

# Integer and Prime Field Arithmetic

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# Modular Reduction Algorithms

- Well-known modular reduction methods:
  - Barrett reduction
  - Montgomery reduction
- Reduction for special primes

# Barrett Modular Reduction Algorithm

- An algorithm for computing  $C = A \cdot B \pmod{q}$  where  $A$ ,  $B$ , and  $q$  are  $k$ -bit numbers

IMPLEMENTING THE  
RIVEST SHAMIR AND ADLEMAN  
PUBLIC KEY ENCRYPTION ALGORITHM  
ON A  
STANDARD DIGITAL SIGNAL PROCESSOR

Paul Barrett, MSc (Oxon)  
COMPUTER SECURITY LTD  
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## ABSTRACT

A description of the techniques employed at Oxford University to obtain a high speed implementation of the RSA encryption algorithm on an "off-the-shelf" digital signal processing chip. Using these techniques a two and a half second (average) encrypt time (for 512 bit exponent and modulus) was achieved on a first generation DSP (The Texas Instruments TMS 32010) and times below one second are achievable on second generation parts. Furthermore the techniques of algorithm development employed lead to a provably correct implementation.

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$$a \pmod{q} = e_1 \cdot (a/2^{2k}) \cdot q - e_2 \cdot q$$

$a \pmod{q} < 2 \cdot q$  (final subtraction is needed)

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- Takes  $D = A \cdot B$  as input and generates  $C = D \pmod{q}$ 
  - $A, B < q, D = A \cdot B < q^2$
  - $2^{k-1} < q < 2^k$
  - $\mu = \lfloor 2^{2k}/q \rfloor$

**Input:**  $D = A \cdot B, q, \mu$

**Output:**  $C = D \pmod{q}$

**1:**  $s = (D \cdot \mu) \gg 2k$

**2:**  $r = s \cdot q$

**3:**  $u = D - r$

**4:** if  $(u \geq q)$  then  $C = u - q$  else  $C = u$

**5:** return  $C$

# Barrett Modular Reduction Algorithm

- Try Barrett algorithm in sage .
  - <https://sagecell.sagemath.org/>

```
k = 5
q = 19
mu = 2^(2*k) // q

D = 120

u = D - ((D*mu) >> 2*k) * q
u = u - q if (u >= q) else u

print("D mod q:", D%q)
print("BR(D,q):", u)
```

[Run the code.](#)

# Montgomery Modular Reduction Algorithm

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## **Modular Multiplication Without Trial Division**

**By Peter L. Montgomery**

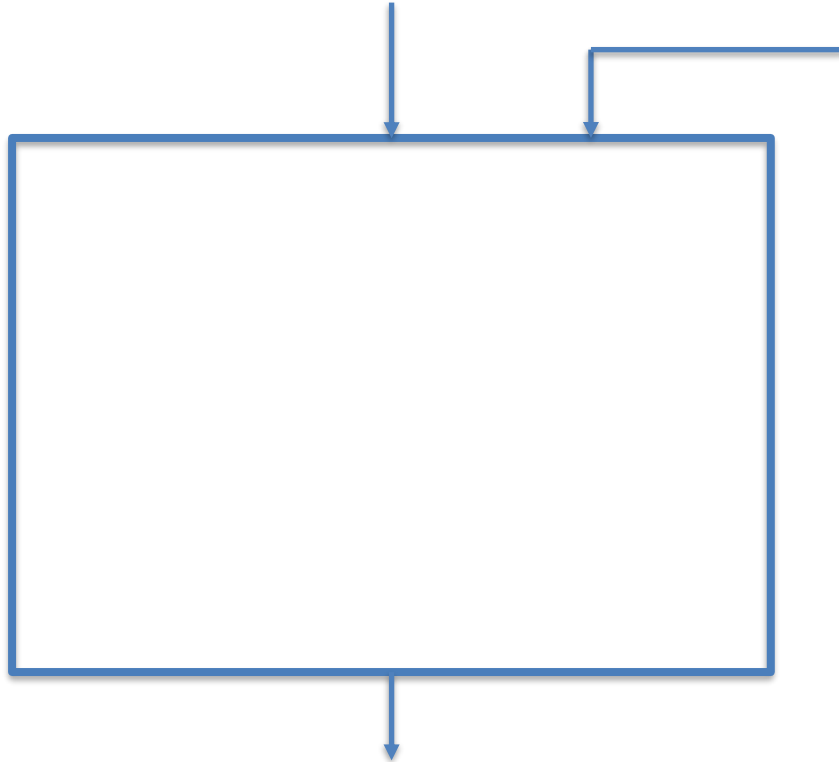
**Abstract.** Let  $N > 1$ . We present a method for multiplying two integers (called  $N$ -residues) modulo  $N$  while avoiding division by  $N$ .  $N$ -residues are represented in a nonstandard way, so this method is useful only if several computations are done modulo one  $N$ . The addition and subtraction algorithms are unchanged.

Replaces division by  $q$  by cheaper division by power-of-2

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$(T + m * q)$  is divisible by  $q$  because  
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As  $q$  and  $R$  are coprime, taking  
 $t \pmod q = (T + m * q) * R^{-1} \pmod q$   
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# Montgomery Modular Reduction Algorithm: Classical Montgomery

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```
q = 19
R = 2^5
q_inv= -q^(-1) % R

T = 129

u = (T + (T*q_inv % R)*q)/R
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# When to use Montgomery Reduction Algorithm?

Given  $T$  as input it produces  $T * R^{-1} \bmod q$

→ We need an ***additional*** multiplication by  $R$  to get  $T \bmod q$ .

→ More expensive than Barrett reduction

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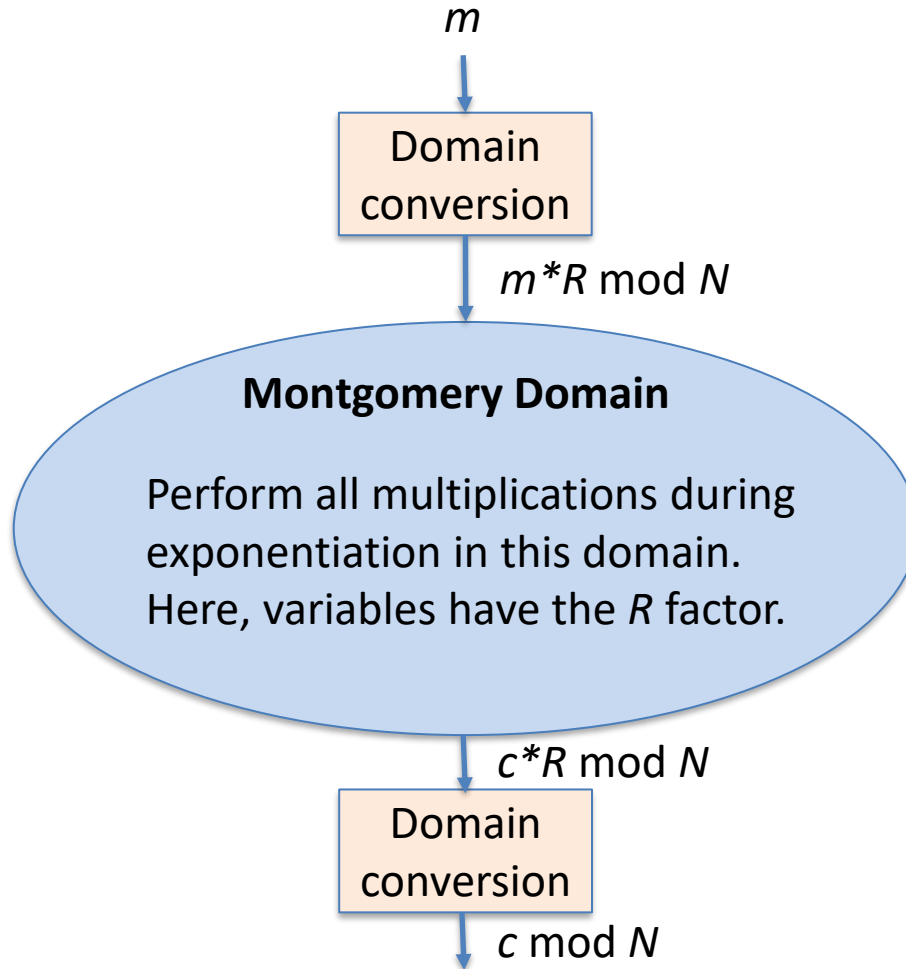
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Note that the result the Montgomery domain representation of  $c$ .

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# Modular Reduction for Special Primes

- Barrett and Montgomery are generic algorithms
  - Might not be optimum for numbers with special form
- Some cryptographic protocols use primes with special form:
  - E.g., ECC uses  $2^{192} - 2^{64} - 1$
  - E.g., ZKP applications use  $2^{64} - 2^{32} + 1$
- Mersenne primes:  $2^k - 1$
- Generalized Mersenne primes (Solinas primes):  $2^k - c$

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- Perform  $A \pmod{q}$  for  $2k$ -bit  $A$

$$A = A_1 \cdot 2^k + A_0 \pmod{q}$$

$$A = A_1 \cdot c + A_0 \pmod{q} \quad (\text{using } 2^k = c \pmod{q})$$

...