

This is to solve the Sage portion of Chapter 7 of

"A journey through the realm of numbers: from quadratic equations to quadratic reciprocity."

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In [1]: # Looking for generators modulo p.
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In [2]: def is_generator(a, p):
        a = mod(a, p)
        if not(is_prime(p)):
            return "stick to primes"
        if a == 0:
            return false
        b = a
        k = 1
        while not(b == 1):
            k = k+1
            b = b*a
        if k == p-1:
            return true
        else:
            return false
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In [3]: is_generator(0, 1)
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Out[3]: 'stick to primes'
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In [4]: is_generator(2, 13)
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Out[4]: True
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In [5]: def has_generator(p):
        if not(is_prime(p)):
            return "not a prime"
        for a in Integers(p):
            if is_generator(a, p):
                return true
        return false
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In [6]: has_generator(13)
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Out[6]: True
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In [7]: has_generator(29)
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Out[7]: True
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In [8]: all([has_generator(p) for p in range(10000) if is_prime(p)])
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Out[8]: True
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In [9]: # Which elements are squares modulo p for odd primes?
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In [10]: list2square = [p for p in range(3,1000)
                       if is_prime(p) and is_square(mod(2,p))]
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In [11]: Set([mod(p, 4) for p in list2square]) # modulo 4 seems useless
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Out[11]: {1, 3}
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In [12]: Set([mod(p, 8) for p in list2square]) # modulo 8 might help
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Out[12]: {1, 7}
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In [13]: # This checks whether (at least for p<1000) the condition
# whether 2 is a square in F_p relates to the above
# congruence condition modulo 8.
all([p in list2square for p in range(3, 1000)
     if is_prime(p) and (mod(p, 8) in [1, 7])])
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Out[13]: True
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In [14]: list3square = [p for p in range(5, 1000)
                       if is_prime(p) and is_square(mod(3, p))]
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In [15]: Set([mod(p, 9) for p in list3square]) # modulo 9 seems useless
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Out[15]: {1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 8}
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In [16]: list5square = [p for p in range(7, 1000)
                       if is_prime(p) and is_square(mod(5, p))]
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In [17]: Set([mod(p, 5) for p in list5square]) # modulo 5 might help
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Out[17]: {1, 4}
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In [18]: # This checks whether (at least for p<1000) the condition
# whether 5 is a square in F_p relates to the above
# congruence condition modulo 5.
all([p in list5square for p in range(7, 1000)
     if is_prime(p) and (mod(p, 5) in [1, 4])])
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Out[18]: True
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In [19]: # This raises the questions (see chapter 8):
# For which primes q is the condition
# "q is a square in F_p"
# characterized by a congruence condition modulo q?
# How can one characterize the condition for q=3?
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In [20]: # To define the symmetric group with 3 elements we
# simply need to write
G = SymmetricGroup(3)
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In [21]: for g in G:
print(g)
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(1,3,2)
(1,2,3)
(2,3)
(1,3)
(1,2)
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In [22]: G.is_abelian()
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Out[22]: False
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In [23]: G.order()
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Out[23]: 6
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In [24]: table([[g*h for g in G for h in G])
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Out[24]:      (1, 3, 2) (1, 2, 3) (2, 3) (1, 3) (1, 2)
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(1, 2, 3)      (1, 3, 2) (1, 2) (2, 3) (1, 3)
(2, 3) (1, 2) (1, 3)      (1, 2, 3) (1, 3, 2)
(1, 3) (2, 3) (1, 2) (1, 3, 2)      (1, 2, 3)
(1, 2) (1, 3) (2, 3) (1, 2, 3) (1, 3, 2)
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In [25]: # in the second row and third column we see the composition
# of (1,2) and (1,2,3):
# the latter sends 1 to 2, the former 2 to 1
# the latter sends 2 to 3, the former 3 to 3
# the latter sends 3 to 1, the former 1 to 2
# which in total amounts to the permutation (2,3)
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In [26]: def max_order(n):
G = SymmetricGroup(n)
orders = [g.order() for g in G]
return max(orders)
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In [27]: # (1,2,3) has order 3
max_order(3)
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Out[27]: 3
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In [28]: # (1,2,3,4) has order 4
max_order(4)
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Out[28]: 4
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In [29]: # (1,2,3,4,5)(6,7,8)(9,10) has order 30
max_order(10)
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Out[29]: 30
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In [30]: # We implement a crude version of the Diffie-Hellman key exchange.
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In [31]: # The following 'dictionary' allows us to translate letters,
# the space, and fullstops to unique numerical codes.
numdict={" ":0,"a":1,"b":2,"c":3,"d":4,"e":5,"f":6,"g":7,
         "h":8,"i":9,"j":10,"k":11,"l":12,"m":13,"n":14,"o":15,
         "p":16,"q":17,"r":18,"s":19,"t":20,"u":21,"v":22,"w":23,
         "x":24,"y":25,"z":26,".":27}
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In [32]: numdict["c"] # dictionaries work similarly to a list
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Out[32]: 3
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In [33]: # Using base 28 and the dictionary we can encode a text string
# into a number.
def encode(text):
    numcode = 0
    for ch in text:
        numcode = numcode*28 + numdict[ch]
    return numcode
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In [34]: messagenumber = encode("remember the milk.")
messagenumber
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Out[34]: 72719048976766574891132623
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In [35]: # This number encodes the message (in a simple unsecure manner).
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In [36]: chardict={0:" ",1:"a",2:"b",3:"c",4:"d",5:"e",6:"f",7:"g",8:"h",
                  9:"i",10:"j",11:"k",12:"l",13:"m",14:"n",15:"o",16:"p",
                  17:"q",18:"r",19:"s",20:"t",21:"u",22:"v",23:"w",24:"x",
                  25:"y",26:"z",27:"."}
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In [37]: def decode(number):
    text = ""
    while number > 0:
        text = chardict[number%28] + text
        number = number // 28
    return text
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In [38]: decode(messagenumber)
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Out[38]: 'remember the milk.'
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In [39]: # To securely transmit the message we need a prime larger
# than our message.
myprime = random_prime(10*messagenumber, True, 2*messagenumber)
myfield = FiniteField(myprime)
myprime
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Out[39]: 328061456553664258140274987
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In [40]: # We also need to use a generator for the multiplicative group.
mygen = myfield.multiplicative_generator()
mygen
# The above randomly chosen prime and the generator (often but not
# always 2) are public information.
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Out[40]: 3
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In [41]: # Alice chooses a secret exponent a and transmits the
# a-th power of the generator.
alice_number_a = floor((1/4 + 1/2*random())*myprime)
alice_sends = mygen ^ alice_number_a
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In [42]: # Bob chooses a secret exponent b and transmits the
# b-th power of the generator.
bob_number_b = floor((1/4 + 1/2*random())*myprime)
bob_sends = mygen ^ bob_number_b
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In [43]: # Alice receives bob_sends and knows her number. Hence can
# calculate:
alice_key = bob_sends ^ alice_number_a
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In [44]: # Bob received alice_sends and knows his number. Hence he can
# calculate:
bob_key = alice_sends ^ bob_number_b
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In [45]: # Did they get the same number?
alice_key == bob_key
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Out[45]: True
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In [46]: alice_key
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Out[46]: 12052870988686619999304432
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In [47]: def encrypt(message, key):
         return message * key

         def decrypt(coded_message, key):
             return Integer(coded_message / key)
         # The command Integer() transforms the element in the finite
         # field back to an integer that can be used in the decode
         # routine.
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In [48]: coded_message = encrypt(messagenumber, alice_key)
         coded_message
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Out[48]: 233825922667071058740315463
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In [49]: # The point of this new number is that the letters stored
         # in the various digits with respect to base 28 are now scrambled.
         decode(decrypt(coded_message, bob_key))
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Out[49]: 'remember the milk.'
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In [50]: # It is near impossible to recover the message without
         # the correct key.
         print(decode(decrypt(coded_message, bob_key-2)))
         print(decode(decrypt(coded_message, bob_key-1)))
         print(decode(decrypt(coded_message, bob_key+1)))
         print(decode(decrypt(coded_message, bob_key+2)))
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aiimeyqr.jmwtkxqibm
aicqdydzztquq y jot
awis.lkdw yygelr pg
ajpbnfxcpsh.itwvylb
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In [51]: # However, since myfield and mygen are public the evesdropper Eve
         # could calculate the numbers alice_number_a, bob_number_b,
         # and in particular the key.
         eves_guess_for_a = alice_sends.log(mygen)
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In [52]: eves_guess_for_a == alice_number_a
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Out[52]: True
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In [53]: # With this Eve can also get the message.
         decode(decrypt(coded_message, bob_sends ^ eves_guess_for_a))
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Out[53]: 'remember the milk.'
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In [54]: timeit('alice_sends.log(mygen)', number=1, repeat=1)
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Out[54]: 1 loops, best of 1: 1.85 s per loop
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In [55]: # We suggest to try encoding a (slightly) longer message. In this
         # case the above code will pick larger primes and everything will
         # work smoothly except for Eve.
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In []: