

## Finite field

- 1) A finite field is a field with a finite number of elements.
- 2) The number of elements in the set is called the order of the field.
- 3) A field with order  $m$  exists if  $m$  is a prime power, i.e.  $m = p^n$  for some integer  $n$  and with  $p$  a prime integer.
- 4)  $GF(p) =$  The elements of the finite fields can be represented by  $0, 1, \dots, p-1$ .  $GF(2) = \{0, 1\}$ .
- 5) Elements are represented as polynomials over  $GF(p)$ .

### Polynomials over a field :-

A polynomial over a field  $F$  is an expression of the form:

$$b(x) = b_{n-1}x^{n-1} + b_{n-2}x^{n-2} + \dots + b_0$$

### Operations on Polynomials

i) Addition.

$$c(x) = a(x) + b(x) \Leftrightarrow c_i = a_i + b_i ; 0 \leq i \leq n$$

[0 is the identity element. The inverse of an element can be found by replacing each coefficient of the polynomial by its inverse in  $F$ ]

Example: We have  $a(x)$  and we have to find the identity inverse  $[a(x)]^{-1}$  over addition operation

for  $GF(2^8)$

$$a(x) = a_7x^7 + a_6x^6 + \dots + a_0$$

So for addition.  $a(x) + b(x) = 0$ .

$$b(x) = b_7x^7 + b_6x^6 + \dots + b_0$$

$$\Rightarrow a_7 \oplus b_7 = 0 \Rightarrow a_7 = b_7$$

In  $GF(2) \Rightarrow$  we have 2 elements  $\{0, 1\}$

$$\begin{cases} 0 \oplus 0 = 0 \\ 1 \oplus 1 = 0 \end{cases} \quad \begin{array}{l} 0 \text{ is the identity inverse of } 0. \\ 1 \text{ is " " " " } 1. \end{array}$$

Example:-

ii) Multiplication :-

In order to make the multiplication, we select a polynomial  $m(x)$  of degree  $l$ , called the reduction polynomial.

The multiplication is then defined as follows:

$$[c(x) = a(x) \cdot b(x) \Leftrightarrow c(x) \equiv a(x) \times b(x) \pmod{m(x)}]$$

Example :-

if  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  doing mod 6 operations

$2^{-1} \pmod{6} \Rightarrow$  not defined

i.e.  $\gcd(2, 6) \neq 1$ . i.e. 2 and 6 are not co-prime to each other.

if  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$  doing mod 7 operation.

all no. are co-prime to number 7

multiplicative inverse  $\leftrightarrow$  prime modulo.

To define a multiplicative inverse, we require our modulo to be prime numbers.

Irreducible Polynomial :-

A polynomial  $d(x)$  is irreducible over the field  $GF(p)$  if there exists no two polynomials  $a(x)$  and  $b(x)$  with coefficients in  $GF(p)$  such that

$$[d(x) = a(x)b(x)]; \text{ where } a(x) \text{ and } b(x) \text{ are of degree } > 0.$$

Example :- (1) consider  $GF(2^4)$  and polynomial  $(x^4 + x + 1)$  is irreducible polynomial. so

$x^4 + x + 1$  can't be written as  $a(x) \times b(x)$

$$x^4 + x + 1 \neq a(x) \times b(x)$$

(2).  $x^4 + 1 \Rightarrow$  is irreducible ?

$x^4 + 1 = (x+1)^4 =$  (Expand it) take modulo 2 operation.

$x^4 + 1$  has got factor  $x+1$ .

$x+1 \in GF(2^4)$

so  $(x^4 + 1)$  is not irreducible polynomial.

Example (1)  $x^4 + x^3 + 1 \rightarrow$  irreducible polynomial

(2)  $x^4 + x^3 + x^2 + x + 1 \rightarrow$  " "

Example:-

1) Polynomial Addition.

$$f(x) = x^5 + 3x^3 + 4$$

$$g(x) = 6x^6 + 4x^3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{f(x)+g(x)} \\ x^5 + 3x^3 + 4 \\ + 6x^6 + \quad + 4x^3 \\ \hline 6x^6 + x^5 + 7x^3 + 4 \end{array}$$

2) Polynomial Subtraction.

$$f(x) = x^5 + 3x^3 + 4$$

$$g(x) = 6x^6 + 4x^3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} f(x) - g(x) \\ x^5 + 3x^3 + 4 \\ - 6x^6 + \quad + 4x^3 \\ \hline - 6x^6 + x^5 - 1x^3 + 4 \end{array}$$

3) Polynomial Multiplication

$$f(x) = x^5 + 3x^3 + 4$$

$$f(x) * g(x)$$

$$g(x) = 6x^6 + 4x^3$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^5 + 3x^3 + 4 \\ \times \quad 6x^6 + 4x^3 \\ \hline 4x^8 + 12x^6 + 16x^3 \\ 6x^{11} + 18x^9 + 24x^6 \\ \hline 6x^{11} + 18x^9 + 4x^8 + 36x^6 + 16x^3 \end{array}$$

4) Polynomial Division

$$F(x) = 6x^{11} + 18x^9 + 4x^8 + 36x^6 + 16x^3$$

$$g(x) = x^5 + 3x^3 + 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x^6 + 4x^3 \\ x^5 + 3x^3 + 4 \overline{) 6x^{11} + 18x^9 + 4x^8 + 36x^6 + 16x^3} \\ \underline{6x^{11} + 18x^9 + 24x^6} \phantom{+ 16x^3} \\ 4x^8 + 12x^6 + 16x^3 \\ \underline{4x^8 + 12x^6 + 16x^3} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

But in many cases, the divisors cannot divide the dividends, which means we will have remainders. For example:-

$$f(x) = 3x^6 + 7x^4 + 4x^3 + 5$$

$$g(x) = x^4 + 3x^3 + 4$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 9x + 34 \\ x^4 + 3x^3 + 4 \overline{) 3x^6 + 7x^4 + 4x^3 + 5} \\ \underline{3x^6 + 9x^5 + 12x^2} \\ -9x^5 + 7x^4 + 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 5 \\ \underline{-9x^5 - 27x^4 - 36x} \\ 34x^4 + 4x^3 - 12x^2 + 36x + 5 \\ \underline{34x^4 + 102x^3 + \phantom{- 12x^2} + 136} \\ -98x^3 - 12x^2 + 36x - 131 \end{array}$$

Remainder:-  $-98x^3 - 12x^2 + 36x - 131$

→ If a polynomial is divisible only by itself and constants, then we call this polynomial an irreducible polynomial.

→ If the coefficients are taken from the field  $F$ , then we say it is a polynomial over  $F$ .

→ With polynomials over field  $GF(p)$ , you can add, multiply polynomials just like you have always done but the coefficients need to be reduced modulo  $p$ .

For example: Results with polynomials over  $GF(11)$ . For last example

$$f(x) = x^5 + 3x^3 + 4$$

$$g(x) = 6x^6 + 4x^3$$

$$f(x) + g(x) = \boxed{6x^6 + x^5 + 7x^3 + 4}$$

$$f(x) - g(x) = -6x^6 + x^5 - 1x^3 + 4 = \boxed{5x^6 + x^5 + 10x^3 + 4}$$

$$f(x) * g(x) = 6x^{11} + 18x^9 + 4x^8 + 36x^6 + 16x^3$$

$$= \boxed{6x^{11} + 7x^9 + 4x^8 + 3x^6 + 5x^3}$$

$$f(x) \div g(x) = 3x^2 - 9x + 34 \text{ with remainder } -98x^3 - 12x^2 + 36x - 131$$

$$= \boxed{3x^2 + 2x + 3} \text{ with remainder } \boxed{x^3 + 10x^2 + 3x + 1}$$

Residue classes modulo 11 are:-

$$[0] = \{ \dots, -22, -11, 0, 11, 22, \dots \}$$

$$[1] \rightarrow \{ \dots, -21, -10, 1, 12, 23, \dots \}$$

$$[2] = \{ \dots, -20, -9, 2, 13, 24, \dots \}$$

$$[3] \rightarrow \{ \dots, -19, -8, 3, 14, 25, \dots \}$$

$$[4] = \{ \dots, -18, -7, 4, 15, 26, \dots \}$$

$$[5] = \{ \dots, -17, -6, 5, 16, 27, \dots \}$$

$$[6] \rightarrow \{ \dots, -16, -5, 6, 17, 28, \dots \}$$

$$[7] = \{ \dots, -15, -4, 7, 18, 29, \dots \}$$

$$[8] = \{ \dots, -14, -3, 8, 19, 30, \dots \}$$

$$[9] \rightarrow \{ \dots, -13, -2, 9, 20, 31, \dots \}$$

$$[10] = \{ \dots, -12, -1, 10, 21, 32, \dots \}$$

Example :-  
 $f(x) = x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1$   
 $g(x) = x^7 + x + 1$

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Irreducible polynomial  $m(x) = x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1 = GF(2^8) = GF(P^n)$

Addition :-

$$f(x) + g(x) = x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1 + x^7 + x + 1$$

$$= x^7 + x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + 2x + 2$$

Here  $P=2$ .

$$= x^7 + x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + 0 \cdot x + 0 \cdot 1$$

$$f(x) + g(x) = x^7 + x^6 + x^4 + x^2$$

Arithmetic on the coefficient is performed modulo P.

Applied

Multiplication :-

$$f(x) \times g(x) = (x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + x + 1) \times (x^7 + x + 1)$$

$$= x^{13} + x^{11} + x^9 + x^8 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + 1$$

Applied with  $P=2$

If multiplication results in a polynomial of degree greater than  $n-1$ , then the polynomial is reduced modulo some irreducible polynomial  $m(x)$  of degree  $n$ .

We divide by  $m(x)$  and keep the remainder.

$$\begin{array}{r} x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1 \\ \hline x^{13} + x^{11} + x^9 + x^8 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + 1 \\ \underline{x^{13} \phantom{+ x^{11} + x^9 + x^8 + x^6 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + 1}} \\ x^{11} \phantom{+ x^9 + x^8 + x^6 + x^5} + x^4 + x^3 \\ \underline{x^{11} \phantom{+ x^9 + x^8 + x^6 + x^5} + x^4 + x^3} \\ x^9 + x^8 + x^6 + x^5 + 1 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So, } f(x) \times g(x) \text{ mod } m(x) = x^7 + x^6 + 1$$

Note :- The residue class  $[x+1]$  consists of all polynomials  $a(x)$  that satisfy the equality  $a(x) \text{ mod } m(x) = x+1$