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# Section 10.1
# Thm 10.1: Some example of the polynomials x^p - x over Z/(p).
> for i to 3 do
 p := ithprime(i);
> print(p,Factor(x^p-x) mod p);
> od:
                          2, (x + 1) x
                       3, (x + 1) x (x + 2)
                 5, (x + 4) (x + 1) x (x + 3) (x + 2)
# Thm 10.2: An example of the polynomial x^(p^d) - x over Z/(p).
# Consider p = 3 and d = 4.
> Factor(x^(3^4)-x) mod 3;
(x + 2 x + x + 1) (x + 2 x + 2) (x + 2 x + x + 1) (x + 1)
   (x + 2 x + 2 x + x + 2) (x + 2 x + 2) (x + x + 2) (x + 1)
   (x + 2 x + x + x + 2) (x + x + 2 x + 2 x + 2) (x + x + 2 x + 1) x
           4 2 4 3 2
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(x + x + 2) (x + 2 x + 2) (x + x + x + x + 1) (x + 2 x + 2)

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# We know that x^(3^4) - x is the product of all irreducible of
# degree 1, 2 and 4. From inspecting the factorization above we
# can see that there are 18 irreducibles of degree 4 over Z/(3)[x].
# But note that we can directly enumerate the number of distinct
# irreducibles of degree d over Z/(p), without factoring.
# Question: How many distinct irreducibles of degree i are there over Z/(3)
           for i = 1, 2, 3, 4?
# Derivation:
# Let ki be the number of distinct irreducibles of degree i over \mathbb{Z}/(3).
# Then we can set up a system of linear equations.
> sys := \{degree(x^3-x,x) = k1*1,
                                                    # 1 divisible by 1
         degree(x^(3^2)-x,x) = k1*1 + k2*2,
degree(x^(3^3)-x,x) = k1*1 + k3*3,
                                                  # 2 divisible by 1, 2
                                                  # 3 divisible by 1, 3
         degree(x^{(3^4)}-x,x) = k1*1 + k2*2 + k4*4: # 4 divisible by 1, 2, 4
> vars := \{k1, k2, k3, k4\};
                           vars := \{k1, k2, k3, k4\}
> sys;
        {3 = k1, 9 = k1 + 2 k2, 27 = k1 + 3 k3, 81 = k1 + 2 k2 + 4 k4}
> solve(sys,vars);
                      \{k1 = 3, k2 = 3, k3 = 8, k4 = 18\}
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4 3 2

(x + x + x + 1) (x + 2 x + x + 2 x + 1) (x + 2) (x + x + 2)

As an aside, it is easy to derive the following function. In Maple,

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# "option remember" stores the results of previous function calls so they
# don't need to be recomputed (or manually stored in a table like
# dynamic programming).
# Input: p - a prime
        d - an integer in Z_{>=1}
# Output: the number of distinct irreducibles of degree d over Z/(p)[x]
> foo := proc(p,d)
      option remember;
      local i,c;
>
      if d=1 then return p fi; # the degree of x^p - x
      # compute sum of degrees of all irreducibles in x^(p^d) - x of deg < d
      c := 0;
     for i to d-1 do
                                      # degree i # no. of irred. of degree i
         if modp(d,i)=0 then c := c + i * foo(p,i) fi
>
      od;
     return iquo(p^d - c,d);
> end:
> foo(3,4);
                                       18
# Some more checks that foo is correct:
> degree(x^{(5^4)} - x, x) = foo(5,1)*1 + foo(5,2)*2 + foo(5,4)*4;
                                   625 = 625
> degree(x^(17^26) - x,x) = foo(17,1)*1 + foo(17,2)*2 + foo(17,26)*26;
      98100666009922840441972689847969 = 98100666009922830537394656942049
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A key computational tool (for efficiency) that is used in the factoring # algorithm is binary powering modulo another polynomial. This is

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# algorithm "RepeatedSquaring" in the script.
# One possible implementation is in the posted example "mypowmod.mpl".
# This operation is important enough that Maple has a built-in function
# for it, namely Powmod.
# Here is an example of an application of Powmod.
# Generate a rather large degree random polynomial with many factors
# modulo 3.
> f := mul(Randpoly(i,x)^i \mod 3,i=1..60): f := Expand(f) \mod 3:
# Let's not print out f! But do look at its degree.
> degree(f,x);
                                     73810
# Compute the product of all irreducibles of degree 1 that divide f.
# (One copy of each).
> g1 := Gcd(x^3-x,f) \mod 3;
                                       3
                                 g1 := x + 2 x
# Check that f1 has only linear factors:
> Factor(g1) mod 3;
                               (x + 1) x (x + 2)
# To obtain all irreducibles of f of degree 1 (with multiplicity) we
# can compute the gcd of f with a high power of (x^3 - x). Since
# a linear factor can divide f at most deg f times, it suffices to compute
> g1_with_multiplicities := Gcd((x^3-x)^degree(f,x),f) \mod 3:
> Factor(%) mod 3;
                                704 979 1119
                          (x + 1)
                                   x (x + 2)
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# Instead of first computing (x^3 - x)^degree(f,x) and then taking the
# gcd, it is more efficient (polynomial time vs. exponential time!) to
# compute Rem((x^3-x)^degree(f,x),f) using repeated squaring and then
# take the gcd:
> Gcd(Powmod((x^3-x), degree(f,x), f, x), f) mod 3:
> Factor(%) mod 3;
                              704 979 1119
                         (x + 1) x (x + 2)
# The above idea is used in the posted example "DDFact.mpl" which gives
# a function to compute the distinct degree factorization of the
# the squarefree part of f (even if f itself is not squarefree).
# Note: To improve the efficiency of that routine the computation
# g^ceil(n/i) should be replaced with the appropriate call to Powmod.
# Section 10.2
# Let us first illustrate Thm 10.3.
# We know that R = Z/(p) for p a prime is finite field with p element,
# in particular it is simply the set \{0,1,\ldots,p-1\} with addition and
# multiplication modulo p.
# The first part of Thm 10.3 states that if h is an irreducible of
# degree d then R[x]/\langle h \rangle is finite field with p^d elements.
# As an example, consider p = 3 (so R = Z/(3)) and d = 2.
> h := x^2 + 1; # irred. of degree 2 over Z/(3)
                                h := x + 1
# Then RR = R[x]/\langle h \rangle is a finite field with p^d = 3^2 = 9 elements.
# The elements of RR is all polynomials over R[x] of degree
# strictly less than 2 (i.e., the distinct polynomials of R[x] modulo h).
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> RR := \{ seq(seq(i*x + j,i=0..2), j=0..2) \};
           RR := \{0, 1, 2, x, 2 x, x + 1, x + 2, 2 x + 1, 2 x + 2\}
# Addition/subtraction in R is just addition/subtraction modulo 3.
# Multiplication is done modulo h, e.g., the product of (x+2) * (2*x+1) is
> Rem((x+2)*(2*x+1),h,x) \mod 3;
                                    2 x
# The second part of Thm 10.3 should be familiar from our study
# of the Chinese remainder theorem, and algorithm such as multi-modular
# reduction.
# Now consider Thm 10.4.
# First consider a prime Z/(p). The theorem says that any nonzero
# element of Z/(p), when raised to the power (p-1)/2, will be equal
# to 1 or -1, with exactly half equal to 1. Some experimental
# confirmation of the theorem.
> for i to 5 do
    p := ithprime(i);
    S := [seq(a,a=1..p-1)]; # nonzero elements of Z/(p)
    R := map(a->mods(a^((p-1)/2),p),S);
    print(p,S,R);
> od:
                                2, [1], [1]
                             3, [1, 2], [1, -1]
                      5, [1, 2, 3, 4], [1, -1, -1, 1]
                 7, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6], [1, 1, -1, 1, -1, -1]
   11, [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10], [1, -1, 1, 1, 1, -1, -1, -1, 1, -1]
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# Obviously, if we select an element of {1,2,...,p-1} uniformly
# at random, then with probably 1/2 it will be a quadratic residue
# and with probability 1-1/2=1/2 it will not be a non-quadratic residue.
# Now let's give an illustration of the equal degree factorization
# on page 4 of the script. Let R = Z/(p), p = 10000019.
> p := 10000019;
                               p := 10000019
> d := 2;
                                   d := 2
> h1 := x^2+2090578*x+4297752: # irred. of degree 2
> h2 := x^2+4958404*x+3788058: # irred. of degree 2
> f := Expand(h1*h2) \mod p;
           f := x + 7048982 x + 8708093 x + 5889928 x + 2913426
# Our goal is to factor f over R[x]. (Pretend we don't know h1 and h2.)
# The residue class ring
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#
            R/<f> \neq R/<h1> x R/<h2> (*)
# contains (p)^2 elements, of which (p-1)^2 are relatively prime to f. (Why?)
# Four of the elements that are relatively prime to f are
\# S = \{ (1,1), (1,-1), (-1,1), (-1,-1) \} : our goal is to uniformly and randomly
# select one of these four elements.
# On the left hand side of (*) the elements of S corresond to {e1,e2,e2,e4}:
> Gcdex(h1,h2,x,'s','t') mod p;
                                     1
> e1 := Rem((1)*s*h1 + (1)*t*h2,f,x) mod p;
                                  e1 := 1
> e2 := Rem((-1)*s*h1 + (1)*t*h2,f,x) mod p;
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               e2 := 2017226 x + 4937057 x + 544669 x + 3886491
> e3 := Rem((1)*s*h1 + (-1)*t*h2,f,x) mod p;
              e3 := 7982793 x + 5062962 x + 9455350 x + 6113528
> e4 := Rem((-1)*s*h1 + (-1)*t*h2,f,x) mod p;
                                 e4 := 10000018
# Note that subtracting (1,1) from the elements in S gives the set
\# \{ (0,0), (0,-2), (-2,0), (-2,-2) \} : some of these (in this case)
# two) have the nice property that they "split" the polynomial f:
> Gcd(e1-1,f) mod p; # should give us f (useless)
                             3
               x + 7048982 x + 8708093 x + 5889928 x + 2913426
> Gcd(e2-1,f) mod p; # should give us h1 (great!)
                            x + 2090578 x + 4297752
> Gcd(e3-1,f) mod p; # should give us h2 (great!)
                            x + 4958404 x + 3788058
> Gcd(e4-1,f) mod p; # should give us 1 (useless)
# Our goal is to select an element from {e1,e2,e2,e4) uniformly at random.
# To do so, we make use of Thm 10.4.
# First choose a random polynomial of degree < 4.
> u := Randpoly(4,x) mod p; # returns a random polynomial of degree 4
         u := 10323 x + 1265632 x + 4335155 x + 3429475 x + 2575038
> u := u - lcoeff(u,x)*x^4; # now we have a random polynomial of degree < 4
                             3
               u := 1265632 x + 4335155 x + 3429475 x + 2575038
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# We can check that u is relatively prime to f using Gcd.
> Gcd(f,u) mod p;
                                        1
# [Excercise: What is the chance that our u is not relatively prime to f?]
# [Question: What if u is not realtively prime to f? Is this bad?]
# Assume now that u is relatively prime to f.
# Use Powmod to raise u to the power (p^d-1)/2.
> uu := Powmod(u,(p^2-1)/2,f,x) \mod p;
                                 uu := 10000018
#
# Then we must have uu in {e1,e2,e2,e4}.
# Let's try to take the gdd of uu - 1 with f:
> Gcd(uu-1,f) mod p;
                                        1
# Unlucky! Try again.
> uu := Powmod(u,(p^2-1)/2,f,x) \mod p;
                                 uu := 10000018
> Gcd(uu-1,f) mod p;
                                        1
# Now we have split f.
> quit
memory used=117.5MB, alloc=32.6MB, time=41.22
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