

# Partition $Z_n$ into multiplicative groups

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# 1 Abstract

Let  $n \geq 2$  be a positive integer. This project aims to partition the set of integers modulo  $n$ , denoted as  $Z_n$ , into multiplicative groups by considering two cases: when  $n$  is square-free and when  $n$  is not square-free. By analyzing these cases, we can better understand the structure of the multiplicative groups that form  $Z_n$ . Our primary tool in this project relies on the Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT).

# 2 Introduction

Writing a number as a prime factorization means composing it into a product of prime factors. For any positive integer  $n \geq 2$ , it is known that  $n$  can be written uniquely as a product of a power of prime numbers. An integer  $n$  is square-free if and only if  $p^2$  is not a factor of  $n$  for every prime factor  $p$  of  $n$ . For example, the integer  $n = 10 = 2 \times 5$  is square-free; However, the integer  $n = 12 = 2^2 \times 3$  is not square-free because it is divisible by  $2^2$ .

We recall the following definitions.

**Definition 1.** 1. A group  $(G, *)$  is a nonempty set of elements together with a binary operation  $*$  such that the following axioms are satisfied:

- (a) Closure: For any two elements  $a, b \in G$ , we have  $a * b \in G$ .
  - (b) Associativity: The binary operation  $*$  is associative, meaning that for any three elements  $a, b$ , and  $c$  in  $G$ , we have  $(a * b) * c = a * (b * c)$
  - (c) Identity: There exists an element in  $G$ , denoted by  $e$ , such that for any element  $a \in G$ , we have  $e * a = a * e = a$
  - (d) Inverse: For every element  $a \in G$ , there exists an element, denoted by  $a^{-1}$ , such that  $a * a^{-1} = a^{-1} * a = e$
2. A group  $(G, *)$  is called an abelian group if  $a * b = b * a$  for all  $a, b \in G$ .
  3. We recall  $(Z_n, +, \cdot)$  is the set of integers modulo  $n$ , i.e.,  $Z_n = \{0, 1, \dots, n - 1\}$ , where "+" is addition modulo  $n$  and " $\cdot$ " is multiplication modulo  $n$ .
  4. An element  $e$  of  $Z_n$  is called idempotent if  $e \cdot e = e^2 = e$ .
  5. An element  $w \in Z_n$  is called nilpotent if there exists a positive integer  $m$  such that  $w^m = 0$  in  $Z_n$ .
  6. If  $k, n \geq 1$  are integers and  $k \mid n$ , then  $D_k = \{1 \leq a < n \mid \gcd(a, n) = k\}$ .

Our primary tool in this project relies on the Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT), which provides a way to solve systems of linear congruence with pairwise relatively prime (or coprime, meaning the GCD between the two numbers is 1) moduli. The Chinese Remainder Theorem states that given a system of  $k$  linear congruencies of the form:

$$\begin{aligned}x &\equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1} \\ &\vdots \\x &\equiv a_k \pmod{m_k}\end{aligned}$$

Where the moduli  $m_1, m_2, \dots, m_k$  are pairwise relatively prime, there exists a unique solution  $x$ ,  $0 \leq x < m_1 m_2 \cdots m_k$  that satisfies all the congruence's at the same time.

In this project, CRT will partition  $Z_n$  into multiplicative groups if  $n$  is square-free. On the other hand, if  $n$  is not square-free, we construct all possible multiplicative groups inside  $Z_n$ .

### 3 Main result

**Definition 2.** Let  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , where  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  are distinct prime numbers and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Each  $p_i^{\alpha_i}$ ,  $\forall 1 \leq i \leq k$ , is called a **perfect prime factor** of  $n$ . Assume  $m$  is a factor of  $n$  such that  $1 \leq m < n$  and  $m$  is a product of distinct perfect prime factors of  $n$  or  $m = 1$ . Then we say  $m$  is a **perfect factor** of  $n$ .

**Example 3.0.1.** Let  $n = 3^5 \times 7^{11} \times 2^{13} \times 5^3$ . Then

1.  $3^5, 7^{11}, 2^{13}, 5^3$  are perfect prime factors of  $n$
2.  $3^5 \times 7^{11}$  is a perfect factor of  $n$

Let  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , where  $p_1, \dots, p_k$  are distinct prime numbers and  $\alpha_1, \dots, \alpha_k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then  $\phi(n) = (p_1^{\alpha_1} - p_1^{(\alpha_1-1)}) \cdots (p_k^{\alpha_k} - p_k^{(\alpha_k-1)}) = |D_1|$ , for the definition of  $D_k$  see the definition 2(6).

The following is a well-known result of an introductory number theory course.

**Fact 3.0.1.** Let  $n \geq 2$  be a positive integer and  $k \geq 1$  be a factor of  $n$ . Then  $|D_k| = \phi(n/k)$ .

We have the following result.

**Theorem 3.0.2.** Let  $e$  be a nonzero idempotent of  $Z_n$ . Then  $eD_1$  is a multiplicative group of  $Z_n$  with identity  $e$ .

*Proof.* We show closure. Let  $x = eu, y = ev \in eD_1$  for some  $u, v \in D_1$ . Since  $D_1$  is a multiplicative group of  $Z_n$  with identity 1, we have  $uv \in D_1$ . Hence  $xy = euev = e^2uv = euv \in eD_1$ .  $e$  is the identity of  $eD_1$ . Let  $x = eu \in eD_1$  for some  $u \in D_1$ . Since  $u^{-1} \in D_1$ , we have  $(eu)(eu^{-1}) = e^2uu^{-1} = e^2 = e$ . Thus  $x^{-1} = eu^{-1} \in eD_1$ . Since  $(Z_n, \cdot)$  is associative,  $eD_1$  is associative.  $\square$

**Theorem 3.0.3.** Let  $e$  be an idempotent of  $Z_n$  such that  $e \notin \{0, 1\}$ . Then the  $\gcd(e, n)$  is a perfect factor of  $n$ .

*Proof.* Suppose that  $e^2 = e$  in  $Z_n$ . Then  $n \mid e(e-1)$ . Since  $e \notin \{0, 1\}$ , we conclude that neither  $n \mid e$  nor  $n \mid (e-1)$ . Since  $\gcd(e, e-1) = \gcd(e, 1-e) = 1$ , we conclude that  $n = dh$  for some perfect factors  $d, h$  of  $n$ , where  $d \neq 1, h \neq 1, d \mid e$ , and  $h \mid (e-1)$ .  $\square$

Given Theorem 3.0.3, to construct multiplicative groups in  $Z_n$  with an identity different from one, we only need to consider sets of the form  $D_k$ , where  $k$  is a perfect factor of  $n$ .

**Theorem 3.0.4.** Let  $k, n \geq 2$  be integers and suppose that  $k > 1$  is a perfect factor of  $n$ . Then  $D_k = \{1 \leq a < n \mid \gcd(a, n) = k\}$  is a multiplicative group of  $Z_n$  with identity  $e_k \neq 1$  and of order  $\phi(n/k)$ . Furthermore, if  $D_k$  is a multiplicative group of  $Z_n$  with identity  $e_k \neq 1$ , then  $D_k = e_k D_1$ .

*Proof.* First, we show that  $D_k$  has an idempotent  $e_k$  of  $Z_n$ . By the CRT, there exists a unique  $e_k$ ,  $1 < e_k < n$  such that  $e_k \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$  and  $e_k \equiv 1 \pmod{\frac{n}{k}}$ . Hence  $n = k\frac{n}{k} \mid e_k(e_k - 1)$ . Note that  $k, \frac{n}{k}$  are perfect factors of  $n$  and  $\gcd(k, \frac{n}{k}) = 1$ . Thus  $\gcd(e_k, n) = k$  and  $e_k \in D_k$ .

Let  $d \in D_k$ . Since  $k \mid d$  and  $\frac{n}{k} \mid (e_k - 1)$ , we have  $n = k\frac{n}{k} \mid d(e_k - 1)$ . Thus  $e_k d = d$  in  $Z_n$ . Thus  $e_k$  is the identity of  $D$ .

We show that  $e_k D_1 = D_k$ . Let  $x \in e_k D_1$ . Hence,  $x = e_k d$ , such that  $d \in D_1$ . Since  $\gcd(d, n) = 1$  and  $\gcd(e_k, n) = k$ , we have  $\gcd(e_k d, n) = \gcd(e_k, n) = k$ . Thus  $x \in D_k$ . Let  $y \in D_k$ . Set  $w = y + (e_k - 1)$ . Let  $p$  be a prime factor of  $n$ . Since  $y(e_k - 1) = 0$  in  $Z_n$  and  $\gcd(y, e_k - 1) = 1$ , we have  $p \mid y$  or  $p \mid (e_k - 1)$ , but  $p$  does not divide both. Hence  $\gcd(w, n) = 1$ . Thus  $w \in D_1$ . Since  $w = y + (1 - e_k)$ , we have  $e_k w = e_k(y + (e_k - 1)) = e_k y$ . Since  $e_k$  is the identity of  $D_K$  and  $y \in D_k$ , we have  $y = e_k y = e_k w \in e_k D_1$ . Thus  $e_k D_1 = D_k$ . Since  $e_k D_1$  is a multiplicative group of  $Z_n$  with an identity  $e_k$  by Theorem 3.0.2, we conclude that  $D_k$  is a multiplicative group of  $Z_n$  with an identity  $e_k$ . It is clear that  $|D_k| = \phi(n/k)$  by Fact 3.0.1.  $\square$

The following result gives the exact number of idempotents in  $Z_n$ .

**Theorem 3.0.5.** *Let  $n \geq 2$ ,  $ID(Z_n) = \{e \in Z_n \mid e^2 = e \in Z_n\}$ , and  $M = |\{d \mid d \text{ is a perfect prime factor of } n\}|$ . Then  $|ID(Z_n)| = 2^M$*

*Proof.* Let  $e \in ID(Z_n)$ . Then by Theorem 3.0.2,  $e$  is 1 or  $e$  is a perfect prime factor of  $n$  or a product of 2 perfect prime factors of  $n$  or  $\dots$  or a product of  $M - 1$  perfect prime factors of  $n$  or  $0 =$  the product of all  $M$  perfect prime factors of  $n$ . Hence  $|ID(Z_n)| = \binom{M}{0} + \binom{M}{1} + \binom{M}{2} + \dots + \binom{M}{M-1} + \binom{M}{M} = 2^M$   $\square$

**Example 3.0.2.** *Let  $n = 3^2 \times 5 \times 7^5$ , the number of idempotents of  $Z_n$  is  $2^3 = 8$  by Theorem 3.0.5*

In the following example, we illustrate how to use the CRT to find all idempotents in  $Z_n$

**Example 3.0.3.** *Consider  $Z_{63}$ . We have  $n = 3^2 \cdot 7 = 63$ . Since  $n$  divides  $e^2 - e = e(e - 1)$ , it follows that  $3^2 = 9$  and  $7$  will divide either  $e$  or  $e - 1$  by Theorem 3.0.2. Therefore, we have:*

*$3^2 \mid e(e - 1)$ , so either  $3^2 \mid e$  or  $3^2 \mid (e - 1)$ , and  
 $7 \mid e(e - 1)$ , so either  $7 \mid e$  or  $7 \mid (e - 1)$ .*

*This leads to 4 possible combinations.*

- 1)  $e \equiv 0 \pmod{3^2}$  and  $e \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ , or*
- 2)  $e \equiv 0 \pmod{3^2}$  and  $e \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ , or*
- 3)  $e \equiv 1 \pmod{3^2}$  and  $e \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ , or*
- 4)  $e \equiv 1 \pmod{3^2}$  and  $e \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$*

Recall that an element  $x \in Z_n$  is called a nilpotent element of  $Z_n$  if  $x^m = 0$  in  $Z_n$  for some positive integer  $m \geq 1$ . We have the following result.

**Theorem 3.0.6.** *Let  $x \in Z_n$ . Then  $x$  is a nilpotent of  $Z_n$  if and only if  $p \mid n$  for every prime factor  $p$  of  $n$ . In particular, if  $n$  is square-free,  $0$  is the only nilpotent element of  $Z_n$ .*

*Proof.* Let  $p$  be a prime factor of  $n$ . Assume  $x$  is a nilpotent element of  $Z_n$ . Thus  $x^m = 0$  in  $Z_n$ . Hence  $n \mid x^m$ . Thus  $p \mid x$ . Conversely, suppose that  $p \mid n$  for every prime factor  $p$  of  $n$ . Then clearly,  $n \mid x^m$  for some integer  $m \geq 1$ . Hence, if  $n$  is square-free, then it is clear that  $0$  is the only nilpotent element of  $Z_n$ .  $\square$

### 3.1 Partition $Z_n$ when $n$ is square-free

Recall that  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  is called *square-free* if  $n = q_1 q_2 \dots q_k$ , where  $q_1 q_2 \dots q_k$  are distinct prime integers,  $e \in Z_n$  is an idempotent  $Z_n$  iff  $e^2 = e$  in  $Z_n$  iff  $e^2 \equiv e \pmod{n}$ , and  $w$  is called nilpotent in  $Z_n$  iff  $w^m = 0$  in  $Z_n$  iff  $w^m \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$ . Also; recall that if  $k \mid n$ , then  $D_k = \{1 \leq a < n \mid \gcd(a, n) = k\}$ .

**Theorem 3.1.1.** *If  $e$  is idempotent in  $Z_n$ , then  $1 - e$  is also idempotent in  $Z_n$ .*

*Proof.* Suppose  $e$  is an idempotent in  $Z_n$ . Then  $e^2 = e$  in  $Z_n$ . It follows that  $(1 - e)^2 = 1 - 2e + e^2 = 1 - e$ . Therefore,  $(1 - e)$  is also idempotent in  $Z_n$ .  $\square$

Note that if  $n$  is a square-free integer, then every proper factor of  $n$  is a perfect factor of  $n$ .

**Theorem 3.1.2.** *Let  $n \geq 2$  be a square-free integer and  $G = \{D_k \mid 1 \leq k < n \text{ and } k \mid n\}$ . Then  $D_k$  is a multiplicative group of  $Z_n$  with identity  $e_k$  for every proper factor  $k$  of  $n$ ,  $H \cap L = \emptyset$  for every  $H, L \in G$ , and  $Z_n^* = \cup_{F \in G} F$ , i.e.,  $Z_n^*$  is the union of disjoint multiplicative groups of  $Z_n$ .*

*Proof.* Since  $n$  is square free, every proper factor  $k \geq 1$  of  $n$  is a perfect factor of  $n$ . Hence  $D_k$  is a multiplicative group of  $Z_n$  with identity  $e_k$  for every proper factor  $k \geq 1$  of  $n$  by Theorem 3.0.4. Let  $H, L \in G$ . Then  $H = D_a$  and  $L = D_b$  for some distinct perfect factors  $a, b$  of  $n$ . Hence, it is clear that  $H \cap L = \emptyset$ . Let  $c \in Z_n^*$  and  $k = \gcd(c, n)$ . Since  $k$  is a perfect factor of  $n$ ,  $D_k$  is a multiplicative group of  $Z_n$  and  $c \in D_k$ . Thus  $Z_n^* = \cup_{F \in G} F$ , i.e.,  $Z_n^*$  is the union of disjoint multiplicative groups of  $Z_n$ .  $\square$

In the following example, we illustrate using the CRT and Theorem 3.0.4 to construct all multiplicative groups of  $Z_{30}$ .

**Example 3.1.1.** *Let  $n = 30 = 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 2$  is square-free. The goal is to obtain all the  $D_k$  multiplicative groups for each proper factor  $k$  of 30. The proper factors of 30 are  $k = 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 10, 15$ . Each group will have an identity that is equal to one of the idempotents of  $Z_{30}$ .*

*The number of idempotents for  $Z_{30}$  is  $2^3 = 8$  by Theorem 3.0.6.*

**Step 1: Find the multiplicative group  $D_1$**

$$D_1 = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 1 \leq a < 30, \gcd(a, 30) = 1\} = \{1, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29\}$$

*Note that  $\phi(30) = (2 - 1)2^0 \cdot (3 - 1)3^0 \cdot (5 - 1)5^0 = 8 = |D_1|$*

**Step 2: Find identities of  $D_k$  using the CRT**

*Identity of  $D_6$  :*

$$e \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$e \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$$e \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

Since we have linear congruences, we will begin with the steps of CRT:

I) For  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdots p_k^{\alpha_k}$ ,  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ , let each  $n_i = p_i^{\alpha_i}$  and each  $m_i = n/n_i$

In our case,

$n_1 = 2, n_2 = 3, n_3 = 5, m_1 = 30/2 = 15, m_2 = 30/3 = 10, \text{ and } m_3 = 30/5 = 6$

II) Find the multiplicative inverse of each  $m_i$  in  $Z_{n_i}$  (meaning  $m_i y_i = 1$  in  $Z_{n_i}$ )

In our case,

a)  $15y_1 = 1$  in  $Z_2$

$y_1 = 1$  in  $Z_2$

b)  $10y_2 = 1$  in  $Z_3$

$y_2 = 1$  in  $Z_3$

c)  $6y_3 = 1$  in  $Z_5$

$y_3 = 1$  in  $Z_5$

III) Calculate  $e = r_1 m_1 y_1 + \dots + r_i m_i y_i \pmod{n}$ , where each  $r_i$  is the remainder of  $e \pmod{(n_i)}$  (either 0 or 1 in our case). Hence since  $r_1, r_2 = 0, e_6 = r_3 m_3 y_3 \pmod{30} = 6$

Since  $6 \cdot 5 = 0$ , the identity of  $D_5 = 1 - e_6 = 1 - 6 = -5 \pmod{30} = 25$

Identity of  $D_{10}$ :

$$e \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$e \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$e \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

Note that  $r_1 = r_3 = 0, m_2 = 10, r_2 = 1$  and  $y_2 = 1$ . Hence  $e_{10} = r_2 m_2 y_2 \pmod{30} = 10$

Since  $10 \cdot 3 = 0$ , the identity of  $D_3$  is  $1 - e_{10} = -9 \pmod{30} = 21$

Identity of  $D_{15}$ :

$$e \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$e \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$$e \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

Note that  $r_2 = r_3 = 0, m_1 = 15, r_1 = 1$  and  $y_1 = 1$ . Hence  $e_{15} = r_1 m_1 y_1 \pmod{30} = 15$

Since  $2 \cdot 15 = 0$ , the identity of  $D_2$  is  $1 - e_{15} = -14 \pmod{30} = 16$

**Step 3: Find the groups  $D_k$**

This is done by calculating  $D_k = e_k D_1 = \{e_k \cdot a \mid a \in D_1\}$ , see Theorem 3.0.4. In other words, multiply the identity of  $D_k$  with every element in  $D_1$ .

We get the following multiplicative groups of  $Z_n$ :

$D_1 = \{1, 7, 11, 13, 17, 19, 23, 29\}, e_1 = 1$  and  $|D_1| = \phi(30) = 8$ .

$D_2 = \{16, 22, 26, 28, 2, 4, 8, 14\}, e_2 = 16$  and  $|D_2| = \phi(30/2) = \phi(15) = 8$ .

$$D_3 = \{21, 27, 3, 9\}, e_3 = 21 \text{ and } |D_3| = \phi(30/3) = \phi(10) = 4.$$

$$D_5 = \{25, 5\}, e_5 = 25 \text{ and } |D_5| = \phi(30/5) = \phi(6) = 2.$$

$$D_6 = \{6, 12, 18, 24\}, e_6 = 6 \text{ and } |D_6| = \phi(30/6) = \phi(5) = 4.$$

$$D_{10} = \{10, 20\}, e_{10} = 10 \text{ and } |D_{10}| = \phi(30/10) = \phi(3) = 2.$$

$$D_{15} = \{15\}, e_{15} = 15 \text{ and } |D_{15}| = \phi(30/15) = \phi(2) = 1.$$

Thus we have,  $Z_{30}^* = D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3 \cup D_6 \cup D_{10}$ .

### 3.2 $Z_n$ When $n$ is not square-free

We start with the following example.

**Example 3.2.1.** Let  $n = 18 = 3^2 \cdot 2$ . Then  $n$  is not square-free. By Theorem 3.0.4,  $D_1$ ,  $D_2$ , and  $D_9$  are the only multiplicative groups of  $Z_{18}$ . Now  $15 \notin D_i$  for every  $i \in \{1, 2, 9\}$ , but  $15 = 9 + 6$ . Note that  $9 \in D_9$  and  $6$  is a nilpotent element of  $Z_{18}$  by Theorem 3.0.6.

The set of all nilpotent elements of  $Z_n$  is denoted by  $Nil(Z_n)$ . We have the following result.

**Theorem 3.2.1.** Let  $n > 2$  be an integer and assume that  $n$  is not square-free. Let  $a \in Z_n$  such that  $a \notin Nil(Z_n)$ . Suppose that  $a$  is not an element of every multiplicative group of  $Z_n$ . Then there is a multiplicative group  $D_d$  for some perfect factor  $d$  of  $n$  such that  $a = f + w$  for some  $f \in D_d$  and  $w \in Nil(Z_n)$ ,

*Proof.* Let  $a \in Z_n$  such that  $a$  is not an element of every multiplicative group of  $Z_n$ . Assume that  $a \notin Nil(Z_n)$ . Let  $e$  be the smallest nonzero idempotent of  $Z_n$  such that  $k \mid e$ . Hence every prime factor  $p$  of  $e$  is a prime factor of  $a$ . Since  $e_k(1 - e_k) = 0$  in  $Z_n$  and  $gcd(e_k, 1 - e_k) = 1$ , we conclude that  $w = a(1 - e) \in Nil(Z_n)$  by Theorem 3.0.6. Since  $1 = (1 - e) + e$ , we have  $a = a(1 - e) + ae = w + ef$ . Let  $f = ae$  and  $d = gcd(e, n)$ . Then  $d$  is a perfect factor of  $n$  by Theorem 3.0.2. Hence  $gcd(e, n) = gcd(ae, n) = d$  and  $f = ae$  is an element of the multiplicative group  $D_d$  of  $Z_n$ . Thus  $a = f + w$ , for some  $f \in D_d$  and  $w \in Nil(Z_n)$ , where  $D_d$  is a multiplicative group of  $Z_n$  for some perfect factor  $d$  of  $n$ .  $\square$

**Example 3.2.2.** Consider  $Z_{18}$ . By Theorem 3.0.6,  $Nil(Z_{18}) = \{0, 6, 12\} = D_6 \cup \{0\}$ . By Theorems 3.0.3, 3.0.4, we conclude that  $D_1, D_2, D_9$  are the only multiplicative groups of  $Z_{18}$ . By using the CRT as in the previous section, we get the following groups of  $Z_{18}$ :

$$D_1 = \{1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17\}, e_1 = 1, |D_1| = \phi(18) = 6$$

$$D_2 = \{2, 4, 8, 10, 14, 16\}, e_2 = 10, |D_2| = \phi(18/2) = \phi(9) = 6$$

$$D_9 = \{9\}, e_9 = 9, |D_9| = \phi(18/9) = \phi(2) = 1$$

Let  $a \in Z_{18}$  such that  $a \notin (Nil(Z_{18}) \cup D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3 \cup D_9)$ . Then  $a \in D_3 = \{3, 15\}$ . Hence by Theorem 3.2.1, we have  $3 = 9 + 12, 9 \in D_9, 12 \in Nil(Z_{18})$  and  $15 = 9 + 6, 9 \in D_9, 6 \in Nil(Z_{18})$ .

Hence we have,  $Z_{18} = Nil(Z_{18}) \cup D_1 \cup D_2 \cup D_3 \cup D_9$ .

**4 Example of Cayley's tables of multiplicative groups of  $Z_n$**

$(D_2, \bullet_{\text{mod}10})$	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>2</b>	4	8	2	6
<b>4</b>	8	6	4	2
<b>6</b>	2	4	6	8
<b>8</b>	6	2	8	4

$(D_3, \bullet_{\text{mod}21})$	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>3</b>	9	18	6	15	3	12
<b>6</b>	18	15	12	9	6	3
<b>9</b>	6	12	18	3	9	15
<b>12</b>	15	9	3	18	12	6
<b>15</b>	3	6	9	12	15	18
<b>18</b>	12	3	15	6	18	9

$(D_7, \bullet_{\text{mod}21})$	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>7</b>	7	14
<b>14</b>	14	7

$(D_2, \bullet_{\text{mod}30})$	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>2</b>	4	8	16	28	2	14	22	26
<b>4</b>	8	16	2	26	4	28	14	22
<b>8</b>	16	2	6	22	8	26	28	14
<b>14</b>	28	26	22	16	14	8	4	2
<b>16</b>	2	4	8	14	16	22	26	28
<b>22</b>	14	28	26	8	22	4	2	16
<b>26</b>	22	14	28	4	26	2	16	8
<b>28</b>	26	22	14	2	28	16	8	4



$(D_3, \bullet_{\text{mod}30})$	<b>3</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>3</b>	9	27	3	21
<b>9</b>	27	21	9	3
<b>21</b>	3	9	21	27
<b>27</b>	21	4	27	9

$(D_5, \bullet_{\text{mod}30})$	5	25
5	25	5
25	5	25

$(D_6, \bullet_{\text{mod}30})$	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>24</b>
<b>6</b>	6	12	18	24
<b>12</b>	12	24	6	18
<b>18</b>	18	6	24	12
<b>24</b>	24	18	12	6

$(D_9, \bullet_{\text{mod}36})$	<b>9</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>9</b>	9	27
<b>27</b>	27	9

$(D_4, \bullet_{\text{mod}36})$	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>4</b>	16	32	28	8	4	20
<b>8</b>	32	28	20	16	8	4
<b>16</b>	28	20	4	32	16	8
<b>20</b>	8	16	32	4	20	28
<b>28</b>	4	8	16	20	28	32
<b>32</b>	20	4	8	28	32	16

D2,  $\varphi_{18}$

	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>2</b>	4	8	16	2	10	14
<b>4</b>	8	16	14	4	2	10
<b>8</b>	16	14	10	8	4	2
<b>10</b>	2	4	8	10	14	16
<b>14</b>	10	2	4	14	16	8
<b>16</b>	14	10	2	16	8	4

## 5 Conclusion

. In this project, we used the Chinese Remainder Theorem (CRT) to construct multiplicative groups of  $Z_n$  with an identity different from one. If  $n$  is square-free, we showed that  $Z_n^*$  is the union of disjoint multiplicative groups of  $Z_n$ . If  $n$  is not square-free, we constructed all multiplicative groups of  $Z_n$  and showed that if an element  $a \in Z_n \setminus Nil(Z_n)$  such that  $a$  is not an element of every multiplicative group of  $Z_n$ , then there is a multiplicative group  $D_d$  for some perfect factor  $d$  of  $n$  such that  $x = f + w$  for some  $f \in D_d$  and  $w \in Nil(Z_n)$ . In the future, we will look at other problems where the CRT applies.

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