

● Announcements:

- Homework 2 due now
- Computer quiz Thursday on chapter 2

● Questions?

● Today:

- Wrap up congruences
- Fermat's little theorem
- Euler's theorem
- Both really important for RSA – pay careful attention!

# The Chinese Remainder Theorem establishes an equivalence

- A single congruence mod a **composite number** is equivalent to a system of congruences mod its factors
- Two-factor form
  - Given  $\gcd(m,n)=1$ . For integers  $a$  and  $b$ , there exists *exactly 1* solution (mod  $mn$ ) to the system:

$$x \equiv a \pmod{m}$$

$$x \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

# CRT Equivalences let us use systems of congruences to solve problems

- Solve the system:

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

$$x \equiv 5 \pmod{15}$$

- How many solutions?
  - Find them.

$$x^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{35}$$

# Chinese Remainder Theorem

## ● n-factor form

- Let  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$  be integers such that  $\gcd(m_i, m_j) = 1$  when  $i \neq j$ . For integers  $a_1, \dots, a_k$ , there exists *exactly 1* solution (mod  $m_1 m_2 \dots m_k$ ) to the system:

$$x \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$

$$x \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

...

$$x \equiv a_k \pmod{m_k}$$

Modular Exponentiation is extremely efficient since the partial results are always small

- Compute the last digit of  $3^{2000}$

- Compute  $3^{2000} \pmod{19}$

Idea:

- Get the powers of 3 by repeatedly squaring 3, BUT taking mod at each step.

# Modular Exponentiation Technique and Example

(All congruences are mod 19)

- Compute  $3^{2000}$  (mod 19)
- Technique:
  - Repeatedly square 3, but take mod *at each step*.
  - Then multiply the terms you need to get the desired power.
- Book's `powermod()`

$$3^2 \equiv 9$$

$$3^4 = 9^2 \equiv 81 \equiv 5$$

$$3^8 = 5^2 \equiv 25 \equiv 6$$

$$3^{16} = 6^2 \equiv 36 \equiv 17 \text{ (or } -2)$$

$$3^{32} = 17^2 \equiv 289 \equiv 4$$

$$3^{64} = 4^2 \equiv 16$$

$$3^{128} \equiv 16^2 \equiv 256 \equiv 9$$

$$3^{256} \equiv 5$$

$$3^{512} \equiv 6$$

$$3^{1024} \equiv 17$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (3^{1024})(3^{512})(3^{256})(3^{128})(3^{64})(3^{16})$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (17)(6)(5)(9)(16)(17)$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (1248480)$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv 9 \pmod{19}$$

# Modular Exponentiation Example

- Compute  $3^{2000}$   
(mod 152)

$$3^2 \equiv 9$$

$$3^4 = 9^2 \equiv 81$$

$$3^8 = 81^2 \equiv 6561 \equiv 25$$

$$3^{16} = 25^2 \equiv 625 \equiv 17$$

$$3^{32} = 17^2 \equiv 289 \equiv 137$$

$$3^{64} = 137^2 \equiv 18769 \equiv 73$$

$$3^{128} \equiv 9$$

$$3^{256} \equiv 81$$

$$3^{512} \equiv 25$$

$$3^{1024} \equiv 17$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (3^{1024})(3^{512})(3^{256})(3^{128})(3^{64})(3^{16})$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (17)(25)(81)(9)(73)(17)$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv (384492875)$$

$$3^{2000} \equiv 9(\text{mod } 152)$$

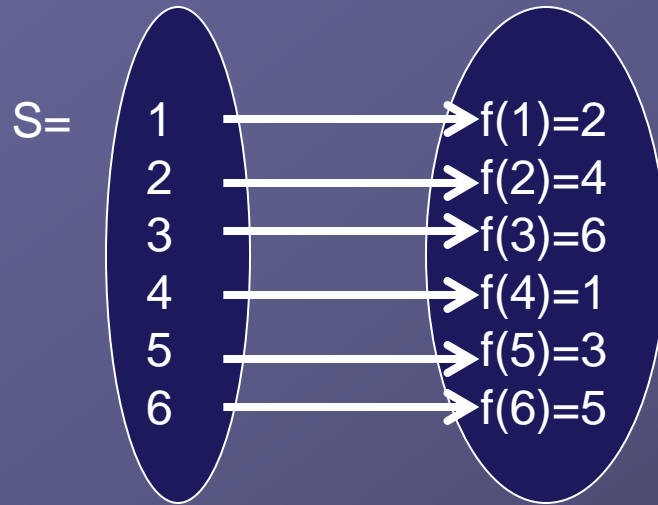
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Example:  $a=2, p=7$

## Examples:

- $2^2 = 1 \pmod{3}$
- $6^4 = 1 \pmod{??}$
- $(3^{2000}) \pmod{19}$

# The converse when $a=2$ usually holds

- Fermat:

If  $p$  is prime and doesn't divide  $a$ ,  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

- Converse:

- If  $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ , then  $p$  is prime and doesn't divide  $a$ .

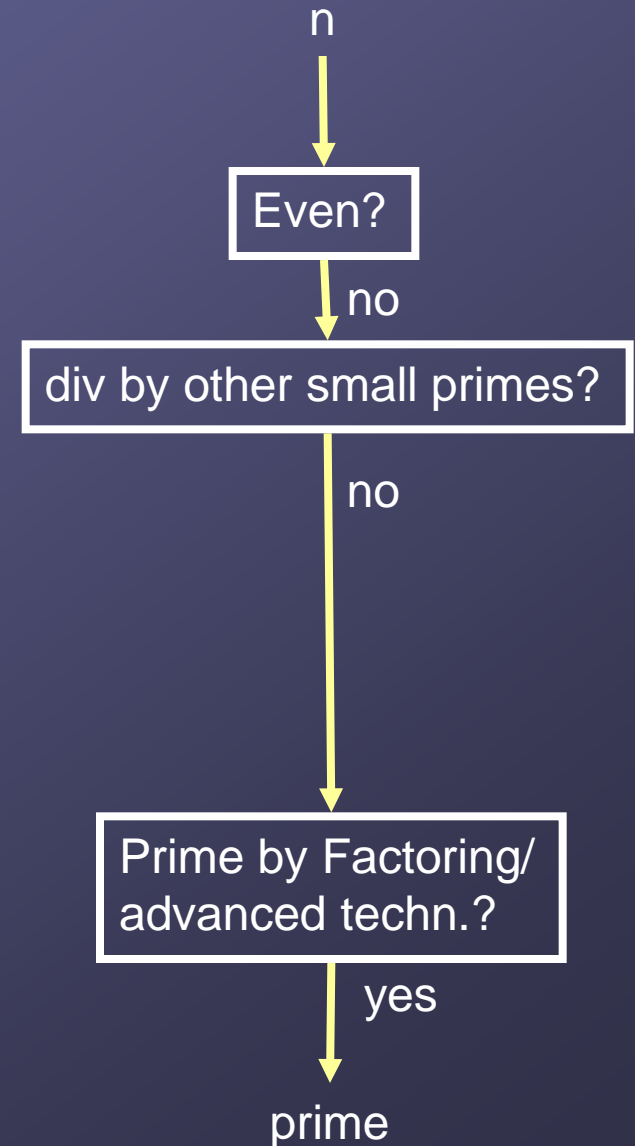
- This is **almost** always true when  $a = 2$ . Rare counterexamples:

- $n = 561 = 3 \cdot 11 \cdot 17$ , but  $2^{560} \equiv 1 \pmod{561}$

- $n = 1729 = 7 \cdot 13 \cdot 19$

- Can do first one by hand if use Fermat and combine results with Chinese Remainder Theorem

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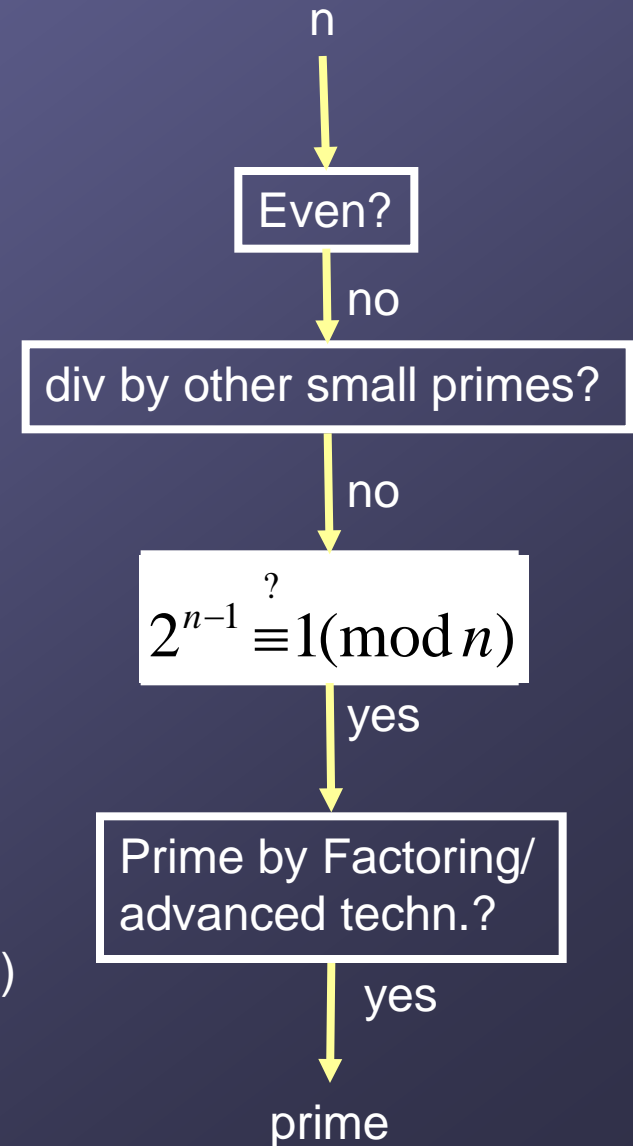


# Primality testing schemes typically use the contrapositive of Fermat

Use Fermat as a filter since it's faster than factoring (if calculated using the powermod method).

Fermat:  $p$  prime  $\rightarrow 2^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$   
 Contrapositive?

Why can't we just compute  $2^{n-1} \pmod{n}$  using Fermat if it's so much faster?



Euler's Theorem is like Fermat's, but for composite moduli

If  $\gcd(a,n)=1$ , then

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

So what's  $\phi(n)$ ?

$\phi(n)$  is the number of integers  $a$ ,  
such that  $1 \leq a \leq n$  and  $\gcd(a,n) = 1$ .

## Examples:

1.  $\phi(10) = 4$ .

2. When  $p$  is prime,  $\phi(p) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

3. When  $n = pq$  (product of 2 primes),  $\phi(n) = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

# The general formula for $\phi(n)$

$$\phi(n) = n \prod_{p|n} \left( \frac{p-1}{p} \right)$$

$p$  are distinct primes

Example:  $\phi(12)=4$

Euler's Theorem can also lead to computations that are more efficient than modular exponentiation

$$a^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

as long as  $\gcd(a,n) = 1$

## Basic

Principle: when working mod  $n$ , view the exponents mod  $\phi(n)$ .

## Examples:

1. Find last 3 digits of  $7^{803}$
2. Find  $3^{2007} \pmod{12}$
3. Find  $2^{6004} \pmod{99}$
4. Find  $2^{6004} \pmod{101}$