(\alpha) = (\alpha - \alpha)g(\alpha) + r = r,$$

which means that $f(\alpha) = r$ and

$$f(x) = (x - \alpha)g(x) + f(\alpha).$$

We know that $f(\alpha) \bmod p = 0$. If β is any other root of $f(x)$ then we plug β into the equation to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} f(\beta) &= (\beta - \alpha)g(\beta) + f(\alpha) \bmod p, \\ f(\beta) &\equiv (\beta - \alpha)g(\beta) \bmod p, \end{aligned}$$



so

$$(\beta - \alpha)g(\beta) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

We also assume that $\beta \neq \alpha$, so

$$g(\beta) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

So, β is a root of $g(x)$ as a solution of

$$g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$

We know that $g(x)$ has degree $n - 1$, so by induction hypothesis

$$g(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

has at most $n - 1$ solutions, which by including α gives $f(x)$ at most n solutions.



Corollary. If

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$$

has more than n solutions, then all

$$a_i \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$



Theorem Let

$$f(x) = x^n + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0.$$

$f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has exactly n distinct solutions if and only if $f(x)$ divides $x^p - x \pmod{p}$.

Namely, there exists $g(x) \in Z[x]$ such that

$$f(x)g(x) = x^p - x \pmod{p}$$

as polynomials.



Proof.

Part 1.

Suppose $f(x)$ has n solutions. Then $n \leq p$ because only p possible roots mod p .

Divide $x^p - x$ by $f(x)$ to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} x^p - x &= f(x)g(x) + r(x), \\ \deg(r) &< \deg(f) = n. \end{aligned}$$



Now, if α is a root of $f(x) \bmod p$ then plug in to obtain

$$\alpha^p - \alpha = f(\alpha)g(\alpha) + r(\alpha) \equiv 0$$

So, α must be a solution to

$$r(x) \equiv 0 \bmod p.$$

Since $f(x)$ has distinct roots,

$$r(x) \equiv 0 \bmod p$$

has n distinct solutions. But $\deg(r) < n$.

So,

$$x^p - x = f(x)g(x) \bmod p,$$

and $f(x)$ divides $x^p - x$.



Part2.

Suppose

$$f(x) \mid x^p - x \bmod p.$$

Write

$$x^p - x \equiv f(x)g(x) \bmod p,$$

where $f(x)$ is a monic of degree n and $g(x)$ is a monic of degree $p - n$. We shall show that $f(x)$ has n distinct solutions.



By previous theorem, $g(x)$ has at most $p - n$ roots mod p .

If $\alpha \in \{0, 1, \dots, p - 1\}$ is not a root of $g(x)$ mod p then

$$\alpha^p - \alpha \equiv f(\alpha)g(\alpha) \pmod{p} \equiv 0 \text{ (Fermat)}.$$

Since $g(\alpha) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$,

$$f(\alpha) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}.$$



So, since there are at least $p - (p - n)$ such α , we see that $f(x)$ has at least n distinct roots mod p .

By the theorem, $f(x)$ has at most n roots mod $p \Rightarrow f(x)$ has exactly n distinct roots mod p . ■



Corollary If $d|p-1$ then

$$x^d \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

has exactly d distinct solutions mod p .

Example

$$x^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$x^3 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$



Proof.

$d|p-1$, so $x^d - 1 | x^{p-1} - 1$ as polynomials.

$p-1 = kd$, so

$$x^{kd} - 1 = (x^d - 1)(x^{(k-1)d} + \dots + 1).$$

So,

$$x^d - 1 | x(x^{p-1} - 1) = x^p - x.$$

So has d solutions.



Another proof of **Wilson's Theorem**.

Suppose p is an odd prime.

Let

$$f(x) = x(x - 1) \cdots (x - p + 1).$$

This has deg p and p solutions mod p , so it must divide $x^p - x \pmod{p}$.

Both polynomials are monic of the same degree (p), so must be equal mod p .



$$x(x - 1) \cdots (x - p + 1) \equiv x^p - x \pmod{p}$$

Coefficient of x on the left side is just

$$\begin{aligned} & (-1)(-2) \cdots (-(p - 1)) \\ &= (-1)^{p-1} (p - 1)! = (p - 1)! \end{aligned}$$

since p is odd.

So

$$(p - 1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}.$$



元素的阶

Question:

We know

$$\gcd(22,35) = 1,$$

so

$$22^{\phi(35)} = 22^{24} \equiv 1 \pmod{35}.$$

Is there a smallest positive integer N such that

$$22^N \equiv 1 \pmod{35}?$$



Definition Order

If $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ and h is the smallest positive integer such that $a^h \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ then say h is the **order** of a mod m .

Notation: $h = \text{ord}_m(a)$.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ord}_7(2) &= 3 \\ \text{ord}_{11}(2) &= 10 \\ \text{ord}_{11}(5) &= 5 \end{aligned}$$



Lemma. Let $h = \text{ord}_m(a)$. The set of integers k such that $a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ is exactly the set of multiples of h .

Example

$$\text{ord}_{11}(5) = 5$$

If $5^k \equiv 1 \pmod{11}$, then

$$k = 5, 10.$$



Proof. $a^{rh} \equiv (a^h)^r \equiv 1^r \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.

Suppose we have k such that

$$a^k \equiv 1 \pmod{m}.$$

We shall show $h|k$.

Let $k = hq + r$ where $0 \leq r < h$.

$$\begin{aligned} 1 \equiv a^k &= a^{hq+r} = a^{hq} a^r \equiv 1 a^r \\ &\equiv a^r \pmod{m}, \end{aligned}$$

so

$$a^r \equiv 1 \pmod{m}.$$

But $r < h$, so $r = 0$, and k is multiple of h .



Lemma. If $h = \text{ord}_m(a)$ then a^k has order $\frac{h}{\gcd(k,h)} \pmod m$.

Example

$$\text{ord}_{11}(5) = 5$$

$$\text{ord}_{11}(2) = 10$$

- $5^3 \equiv 4$ has order $\frac{5}{\gcd(3,5)} = 5 \pmod{11}$.
- $2^8 \equiv 3$ has order $\frac{10}{\gcd(8,10)} = 5 \pmod{11}$.



Proof.

$$a^{kj} \equiv 1 \pmod m \Leftrightarrow h \mid kj$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{h}{\gcd(h,k)} \mid \frac{k}{\gcd(h,k)} j \Leftrightarrow \frac{h}{\gcd(h,k)} \mid j$$

So, the smallest positive $j = \frac{h}{\gcd(h,k)}$.



Lemma. If a has order $h \pmod{m}$ and b has order $k \pmod{m}$, and $\gcd(h, k) = 1$, then ab has order $hk \pmod{m}$.

Example

$$\begin{aligned} \text{ord}_{11}(4) &= 5 \\ \text{ord}_{11}(10) &= 2 \\ \Rightarrow \text{ord}_{11}(4 \times 10 \equiv 7) &= 10 \end{aligned}$$



Proof.

$$(ab)^{hk} \equiv (a^h)^k (b^k)^h \equiv 1^k 1^h \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$



Conversely, suppose that $r = \text{ord}_m(ab)$.

$$(ab)^r \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$(ab)^{rh} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$(a^h)^r b^{rh} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

$$b^{rh} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$

So, $k|rh \Rightarrow k|r$ (because $\gcd(k, h) = 1$), and similarly $h|r$. So, $hk|r$, and so $hk = \text{ord}_m(ab)$.



原根

Definition Primitive Root

If a has order $\phi(m)$ mod m , we say that a is a **primitive root** mod m .

Example

3 is the primitive root of mod 7.

2, 7 are the primitive roots of mod 11.



Lemma. Let p be prime and suppose $q^e | p - 1$ for some other prime q . Then there's an element mod p of order q^e .

Let

$$p - 1 = q_1^{e_1} q_2^{e_2} \cdot q_r^{e_r}.$$

The lemma means that $\exists g_1$ with $\text{ord}_p(g_1) = q_1^{e_1}$, g_2 with $\text{ord}_p(g_2) = q_2^{e_2}$, etc.

Example

$$p = 101, q = 5, e = 2$$

$$\text{Ord}_{101} 31 = 25$$



Set $g = g_1 g_2 \cdots g_r$.

By the previous lemma, g has order

$$q_1^{e_1} q_2^{e_2} \cdot q_r^{e_r} = p - 1 = \phi(p).$$

because all q_i are coprime in pairs.

So, g is a primitive root mod p .



Proof.

Consider solution of $x^{q^e} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.

Because $q^e \mid p - 1$, $x^{q^e} - 1$ has exactly q^e roots mod p

If α is any such root, then $\text{ord}_p(\alpha)$ must divide q^e .

So, if it is not equal to q^e , it must divide q^{e-1} .



Then α would have to be root of $x^{q^{e-1}} - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, which has exactly q^{e-1} solutions.

Since $q^e - q^{e-1} > 0$, there exists α such that $\text{ord}_p(\alpha) = q^e$.



Number of primitive roots

The number of primitive roots mod m is $\phi(\phi(m))$, if there is at least one.

Particularly, if m is a prime, then number of primitive roots is $\phi(m - 1)$.

Example

$$\phi(\phi(31)) = 8$$

Indeed, $\{3, 11, 12, 13, 17, 21, 22, 24\}$ are the primitive roots of 31.



Proof. Suppose there is a primitive root g mod m .

If we look at the integers $1, g, \dots, g^{\phi(m)-1}$, they are all coprime to m and **distinct** mod m .

If we had $g^i \equiv g^j \pmod{m}$ ($0 \leq i < j \leq \phi(m) - 1$), then we have $g^{j-i} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$, contradicting the fact that g is a primitive root.

Since there are $\phi(m)$ of these integers, They are the reduced residue classes.



Suppose a is a primitive root mod m , then

$$a \equiv g^k \pmod{m}$$

$$\frac{\text{ord}(g)}{\gcd(k, \text{ord}(g))} = \frac{\phi(m)}{\gcd(k, \phi(m))}$$

So the only way for the order to be exactly $\phi(m)$ is for k to be coprime to $\phi(m)$.

The number of numbers which are coprime to $\phi(m)$ is $\phi(\phi(m))$.



Excise008

Try to find a primitive root of mod 211.



Theorem^{***} There is a primitive root mod m
if and only of $m = 1, 2, 4, p^e$, or $2p^e$.

The proof^{***} is **NOT** provided here.



Other relative concepts

- Discrete Log

Example

$$2^x \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$$
$$x = \log_2 5 \pmod{11}$$

It is a NPC-hard problem.