

A Proposed Solution to Polynomial Factorization over Prime Finite Field Public Key Cryptography

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Abstract

One of the well known types of Public Key Cryptosystem is the type using reciprocal Number, that depends mainly in Decryption Process on using of polynomial factorization over Prime Finite Field and Legendre symbol. The publications showed that there is a problem in determining this symbol, that depends on the reducibility idea. This paper suggest a solution to overcome such problem, by using the Greatest Common Divisor for polynomials, and overcome the limitations that appeared with Rabin's method, that applied for such problem. A program was implemented in Turbo Pascal Version 5.5 and was with many examples. Such solution provide a great gain in reducing the time and storage required for performing the Deciphering process of Reciprocal Public Key System.

Introduction

The revolutionary idea in cipher system is to make public the encipherment key as well as the enciphering algorithm. Such system is suggested in 1976 by Diffie and Hellman [6] and called *New Direction in Cryptography*. Such system is well

known as Public Key Cryptosystem. They didn't need for the encipherment procedure key to be the same as decipherment procedure.

For such system, given the encipherment procedure, the key, and perhaps the deduce the decipherment key. One we have such system, any one wishing to use it will be assigned an encipherment key which will be published in a dictionary. Any one wishing to send a message to one of the users merely consults the dictionary to see which encipherment key he should use. In this way a user, who will have his own secret decipherment key, will be able to decipher any cryptogram sent to him without even needing to know the identity of the sender.

Section 2 will discuss briefly the idea of public key cryptography using reciprocal number and gives the Legendre and Jacobi symbols.

Section 3 shows the Berlekamp's Algorithm for factorization of polynomial over finite field and gives the Division Algorithm with the running of the program for two examples. A conclusion is mentioned in section 4.

Public Key Crypyosystem Using Reciprocal Number

This cryptosystem is proven to be as difficult as factoring a large number. The following symbol is called legenders symbol:

$$(a/p) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } X^2=a \text{ mod } p \text{ has a solution} \\ -1 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

where p is a prime number other than two, while the Jacobis symbol is:-

$$(a/R) = (a/p) (a/q) \quad , \quad \text{where } R=pq.$$

Secret key : Two large prime numbers p and q

Public key : $\{R (=pq) , c\}$ where $(c/p)n = (c/q)=-1$

Plain Text : M , where $0 < M < R$ and $\text{GCD}(M,R)=1$

Cipher Text : (E, S, t) , where

$$E = M + (c/M \text{ mod } R) \quad (1)$$

$$S = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (M/R) = 1 \end{cases}$$

$$S = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (M/R) = -1 \end{cases}$$

$$t = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } (c/M \text{ mod } R) > M \end{cases}$$

$$t = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } (c/M \text{ mod } R) < M \end{cases}$$

Decryption

From eq. (1), we obtain

$$M^2 - E M + c = 0 \quad (2)$$

Let a_1 and a_2 be the roots of Eq. (2) mod p , while b_1 and b_2 be the

roots of $\{ \text{Eq. (2) mod } q \}$. Eq. (2) mod R , has the following four roots:-

$$M1 = [a_1, b_1]$$

$$M2 = [a_1, b_2]$$

$$M3 = [a_2, b_1]$$

$$M4 = [a_2, b_2]$$

Now we have the four messages and one of them is the original plain-text which will be determined by using the value of $(S$ and $t)$.

When $S=0$, then

$$\text{Min}(M_1, M_2) \text{ if } t=0$$

$M =$

$$\text{Max}(M_1, M_2) \text{ if } t=1$$

When $S=1$, then

$$\text{Min}(M_3, M_4) \text{ if } t=0$$

$$\text{Max}(M_3, M_4) \text{ if } t=1$$

Factorization of Polynomials over Finite field

All published algorithms were applied on square free polynomials [2], [3], [5].

Berikam's Algorithm

This algorithm used to test the reducibility of the polynomials and to factorize over small finite field [2]. Let $u(x)$ be the polynomial to be factorized

Step 1:- Ensure that $u(x)$ is square free

Step 2 :- Construct the $[n \ n]$ matrix Q , where n is the degree of $u(x)$.

Step 3 :- Triangularize the matrix Q -

I , where I is the $[n \times n]$ identity matrix, represents the number of irreducible factors of $u(x)$, where $r =$, this means that $u(x)$ is irreducible.

Find $v^{(1)}, \dots, v^{(r)}$ linearly independent vectors such that

$$v^{(i)}(Q-I) = (0, 0, \dots, 0)$$

Step 4:- Calculation of GCD $(u(x), v^{(i)}(x-S))$ for $0 \leq S < p$ will give us non-trivial factorization of $u(x)$ and so on.

Lemma (1) :-

Let $l_1, \dots, l_k$ be all the prime divisors of n and $n/l_i = m_i$ A polynomial $g(x) \in \mathbb{Z}_p[x]$ if:-

- a) $g(x) \mid (x^p - x)$
- b) $(g(x), x^m - x) = 1 \quad 1 \leq i \leq k$

Example :-

Find the value of $(5/7)$, i.e. test the reducibility of the polynomial $x=5$ over the field of residues modulo 7.

Solution

$\text{GCD}(x-5, x^5-1) = 5$
this means that $x-5$ is irreducible over our field.

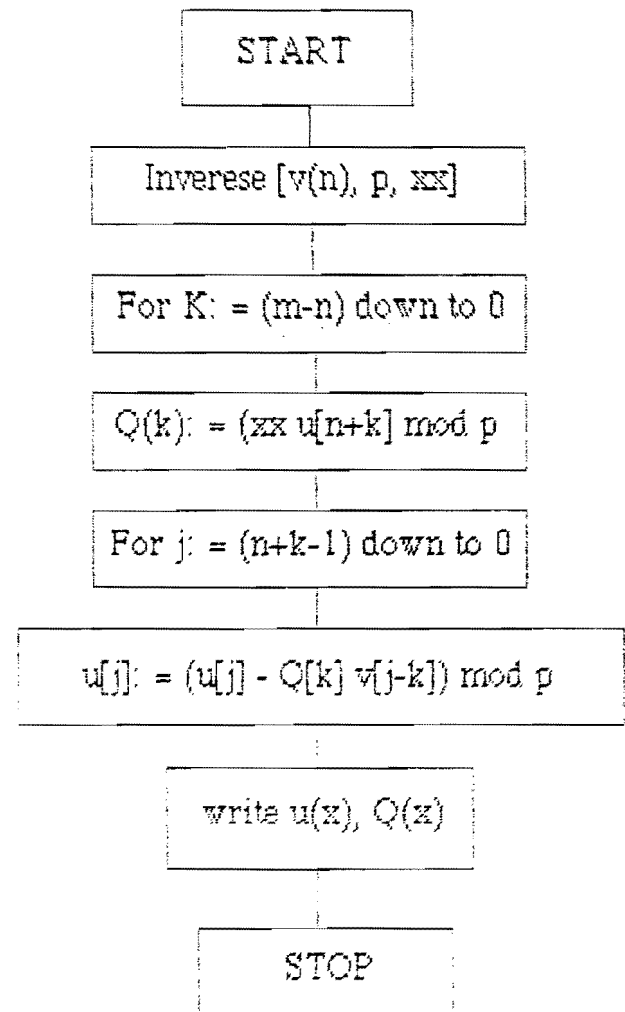
Let us find the following :-

$$\begin{aligned} \text{GCD}(x-5, x+6) &= -4 \\ \text{GCD}(x-5, x+5) &= -1 \\ \text{GCD}(x-5, x+4) &= -3 \\ \text{GCD}(x-5, x+3) &= -3 \\ \text{GCD}(x-5, x+2) &= -1 \\ \text{GCD}(x-5, x+1) &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

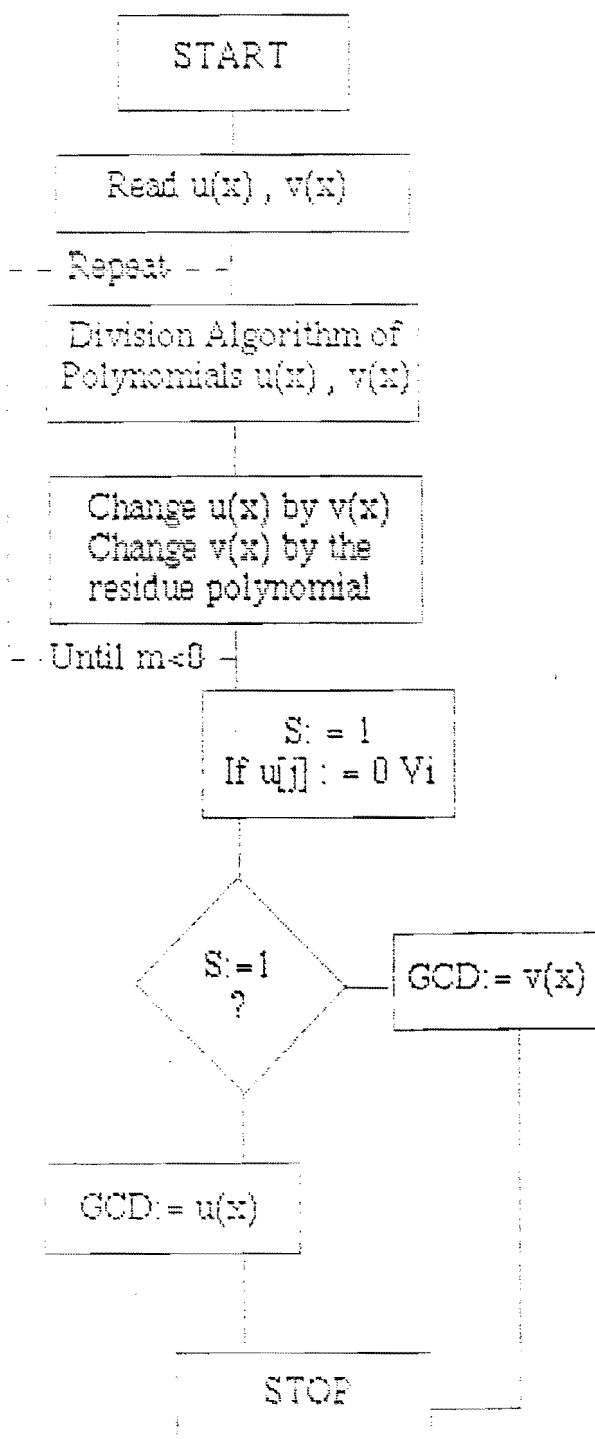
This mean that no one of the roots $(x+1), \dots, (x+6)$ is a factor of $x-5$, which insure that the polynomial is irreducible.

Division Algorithm used in the main Procedure

The Algorithm of division of polynomial $u(x)$ of degree m over the polynomial $v(x)$ of degree n over $\text{GF}(p)$, is described by the following flow chart:-



The greatest Common Divisor Algorithm of Two Polynomials $u(x)$ and $v(x)$ by the flow chart below:-



Conclusion

a) We know that the Berikamp Algorithm used to check the reducibility of polynomials over finite field, and to factorize the polynomial over such field, but it can not be applied for polynomials of degree (2). Because the Q-Matrix will be (2*2). And after Triangularization, and Subtracting the identity matrix of the same dimension will result in a matrix with zero elements row. Which always indicates that the polynomial is irreducible according to Berikamp Algorithm, although it is reducible (actually).

b) We proposed a method to identify whether the polynomial is reducible or irreducible including that it will be either square free or not square free over that field according to the degree of the resulted GCD of the given polynomial $f(x)$ with the originating polynomial of that prime field $(x-1)$, and such result considered as a good result for the Legendre symbol.

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