

## Summary.

Public-Key Encryption.

RSA Scheme:

$$N = pq \text{ and } d = e^{-1} \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}.$$

$$E(x) = x^e \pmod{N}.$$

$$D(y) = y^d \pmod{N}.$$

Repeated Squaring  $\implies$  efficiency.

Fermat's Theorem  $\implies$  correctness.

Good for Encryption and Signature Schemes.

An aside on "powers".

$$\text{Thm: } a \neq 0 \pmod{p}, a^{p-1} = 1 \pmod{p}.$$

True/False:  $a \not\equiv 0, 1 \pmod{p}, a^x \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  if  $x \in \{1, p-2\}$ .

$$\{2^1, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4\} = \{2, 4, 3, 1\} \pmod{5}.$$

$$\{2^1, 2^2, 2^3, 2^4, 2^5, 2^6\} = \{2, 4, 1, \dots\} \pmod{7}.$$

Actually:  $\{2, 4, 1, 2, 4, 1\} \pmod{7}$ . Period: 3.  $3|6$

"Period" divides  $p-1$ .

## Polynomials

A polynomial

$$P(x) = a_d x^d + a_{d-1} x^{d-1} + \dots + a_0.$$

is specified by **coefficients**  $a_d, \dots, a_0$ .

$P(x)$  **contains** point  $(a, b)$  if  $b = P(a)$ .

**Polynomials over reals:**  $a_1, \dots, a_d \in \mathfrak{R}$ , use  $x \in \mathfrak{R}$ .

**Polynomials  $P(x)$  with arithmetic modulo  $p$ :** <sup>1</sup>  $a_i \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$  and

$$P(x) = a_d x^d + a_{d-1} x^{d-1} + \dots + a_0 \pmod{p},$$

for  $x \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ .

**Degree** of a polynomial is exponent of maximum non-zero  $a_d$ .

Note: Often polynomial of degree  $d$  means polynomial of at most  $d$ .

<sup>1</sup>A field is a set of elements with addition and multiplication operations, with inverses.  $GF(p) = (\{0, \dots, p-1\}, + \pmod{p}, * \pmod{p})$ .

## Today.

Polynomials.

Secret Sharing.

Correcting for loss or even corruption.

## Polynomial Quiz.

Recall polynomial:  $a_d x^d + a_{d-1} x^{d-1} + \dots + a_0$ .

$$Q(x) = 2x^2 + 3x + 4$$

$$P(x) = 3x^3 + 4x^2 + 5x + 2$$

What is?

What is  $a_1$  for  $P(x)$ ? 5

What is  $a_0$  for  $Q(x)$ ? 4

Degree of  $Q(x)$ ? 2

Degree of  $P(x)$ ? 3

What is degree of  $Q(x) + P(x)$ ? 3

What is degree of  $Q(x)P(x)$ ? 3 Oops. I mean 5.

## Secret Sharing.

**Share secret among  $n$  people.**

**Secrecy:** Any  $k-1$  knows nothing.

**Roubustness:** Any  $k$  knows secret.

**Efficient:** minimize storage.

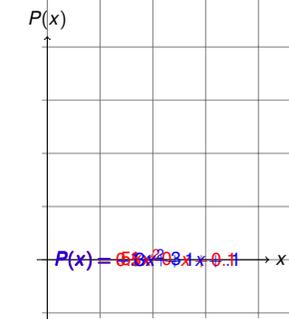
The idea of the day.

Two points make a line.

Lots of lines go through one point.

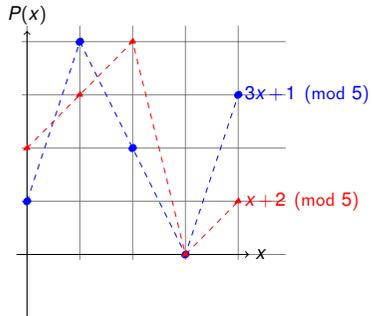
Polynomial:  $P(x) = a_d x^d + \dots + a_0$

Line:  $P(x) = a_1 x + a_0 = mx + b$



Parabola:  $P(x) = a_2 x^2 + a_1 x + a_0 = ax^2 + bx + c$

Polynomial:  $P(x) = a_d x^d + \dots + a_0 \pmod{p}$



Finding an intersection.

$$x + 2 \equiv 3x + 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$\implies 2x \equiv 1 \pmod{5} \implies x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

3 is multiplicative inverse of 2 modulo 5.  
Good when modulus is prime!!

Two points make a line.

**Fact:** Exactly 1 degree  $\leq d$  polynomial contains  $d + 1$  points. <sup>2</sup>

Two points specify a line. Three points specify a parabola.

**Modular Arithmetic Fact:** Exactly 1 degree  $\leq d$  polynomial with arithmetic modulo prime  $p$  contains  $d + 1$  pts.

<sup>2</sup>Points with different  $x$  values.

Poll.

**Two points determine a line.**  
What facts below tell you this?

**Say points are**  $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2)$ .

- (A) Line is  $y = mx + b$ .
- (B) Plug in a point gives an equation:  $y_1 = mx_1 + b$
- (B') Plug in a point gives an equation:  $y_2 = mx_2 + b$
- (C) The unknowns are  $m$  and  $b$ .
- (D) If two equations have unique solution, done.

All true.

In the Flow (Steph Curry) Poll.

**Why solution? Why unique?**

- (A) Solution cuz:  $m = (y_2 - y_1) / (x_2 - x_1), b = y_1 - m(x_1)$
- (B) Unique cuz, only one line goes through two points.
- (C) Try:  $(m'x + b') - (mx + b) = (m' - m)x + (b - b') = ax + c \neq 0$ .
- (D) Either  $ax_1 + c \neq 0$  or  $ax_2 + c \neq 0$  or  $ax + c = 0$  always.
- (E) Contradiction.

Flow poll. (All true. (B) is not a proof, it is restatement.)

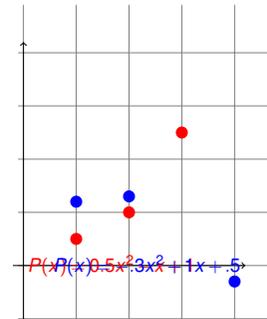
Notation: two points on a line.

Polynomial:  $a_n x^n + \dots + a_0$ .

**Consider line:**  $mx + b$

- (A)  $a_1 = m$
- (B)  $a_1 = b$
- (C)  $a_0 = m$
- (D)  $a_0 = b$ .
- (A) and (D)

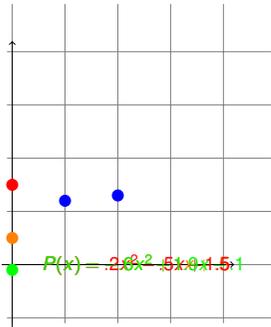
3 points determine a parabola.



**Fact:** Exactly 1 degree  $\leq d$  polynomial contains  $d + 1$  points. <sup>3</sup>

<sup>3</sup>Points with different  $x$  values.

2 points not enough.



There is  $P(x)$  contains blue points and *any*  $(0, y)$ !

From  $d + 1$  points to degree  $d$  polynomial?

For a line,  $a_1x + a_0 = mx + b$  contains points  $(1,3)$  and  $(2,4)$ .

$$P(1) = m(1) + b \equiv m + b \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$P(2) = m(2) + b \equiv 2m + b \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

Subtract first from second..

$$m + b \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$m \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

Backsolve:  $b \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ . **Secret is 2.**

And the line is...

$$x + 2 \pmod{5}.$$

## Modular Arithmetic Fact and Secrets

**Modular Arithmetic Fact:** Exactly 1 degree  $\leq d$  polynomial with arithmetic modulo prime  $p$  contains  $d + 1$  pts.

**Shamir's  $k$  out of  $n$  Scheme:**

Secret  $s \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$

1. Choose  $a_0 = s$ , and random  $a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}$ .
2. Let  $P(x) = a_{k-1}x^{k-1} + a_{k-2}x^{k-2} + \dots + a_0$  with  $a_0 = s$ .
3. Share  $i$  is point  $(i, P(i) \pmod{p})$ .

**Robustness:** Any  $k$  shares gives secret.

Knowing  $k$  pts  $\implies$  only one  $P(x) \implies$  evaluate  $P(0)$ .

**Secrecy:** Any  $k - 1$  shares give nothing.

Knowing  $\leq k - 1$  pts  $\implies$  any  $P(0)$  is possible.

Poll:example.

The polynomial from the scheme:  $P(x) = 2x^2 + 1x + 3 \pmod{5}$ .  
What is true for the secret sharing scheme using  $P(x)$ ?

- (A) The secret is "2".
  - (B) The secret is "3".
  - (C) A share could be  $(1, 5)$  cuz  $P(1) = 5$
  - (D) A share could be  $(2, 4)$
  - (E) A share could be  $(0, 3)$
- (B)(C),(D)

## Quadratic

For a quadratic polynomial,  $a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$  hits  $(1,2); (2,4); (3,0)$ .  
Plug in points to find equations.

$$P(1) = a_2 + a_1 + a_0 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$P(2) = 4a_2 + 2a_1 + a_0 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$P(3) = 9a_2 + 3a_1 + a_0 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

$$a_2 + a_1 + a_0 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$3a_1 + 2a_0 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$4a_1 + 2a_0 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

Subtracting 2nd from 3rd yields:  $a_1 = 1$ .

$$a_0 = (2 - 4(a_1))2^{-1} = (-2)(2^{-1}) = (3)(3) = 9 \equiv 4 \pmod{5}$$

$$a_2 = 2 - 1 - 4 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}.$$

So polynomial is  $2x^2 + 1x + 4 \pmod{5}$

In general..

Given points:  $(x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \dots (x_k, y_k)$ .

Solve...

$$a_{k-1}x_1^{k-1} + \dots + a_0 \equiv y_1 \pmod{p}$$

$$a_{k-1}x_2^{k-1} + \dots + a_0 \equiv y_2 \pmod{p}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$a_{k-1}x_k^{k-1} + \dots + a_0 \equiv y_k \pmod{p}$$

Will this always work?

As long as solution **exists** and it is **unique!** And...

**Modular Arithmetic Fact:** Exactly 1 degree  $\leq d$  polynomial with arithmetic modulo prime  $p$  contains  $d + 1$  pts.

## Another Construction: Interpolation!

For a quadratic,  $a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$  hits (1, 2); (2, 4); (3, 0).

Find  $\Delta_1(x)$  polynomial contains (1, 1); (2, 0); (3, 0).

Try  $(x-2)(x-3) \pmod{5}$ .

Value is 0 at 2 and 3. Value is 2 at 1. **Not 1! Doh!!**

So "Divide by 2" or multiply by 3.

$\Delta_1(x) = (x-2)(x-3)(3) \pmod{5}$  contains (1, 1); (2, 0); (3, 0).

$\Delta_2(x) = (x-1)(x-3)(4) \pmod{5}$  contains (1, 0); (2, 1); (3, 0).

$\Delta_3(x) = (x-1)(x-2)(3) \pmod{5}$  contains (1, 0); (2, 0); (3, 1).

But wanted to hit (1, 2); (2, 4); (3, 0)!

$P(x) = 2\Delta_1(x) + 4\Delta_2(x) + 0\Delta_3(x)$  works.

Zero and one, my love is won....  $P(1) = 2(1) + 4(0) + 0(0) = 2$ .

$P(2) = 2(0) + 4(1) + 0(0) = 4$ .

Same as before? ...after a lot of calculations...

$P(x) = 2x^2 + 1x + 4 \pmod{5}$ .

The same as before!

## There exists a polynomial...

**Modular Arithmetic Fact:** Exactly 1 degree  $\leq d$  polynomial with arithmetic modulo prime  $p$  contains  $d+1$  pts.

**Proof of at least one polynomial:**

Given points:  $(x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \dots (x_{d+1}, y_{d+1})$ .

$$\Delta_i(x) = \frac{\prod_{j \neq i} (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_i - x_j)} = \prod_{j \neq i} (x - x_j) \prod_{j \neq i} (x_i - x_j)^{-1}$$

Numerator is 0 at  $x_j \neq x_i$ . "Denominator" makes it 1 at  $x_i$ .

$\Delta_i(x_j) = 0$  if  $i \neq j$  and  $\Delta_i(x_i) = 1$

And..

$P(x) = y_1\Delta_1(x) + y_2\Delta_2(x) + \dots + y_{d+1}\Delta_{d+1}(x)$ .

hits points  $(x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \dots (x_{d+1}, y_{d+1})$ .

Since  $P(x_i) = y_1(0) + y_2(0) \dots + y_i(1) \dots + y_{d+1}(0)$ .

And Degree  $d$  polynomial.

Construction proves the existence of a polynomial!

## Fields..

Flowers, and grass, oh so nice.

Set and two commutative operations:

addition and multiplication

with additive/multiplicative identity elts (zero and one)

and inverses except for additive identity has no multiplicative inverse.

E.g., Reals, rationals, complex numbers.

Not E.g., the integers, matrices.

We will work with polynomials with arithmetic modulo  $p$ .

Addition is cool. Inherited from integers and integer division (remainders).

Multiplicative inverses due to  $\gcd(x, p) = 1$ , for all  $x \in \{1, \dots, p-1\}$

## Poll

Mark what's true.

(A)  $\Delta_1(x_1) = y_1$

(B)  $\Delta_1(x_1) = 1$

(C)  $\Delta_1(x_2) = 0$

(D)  $\Delta_1(x_3) = 1$

(E)  $\Delta_2(x_2) = 1$

(F)  $\Delta_2(x_1) = 0$

(B), (C), and (E)

## Delta Polynomials: Concept.

For set of  $x$ -values,  $x_1, \dots, x_{d+1}$ .

$$\Delta_i(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = x_i. \\ 0, & \text{if } x = x_j \text{ for } j \neq i. \\ ?, & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases} \quad (1)$$

Given  $d+1$  points, use  $\Delta_i$  functions to go through points?  $(x_1, y_1), \dots, (x_{d+1}, y_{d+1})$ .

Will  $y_1\Delta_1(x)$  contain  $(x_1, y_1)$ ?

Will  $y_2\Delta_2(x)$  contain  $(x_2, y_2)$ ?

Does  $y_1\Delta_1(x) + y_2\Delta_2(x)$  contain  $(x_1, y_1)$ ? and  $(x_2, y_2)$ ?

See the idea? Function that contains all points?

$P(x) = y_1\Delta_1(x) + y_2\Delta_2(x) \dots + y_{d+1}\Delta_{d+1}(x)$ .

## Example.

$$\Delta_i(x) = \frac{\prod_{j \neq i} (x - x_j)}{\prod_{j \neq i} (x_i - x_j)}$$

Degree 1 polynomial,  $P(x)$ , that contains (1, 3) and (3, 4)?

Work modulo 5.

$\Delta_1(x)$  contains (1, 1) and (3, 0).

$$\Delta_1(x) = \frac{(x-3)}{(1-3)} = \frac{x-3}{-2} = (x-3)(-2)^{-1}$$

$$\Delta_1(x) = (x-3)(1-3)^{-1} = (x-3)(-2)^{-1} = 2(x-3) = 2x-6 = 2x+4 \pmod{5}$$

For a quadratic,  $a_2x^2 + a_1x + a_0$  hits (1, 3); (2, 4); (3, 0).

Work modulo 5.

Find  $\Delta_1(x)$  polynomial contains (1, 1); (2, 0); (3, 0).

$$\Delta_1(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{(1-2)(1-3)} = \frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{(1-2)(1-3)} = (2)^{-1}(x-2)(x-3) = 3(x-2)(x-3) = 3x^2 + 3 \pmod{5}$$

Put the delta functions together.

## In general.

Given points:  $(x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \cdots (x_k, y_k)$ .

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And..

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hits points  $(x_1, y_1); (x_2, y_2) \cdots (x_k, y_k)$ .

Construction proves the existence of the polynomial!

## Only $d$ roots.

**Lemma 1:**  $P(x)$  has root  $a$  iff  $P(x)/(x-a)$  has remainder 0:

$$P(x) = (x-a)Q(x) \text{ where } Q(x) \text{ has degree } d-1.$$

**Proof:**  $P(x) = (x-a)Q(x) + r$ .

Plugin  $a$ :  $P(a) = (a-a)Q(a) + r = r$ .

It is a root if and only if  $r = 0$ . □

**Lemma 2:**  $P(x)$  has  $d$  roots;  $r_1, \dots, r_d$  then

$$P(x) = c(x-r_1)(x-r_2) \cdots (x-r_d).$$

**Proof Sketch:** By induction.

Induction Step:  $P(x) = (x-r_1)Q(x)$  by Lemma 1.

$Q(x)$  has smaller degree so use the induction hypothesis.

Base case:  $P(x) = a_1x + a_0$  of degree 1 has form  $c(x-r_1)$ .

$$\text{Root at } r_1 = (a_1)^{-1}a_0. \quad \square$$

Lemma 2 implies  $d+1$  roots implies degree is at least  $d+1$ .

Contraposition is...

**Roots fact:** Any degree  $d$  polynomial has at most  $d$  roots.

## Uniqueness.

**Uniqueness Fact.** At most one degree  $d$  polynomial hits  $d+1$  points.

**Roots fact:** Any nontrivial degree  $d$  polynomial has at most  $d$  roots.

Non-zero line (degree 1 polynomial) can intersect  $y=0$  at only one  $x$ .

A parabola (degree 2), can intersect  $y=0$  at only two  $x$ 's.

**Proof:**

Assume two different polynomials  $Q(x)$  and  $P(x)$  hit the points.

$R(x) = Q(x) - P(x)$  has  $d+1$  roots and is degree  $d$ .

**Contradiction.**

Must prove **Roots fact.** □

## Finite Fields

Proof works for reals, rationals, and complex numbers.

..but not for integers, since no multiplicative inverses.

Arithmetic modulo a prime  $p$  has multiplicative inverses..

..and has only a finite number of elements.

Good for computer science.

Arithmetic modulo a prime  $m$  is a **finite field** denoted by  $F_m$  or  $GF(m)$ .

Intuitively, a field is a set with operations corresponding to addition, multiplication, and division.

## Polynomial Division.

Divide  $4x^2 - 3x + 2$  by  $(x-3)$  modulo 5.

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x + 4 \text{ r } 4 \\ \text{-----} \\ x - 3 \ ) \ 4x^2 - 3x + 2 \\ \quad 4x^2 - 2x \\ \quad \text{-----} \\ \quad \quad 4x + 2 \\ \quad \quad 4x - 2 \\ \quad \quad \text{-----} \\ \quad \quad \quad 4 \end{array}$$

$$4x^2 - 3x + 2 \equiv (x-3)(4x+4) + 4 \pmod{5}$$

In general, divide  $P(x)$  by  $(x-a)$  gives  $Q(x)$  and remainder  $r$ .

That is,  $P(x) = (x-a)Q(x) + r$  where  $Q(x)$  has degree  $d-1$ .

## Secret Sharing

**Modular Arithmetic Fact:** Exactly one polynomial degree  $\leq d$  over  $GF(p)$ ,  $P(x)$ , that hits  $d+1$  points.

**Shamir's  $k$  out of  $n$  Scheme:**

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1. Choose  $a_0 = s$ , and randomly  $a_1, \dots, a_{k-1}$ .
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**Secrecy:** Any  $k-1$  knows nothing.

Knowing  $\leq k-1$  pts, any  $P(0)$  is possible.

## Minimality.

Need  $p > n$  to hand out  $n$  shares:  $P(1) \dots P(n)$ .

For  $b$ -bit secret, must choose a prime  $p > 2^b$ .

**Theorem:** There is always a prime between  $n$  and  $2n$ .

*Chebyshev said it,  
And I say it again,  
There is always a prime  
Between  $n$  and  $2n$ .*

Working over numbers within 1 bit of secret size. **Minimality.**

With  $k$  shares, reconstruct polynomial,  $P(x)$ .

With  $k - 1$  shares, any of  $p$  values possible for  $P(0)$ !

(Almost) any  $b$ -bit string possible!

(Almost) the same as what is missing: one  $P(i)$ .

## Summary

Two points make a line.

Compute solution:  $m, b$ .

Unique:

Assume two solutions, show they are the same.

Today:  $d + 1$  points make a unique degree  $d$  polynomial.

Cuz:

Can solvilinear system.

Solution exists: lagrange interpolation.

Unique:

Roots fact: Factoring sez  $(x - r)$  is root.

Induction, says only  $d$  roots.

Apply:  $P(x), Q(x)$  degree  $d$ .

$P(x) - Q(x)$  is degree  $d \implies d$  roots.

$P(x) = Q(x)$  on  $d + 1$  points  $\implies P(x) = Q(x)$ .

Secret Sharing:

$k$  points on degree  $k - 1$  polynomial is great!

Can hand out  $n$  points on polynomial as shares.

## Runtime.

Runtime: polynomial in  $k, n$ , and  $\log p$ .

1. Evaluate degree  $k - 1$  polynomial  $n$  times using  $\log p$ -bit numbers.
2. Reconstruct secret by solving system of  $k$  equations using  $\log p$ -bit arithmetic.

## A bit more counting.

What is the number of degree  $d$  polynomials over  $GF(m)$ ?

▶  $m^{d+1}$ :  $d + 1$  coefficients from  $\{0, \dots, m - 1\}$ .

▶  $m^{d+1}$ :  $d + 1$  points with  $y$ -values from  $\{0, \dots, m - 1\}$

Infinite number for reals, rationals, complex numbers!