



Multiplicative Inverses Modulo n

Any positive integer that is less than n and relatively prime to n has a multiplicative inverse modulo n . This is a consequence of the Euclidean algorithm. We will see in the example below why this must be so. Any positive integer that is less than n and not relatively prime to n does not have a multiplicative inverse modulo n .

Example: find the multiplicative Inverse of 17 mod 43

$$17^{-1} \bmod 43 = 38$$

Find GCD (17, 43)

$$43 = 17 \cdot 2 + 9 \rightarrow 9 = 43 - 17 \cdot 2$$

$$17 = 9 \cdot 1 + 8 \rightarrow 8 = 17 - 9 \cdot 1$$

$$9 = 8 \cdot 1 + 1 \rightarrow 1 = 9 - 8$$

$$\text{So, GCD}(17, 43) = 1$$

Now, do the “backward part” of the algorithm (this is often called the “extended Euclidean algorithm”)– expressing 1 as a combination of 17 and 43.

$$1 = 9 - 8 \rightarrow 8 = 17 - 9 \cdot 1$$

$$1 = 9 - 17 + 9$$

$$1 = 2 \cdot 9 - 17 \rightarrow 9 = 43 - 17 \cdot 2$$

$$1 = 2(43 - 17 \cdot 2) - 17$$

$$1 = 2 \cdot 43 - 4 \cdot 17 - 17$$

$$2 \cdot 43 \bmod 43 = 0$$

$$1 = 0 - 5 \cdot 17$$

$$1 = -5 \cdot 17$$

$$-5 \bmod 43 = 38 \rightarrow -5 + 43 = 38$$

$$X = 38$$

For prove

$$17 \cdot 38 \bmod 43 = 1$$

$$646 \bmod 43 = 1$$



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Example: find the multiplicative Inverse of 15 mod 26 $15^{-1} \bmod 26 = 7$

Solution: First, do the "forward part" of the Euclidean algorithm – finding the GCD.

$$26 = 1 \times 15 + 11 \rightarrow A \quad 11 = 26 - 15 \times 1$$

$$15 = 1 \times 11 + 4 \rightarrow B \quad 4 = 15 - 11 \times 1$$

$$11 = 2 \times 4 + 3 \rightarrow C \quad 3 = 11 - 2 \times 4$$

$$4 = 1 \times 3 + 1 \rightarrow D \quad 1 = 4 - 3 \times 1$$

So, $\text{GCD}(15, 26) = 1$.

Now, do the "backward part" of the algorithm (this is often called the "extended Euclidean algorithm)– expressing 1 as a combination of 15 and 26.

$$1 = 4 - 1 \times 3 \quad \text{from D}$$

$$1 = 4 - 1 \times (11 - 2 \times 4) \quad \text{from C}$$

$$1 = 4 - 1 \times 11 + 2 \times 4$$

$$1 = 3 \times 4 - 1 \times 11 \quad \text{from B}$$

$$1 = 3 \times (15 - 1 \times 11) - 1 \times 11$$

$$1 = 3 \times 15 - 4 \times 11 \quad \text{from A}$$

$$1 = 3 \times 15 - 4 \times (26 - 1 \times 15)$$

$$1 = 3 \times 15 - 4 \times 26 + 4 \times 15 \rightarrow 3 \times 15 + 4 \times 15 = 7 \times 15$$

$$1 = 7 \times 15 - 4 \times 26$$

So, $1 = 7 \times 15 - 4 \times 26$.

Finally, "go mod 26." Because $26 = 0 \bmod 26$, when we "go mod 26," the equation $1 = 7 \times 15 - 4 \times 26$ becomes the congruence $1 = 7 \times 15 \bmod 26$. So, the inverse of 15 modulo 26 is 7



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To find $11^7 \bmod 13$, we can proceed as follows:

$$11^2 = 121 \equiv 4 \pmod{13}$$

$$11^4 = (11^2)^2 \equiv 4^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{13}$$

$$11^7 = 11 \times 11^2 \times 11^4$$

$$11^7 \equiv 11 \times 4 \times 3 \equiv 132 \equiv 2 \pmod{13}$$

$X = a^{p-2} \bmod p$ **P must be Prime**

$$15^{-1} \bmod 17 = 8 \quad 17 \text{ must be Prime}$$

$$15^{17-2} \bmod 17$$

$$15^{15} \bmod 17$$

$$15^5 * 15^5 * 15^5 \bmod 17$$

$$15^5 = 759375 \bmod 17 = 2$$

$$\rightarrow 759375 / 17 = 44669.1176 \rightarrow 44669 * 17 = 759373 \rightarrow 759375 - 759373 = 2$$

$$2 * 2 * 2 = 8$$

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$$15^4 * 15^4 * 15^4 * 15^3 \bmod 17$$

$$(15^2)^2 * (15^2)^2 * (15^2)^2 * 15 * 15 * 15$$

$$15^4 = 4^2 = 16$$

$$16 * 16 * 16 * 15 * 15 * 15 = 13824000$$

$$13824000 / 17 = 813176.4705$$

$$17 * 813176 = 13823992$$

$$13824000 - 13823992 = 8$$



Sul3:

$$15^{-1} \bmod 17 = 8$$

$$17+17=34+1 / 15=2.3$$

$$34+17=51+1 / 15=3.4$$

$$51+17=68+1 / 15=4.6$$

$$68+17=85+1 / 15= 5.7$$

$$85+17=102+1 / 15=6.86$$

$$102+17=119+1 / 15= 8$$

Example: find the multiplicative Inverse of 13 mod 25

The requirement is a should be relatively prime to b, i.e., $\gcd(a, b) = 1$.

Consider $\gcd(13, 25)$:

$$25 = 1 \times 13 + 12 \quad \gcd(13, 12) \quad (A)$$

$$13 = 1 \times 12 + 1 \quad \gcd(12, 1) \quad (B)$$

$$12 = 12 \times 1 + 0 \quad \gcd(1, 0)$$

Table: Determine $\gcd(13, 25)$

$$1 = 13 - 1 \times 12 \quad \text{From}(B)$$

$$1 = 13 - 1 \times (25 - 1 \times 13) \quad \text{From}(A)$$

$$1 = 2 \times 13 - 1 \times 25$$

$$1 = 2 \times 13 + (-1) \times 25 \quad \text{Simplification}$$

It is easy to see now, 2 is inverse of 13 mod 25.

Find $35^{-1} \bmod 96$ using Extended Euclidean algorithm



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$$96 = 35 \times 2 + 26$$

$$35 = 26 \times 1 + 9$$

$$26 = 9 \times 2 + 8$$

$$9 = 8 \times 1 + 1$$

Thus $GCD(96, 35) = 1$ and the inverse exists.

$$1 = 9 - 8 \times 1$$

$$1 = 9 - (26 - 9 \times 2) \times 1 = 9 \times 3 - 26 \times 1$$

$$1 = (35 - 26 \times 1) \times 3 - 26 \times 1 = 35 \times 3 - 26 \times 4$$

$$1 = 35 \times 3 - (96 - 35 \times 2) \times 4 = 35 \times 11 - 96 \times 4$$

Hence we have $35^{-1} \bmod 96 = 11 \bmod 96 = 11$.

(and the inverse of 7 modulo 26 is 15).



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To find the multiplicative inverse of 15 modulo 26, we need to find a number b such that $15 \times b \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$.

We can use the Extended Euclidean Algorithm to find the inverse, or we can use trial and error.

Let's try using trial and error:

$$15 \times 1 \equiv 15 \pmod{26}$$

$$15 \times 2 \equiv 30 \equiv 4 \pmod{26}$$

$$15 \times 3 \equiv 45 \equiv 19 \pmod{26}$$

$$15 \times 4 \equiv 60 \equiv 8 \pmod{26}$$

$$15 \times 5 \equiv 75 \equiv 23 \pmod{26}$$

$$15 \times 6 \equiv 90 \equiv 12 \pmod{26}$$

$$15 \times 7 \equiv 105 \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$$

So, we found that $15 \times 7 \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$.

Therefore, the multiplicative inverse of 15 modulo 26 is 7.

Example: find the multiplicative Invers of 19 mod 26

$$26 = 19 * 1 + 7$$

$$19 = 7 * 2 + 5$$

$$7 = 5 * 1 + 2$$

$$5 = 2 * 2 + 1$$

$$2 = 2 * 1 + 0$$

Now, do the "backward part" of the algorithm $1 = 5 - 2 * 2$

$$1 = 5 - 2(7 - 5 * 1)$$

$$1 = 5 * 3 - 2 * 7$$

$$1 = (19 - 7 * 2) * 3 - 2 * 7$$

$$1 = 3 * 19 - 8 * 7$$

$$1 = 3 * 19 - 8(26 - 19 * 1)$$

$$1 = 11 * 19 - 8 * 26$$

$$1 = 11 * 19 \pmod{26}$$



So, we conclude that 11 is the multiplicative inverse of 19 modulo 26.

Inverse

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Example: Using the extended Euclidean algorithm, find the multiplicative inverse of 7465 mod 2464

$\gcd(40902, 24240) = 34 \neq 1$, so there is no multiplicative inverse.