

# Entscheidungsverfahren mit Anwendungen in der Softwareverifikation

## **X: Modulare Arithmetik**

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unsigned int  
square_check(unsigned int x)  
{  
    unsigned int y = x * x;  
    if (y == 33) { error(); }  
    return y;  
}
```



Is error()  
reachable?

Has  $x^2 \equiv 33 \pmod{2^{32}}$   
a solution?

**Yes!**

4 Solutions, e.g. 663169809

## Mathematical Integers vs. Signed vs. Unsigned

### Addition

Property	$\mathbb{Z}$	signed int (if defined)	unsigned int
Closure	yes	yes	yes
Associativity $a+(b+c) = (a+b)+c$	yes	yes	yes
Commutativity $a+b = b+a$	yes	yes	yes
Ex. of identity $a+0 = a$	yes	yes	yes
Ex. of inverse $a+(-a) = 0$	yes	yes	<b>no</b>

### Multiplication

Property	$\mathbb{Z}$	signed int (if defined)	unsigned int
Closure	yes	yes	yes
Associativity $a*(b*c) = (a*b)*c$	yes	yes	yes
Commutativity $a*b = b*a$	yes	yes	yes
Ex. of identity $a*1 = a$	yes	yes	yes
Ex. of inverse $a*(a^{-1}) = 1$	only 1 and -1	only 1 and -1	<b>all odd numbers</b>

- $\mathbb{Z}$ : commutative ring with unity; integral domain (no zero divisors); Euclidian domain (division with remainder)
- $\mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z}$ : also commutative ring with unity, **but no integral domain (for  $k>1$ )**

# Arithmetic in $\mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z}$

- Definition:

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{\bar{a}_n \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad \text{with} \quad \bar{a} = \{\dots, a - n, a, a + n, \dots\}$$

- As usual, we identify  $\bar{a}$  with  $a$ , where  $0 \leq a < n$ , thus

$$\mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z} = \{0, \dots, 2^k - 1\}$$

- Examples of arithmetic in  $\mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z}$ :

- When has the equation  $a \cdot x = b$  a solution? Is it unique?
- Has the equation  $x^2 = 33$  a solution in  $\mathbb{Z}/2^8\mathbb{Z}$  ? Is it unique?

- Basic facts:

- $\sum_{i=1}^n a_i x_i \equiv b \pmod{m}$  is solvable for the unknowns  $x_i$ , iff the greatest common divisor of  $\{a_1, \dots, a_n, m\}$  divides  $b$ .
- $a$  has a multiplicative inverse mod  $m$ , iff  $\gcd(a, m) = 1$ .
- $a^{-1}$  can be computed using the extended Euclidian algorithm or using Euler's theorem,  $a^{-1} \equiv a^{\phi(m)-1} \pmod{m}$ . For  $m = 2^k$ ,  $\phi(m) = \phi(2^k) = 2^{k-1}$ , and thus  $a^{-1} \equiv a^{2^{k-1}-1} \pmod{2^k}$ .

# Solving Equations in $\mathbb{Z}/2^k\mathbb{Z}$

- **Given:** Polynomial  $p(x)$
- **Goal:** Solutions of  $p(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^k}$
- First, consider the linear case:  $p(x) = a \cdot x - b$ , i.e. solving the equation  $a \cdot x = b$  modulo  $m = 2^k$ .
- If  $a$  is invertible, then  $x = b \cdot a^{-1}$  is the (unique) solution. (This is the case, if  $a$  is odd.)
- Otherwise,  $a \cdot x = b$  has solutions, iff  $\gcd(a, 2^k) \mid b$ . The solution is not unique, but a particular solution is given by  $x = b/a$ .
- **Theorem:** *The congruence  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  is soluble in integers if, and only if,  $\gcd(a, m) \mid b$ . The number of incongruent solutions modulo  $m$  is  $\gcd(a, m)$ .*
- How can we find all solutions?
- For all solutions  $x$ , the following holds:  $\exists t. ax + tm = b$ . Having a first solution  $x_0$ , all solutions are given by  $x_k = x_0 + k \cdot (m / \gcd(a, m))$  for  $0 \leq k < \gcd(a, m)$ .

- Given a system  $S = \{E_j\}$  of linear congruences (mod  $m = 2^k$ ) over  $n$  variables, with

$$E_j : \sum_{i=1}^n a_{ji}x_i \equiv b_j \pmod{2^k},$$

find its solution set.

- **Algorithm [Ganesh, 2007]:**

- If there is an odd coefficient  $a_{ji}$ , solve equation  $E_j$  for  $x_i$  and substitute  $x_i$  in all other equations. If  $E_j$  cannot be solved for  $x_i$ , i.e. if  $\gcd\{a_{j1}, \dots, a_{jn}, m\} \nmid b_j$ , then there is no solution to  $S$ .
- If all coefficients  $a_{ji}$  are even, divide all  $a_{ji}$ ,  $b_j$  by two and decrease  $k$  by one.
- Repeat the algorithm with the resulting system of congruences and stop with "success" if there is only one solved equation left.

- **Properties:**

- The algorithm is a sound and complete decision procedure for linear congruences.

# Solving Systems of Linear Congruences

- Example: Solve the following system of congruences modulo 8:

$$3x + 4y + 2z = 0$$

$$2x + 2y = 6$$

$$4y + 2x + 2z = 0$$

- Note:

- Ganesh considers the unknowns as bit-vectors of length  $k$ ; when the system is divided by 2, the highest bit in each bit-vector is dropped (i.e. left unconstrained)

- Question:

- How can the set of all solutions of  $S$  be determined after the algorithm finished?

# Solving Non-Linear Congruences

- **Task:** Given a polynomial  $p(x)$ , find all solutions of  $p(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^k}$ .
- **Hensel lifting algorithm** (special case for  $m = 2^k$ ):
  1. **[k=1]** Check, whether  $p(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$  has a solution. If not, exit with "no solution".
  2. **[k→k+1]** Let  $\{x_i\}$  be the set of solutions for  $p(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{2^k}$ . We distinguish two cases to lift each  $x_i$  from  $k$  to  $k+1$ :
    - A. If  $p'(x_i) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ : **[0 or 2 lifted solutions]**
      1. If  $p(x_i) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2^{k+1}}$ ,  $x_i$  cannot be lifted
      2. Otherwise there are two lifted solutions  $x_i^* = x_i + t \cdot 2^k$ ,  $t \in \{0,1\}$
    - B. If  $p'(x_i) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{2}$ : **[unique lifting]**  
$$x_i^* = x_i - p(x_i) \pmod{2^{k+1}}$$
- **Note:** Hensel-lifting also works for multivariate polynomials. However, already the base case ( $k=1$ ) is NP-complete. (Why?)



- **Example:**  $x^2 \equiv 33 \pmod{2^4}$
- $p(x) = x^2 - 33, \quad p'(x) = 2x$
- **[k=1, mod 2]:**  $x^2=1 \pmod{2}$  has solution  $x^*=1$
- **[k=2, mod 4]:** Try to lift  $x^*=1$ :  $p'(x^*)=0 \pmod{2}$ , thus 0 or 2 lifted solutions  
 $p(x^*)=0 \pmod{4}$ , thus 2 liftings:  $x^{*'} = x^* + 2t = \{1, 3\}$
- **[k=3, mod 8]:**
  - Lifting  $x^*=1$ : 0 or 2 lifted solutions,  $p(x^*)=0 \pmod{8}$ ,  $x^{*'} = \{1, 5\}$
  - Lifting  $x^*=3$ : 0 or 2 lifted solutions,  $p(x^*)=0 \pmod{8}$ ,  $x^{*'} = \{3, 7\}$
- **[k=4, mod 16]:**
  - Lifting  $x^*=1$ :  $p(x^*)=0 \pmod{16}$ ,  $x^{*'} = \{1, 9\}$
  - Lifting  $x^*=3$ :  $p(x^*)=8 \pmod{16}$ , no lifting
  - Lifting  $x^*=5$ :  $p(x^*)=8 \pmod{16}$ , no lifting
  - Lifting  $x^*=7$ :  $p(x^*)=0 \pmod{16}$ ,  $x^{*'} = \{7, 15\}$

- **Theorem:** Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients,  $k \geq m > 0$ ,  $r$  an integer with  $f(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k}$ . Then if  $f'(r) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , there is an integer  $s$  such that  $f(s) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{k+m}}$  and  $s \equiv r \pmod{p^k}$ . So  $s$  is a „lifting“ of  $r$  to a root mod  $p^{m+k}$ . Moreover,  $s$  is unique mod  $p^{m+k}$ .
- **Proof:** Consider the Taylor series expansion of  $f$ :

$$f(r + p^k t) = f(r) + f'(r)p^k t + \frac{f''(r)}{2!} p^{2k} t^2 + \dots$$

Since  $m \leq k$ , all terms but the first two vanish mod  $p^{k+m}$ , so

$$f(r + p^k t) = f(r) + f'(r)p^k t \pmod{p^{k+m}}$$

Setting  $f(r + p^k t) \equiv 0$ , we can solve for  $t$ :

$$f(r) + f'(r)p^k t \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{k+m}}$$

$$p^k t \equiv -\frac{f(r)}{f'(r)} \pmod{p^{k+m}}$$

$$t \equiv -\frac{\frac{f(r)}{p^k}}{f'(r)} \pmod{p^m}$$

- $f(r)/p^k$  is an integer by the lemma's assumption  $f(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k}$ .
- $f'(r)$  has a multiplicative inverse mod  $p^m$ , as  $f'(r) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ .
- The solution  $s$  unique mod  $p^{k+m}$  is given by  $s = r + p^k t = r - f(r)/a$ , where  $a \equiv f'(r)^{-1} \pmod{p^m}$ .
- Case without a unique lifting (restricted to the case  $m=1$  in the Lemma):
  - Assume  $f(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^k}$  and  $f'(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then  $s \equiv r \pmod{p^k}$  implies  $f(r) \equiv f(s) \pmod{p^{k+1}}$  by the Taylor expansion, i.e.  $f(r + tp^k) \equiv f(r) \pmod{p^{k+1}}$  for all integers  $t$ . We thus have two cases:
    - $f(r) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^{k+1}}$ : Then there is no lifting from  $k$  to  $k+1$ .
    - $f(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{k+1}}$ : Then every lifting of  $r$  from  $k$  to  $k+1$  is a root mod  $p^{k+1}$ , i.e.  $s = r + tp^k$  is a solution for each  $t \in \{0, \dots, p-1\}$ .