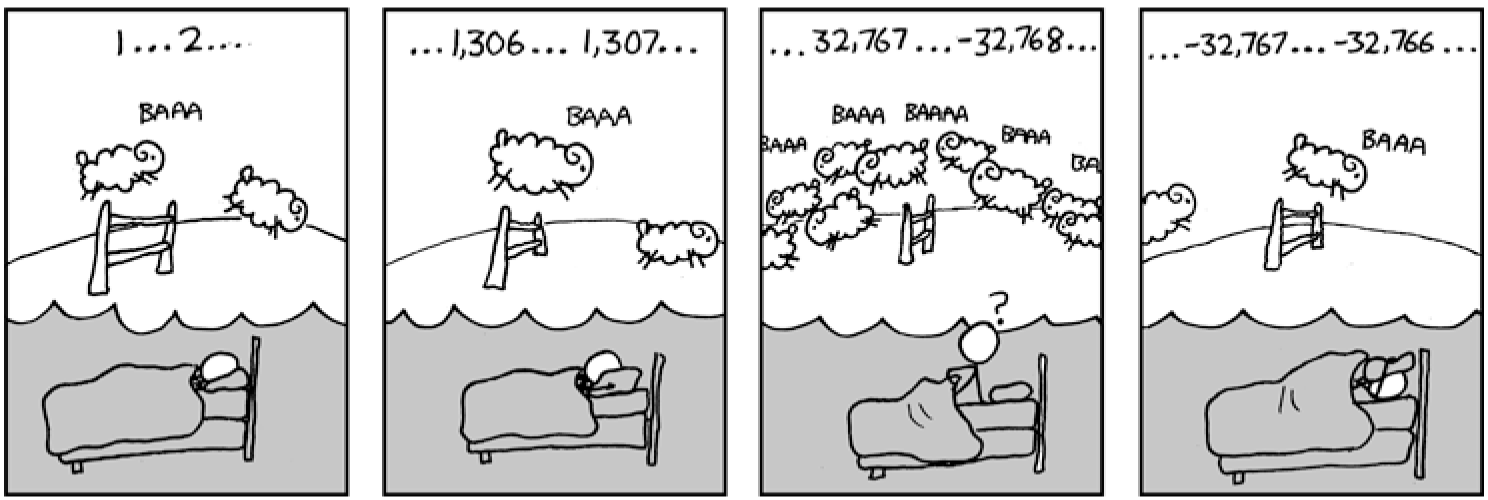
CSE 311: Foundations of Computing

Lecture 10: Modular Arithmetic



Last Class: Divisibility

Definition: "b divides a"

For a, b with $b \neq 0$:

$$b \mid a \leftrightarrow \exists q \ \ (a = qb)$$

Check Your Understanding. Which of the following are true?

5 | 1	25 | 5	5 | 0	3 | 2
5 | 1 iff 1 = 5k	25 | 5 iff 5 = 25k	5 | 0 iff 0 = 5k	3 | 2 iff 2 = 3k
1 | 5	5 | 25	0 | 5	2 | 3
1 | 5 iff 5 = 1k	5 | 25 iff 25 = 5k	0 | 5 iff 5 = 0k	2 | 3 iff 3 = 2k

Last class: Division Theorem

Domain of Discourse
Integers

Division Theorem

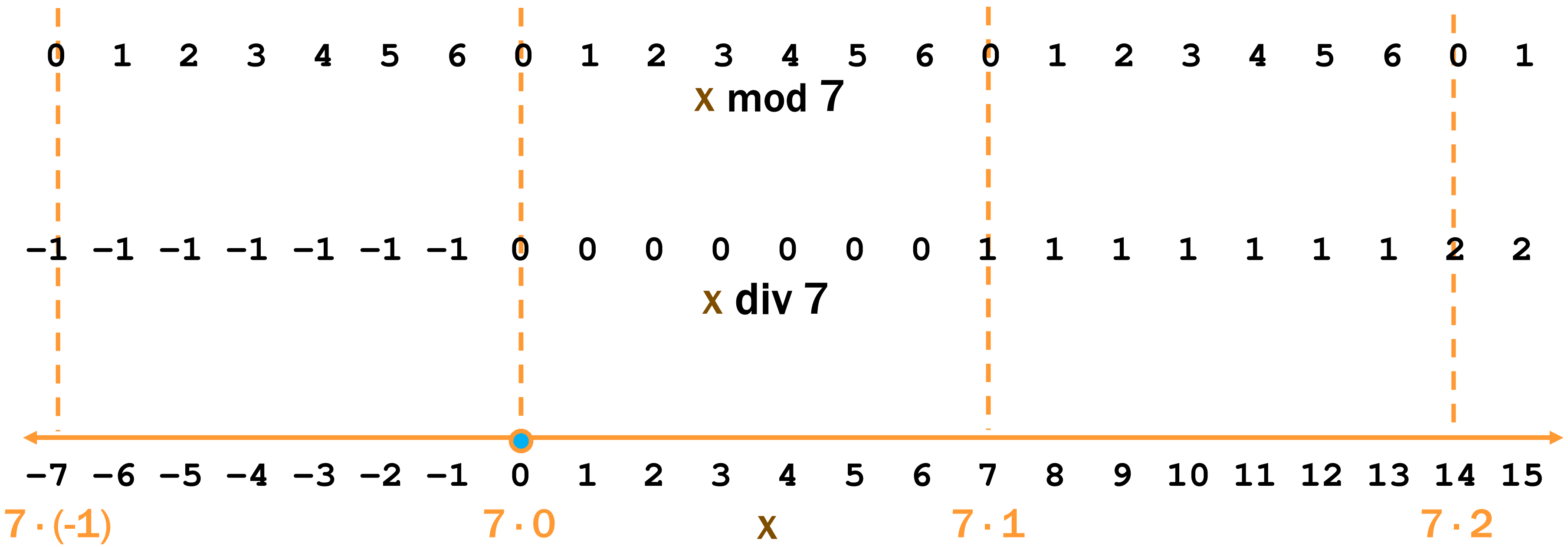
For a, b with $b > 0$
there exist *unique* integers q, r with $0 \leq r < b$
such that $a = qb + r$.

To put it another way, if we divide b **into** a**, we get a unique quotient** $q = a$ **div** b
and non-negative remainder $r = a$ **mod** b

Note: $r \geq 0$ even if $a < 0$.
Not quite the same as `a % d`.

Last class: div and mod

$x = 7 \cdot (x \text{ div } 7) + (x \text{ mod } 7)$



Arithmetic, mod 7

$(a + b) \bmod 7$

$(a \times b) \bmod 7$

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
2	2	3	4	5	6	0	1
3	3	4	5	6	0	1	2
4	4	5	6	0	1	2	3
5	5	6	0	1	2	3	4
6	6	0	1	2	3	4	5

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	0	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	0	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	0	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	0	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	0	6	5	4	3	2	1

Modular Arithmetic

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Definition: "a is congruent to b modulo m"

For a, b, m with $m > 0$

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \leftrightarrow m \mid (a - b)$$

New notion of "sameness" or "equivalence" that will help us understand modular arithmetic.

This is a predicate (T/F values) on integers a, b, m. It does not produce numbers as output.

There is really a notion of sameness for each $m > 0$.
It may help you to think of $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} \pmod{m}$ for a fixed $m > 0$ as an equivalence $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv_m \boldsymbol{b}$.
Standard math notation writes the $(\mathrm{mod}\ m)$ on the right to tell you what notion of sameness $\equiv$ means.

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A chain of equivalences is written

$$a \equiv b \equiv c \equiv d \pmod{m}$$

This means $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$
and $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$
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Check Your Understanding. What do each of these mean? When are they true?

$x \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

This statement is the same as saying "x is even"; so, any x that is even (including negative even numbers) will work.

$-1 \equiv 19 \pmod{5}$

This statement is true. 19 - (-1) = 20 which is divisible by 5

$y \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$

This statement is true for y in { ..., -12, -5, 2, 9, 16, ...}. In other words, all y of the form 2+7k for k an integer.

Modular Arithmetic: A Property

$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \leftrightarrow m \mid (a - b)$

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Then, $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} \pmod{\boldsymbol{m}}$ if and only if $\boldsymbol{a} \mathbf{\ mod\ } \boldsymbol{m} = \boldsymbol{b} \mathbf{\ mod\ } \boldsymbol{m}$.

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(⇐) Suppose that $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$.

By the division theorem, $a = mq + (a \bmod m)$ and
$b = ms + (b \bmod m)$ for some integers q,s.

Goal: show $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, i.e., $m \mid (a - b)$.

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Then, $a - b = (mq + (a \bmod m)) - (ms + (b \bmod m))$
$= m(q - s) + (a \bmod m - b \bmod m)$
$= m(q - s)$ since $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$

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Therefore, $m \mid (a - b)$ and so $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

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(Halfway there)

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Then, $m \mid (a - b)$ by definition of congruence.
So, $a - b = km$ for some integer k by definition of divides.
Therefore, $a = b + km$.

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Combining these, we have $qm + (a \bmod m) = a = b + km$
or equiv., $b = qm - km + (a \bmod m) = (q - k)m + (a \bmod m)$.
By the Division Theorem, we have $b \bmod m = a \bmod m$. ■

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Modular Arithmetic: A Property

Let $\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}, \boldsymbol{m}$ be integers with $\boldsymbol{m} >$
Then, $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} \pmod{\boldsymbol{m}}$ if and only

In future, we will usually go directly between these without discussing "divides" every time.

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The $\mathbf{mod}\ \boldsymbol{m}$ function vs the $\equiv \pmod{\boldsymbol{m}}$ predicate

- What we have just shown
  - The $\mathbf{mod}\ \boldsymbol{m}$ function maps any integer $\boldsymbol{a}$ to a remainder $\boldsymbol{a}\ \mathbf{mod}\ \boldsymbol{m} \in \{0,1,..,\boldsymbol{m}-1\}$.
  - Imagine grouping together all integers that have the same value of the $\mathbf{mod}\ \boldsymbol{m}$ function

    That is, the same remainder in $\{0,1,..,\boldsymbol{m}-1\}$.
  - The $\equiv \pmod{\boldsymbol{m}}$ predicate compares integers $\boldsymbol{a}, \boldsymbol{b}$. It is true if and only if the $\mathbf{mod}\ \boldsymbol{m}$ function has the same value on $\boldsymbol{a}$ and on $\boldsymbol{b}$.

    That is, $\boldsymbol{a}$ and $\boldsymbol{b}$ are in the same group.

Recall: Familiar Properties of "="

- **If $a = b$ and $b = c$, then $a = c$.**
  - **i.e., if $a = b = c$, then $a = c$**

- **If $a = b$ and $c = d$, then $a + c = b + d$.**
  - **in particular, since $c = c$ is true, we can "$+ c$" to both sides**

- **If $a = b$ and $c = d$, then $ac = bd$.**
  - **in particular, since $c = c$ is true, we can "$\times c$" to both sides**

These are the facts that allow us to use algebra to solve problems

Modular Arithmetic: Basic Property

Let m be a positive integer.
If $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} \pmod{m}$ and $\boldsymbol{b} \equiv \boldsymbol{c} \pmod{m}$,
then $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{c} \pmod{m}$.

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Suppose that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$.

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Suppose that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$.
Then, by the previous property, we have
$a \bmod m = b \bmod m$ and $b \bmod m = c \bmod m$.

Putting these together, we have $a \bmod m = c \bmod m$, which says that $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$, by the previous property.

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Modular Arithmetic: Addition Property

Let m be a positive integer.
If $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} \pmod{m}$ and $\boldsymbol{c} \equiv \boldsymbol{d} \pmod{m}$
then $\boldsymbol{a} + \boldsymbol{c} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} + \boldsymbol{d} \pmod{m}$.

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Suppose that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$.
Unrolling the definitions, we can see that $a - b = km$ and
$c - d = jm$ for some integers k, j.

Adding the equations together gives us
$(a + c) - (b + d) = m(k + j)$.

By the definition of congruence, we have $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$.

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Modular Arithmetic: Multiplication Property

Let m be a positive integer.
If $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} \pmod{m}$ and $\boldsymbol{c} \equiv \boldsymbol{d} \pmod{m}$
then $\boldsymbol{ac} \equiv \boldsymbol{bd} \pmod{m}$.

Suppose that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$.

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This says $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$ by the definition of congruence. ■

Modular Arithmetic: Properties

If $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} \pmod{m}$ and $\boldsymbol{b} \equiv \boldsymbol{c} \pmod{m}$ then $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{c} \pmod{m}$

If $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} \pmod{m}$ and $\boldsymbol{c} \equiv \boldsymbol{d} \pmod{m}$ then

$\boldsymbol{a} + \boldsymbol{c} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} + \boldsymbol{d} \pmod{m}$ and

$\boldsymbol{ac} \equiv \boldsymbol{bd} \pmod{m}$

Corollary:

If $\boldsymbol{a} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} \pmod{m}$ then

$\boldsymbol{a} + \boldsymbol{c} \equiv \boldsymbol{b} + \boldsymbol{c} \pmod{m}$ and

$\boldsymbol{ac} \equiv \boldsymbol{bc} \pmod{m}$

These allow us to solve problems in modular arithmetic, e.g.

- **add/subtract numbers from both sides of equations**
- **multiply numbers on both sides of equations.**
- **use chains of equivalences**

Example: Proof by Cases with mod

Let $\boldsymbol{n}$ be an integer. Prove that $\boldsymbol{n^2} \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{4}$ or $\boldsymbol{n^2} \equiv \mathbf{1} \pmod{4}$.

Let's start by looking at small examples:

$\mathbf{0^2} = \mathbf{0} \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{4}$

$\mathbf{1^2} = \mathbf{1} \equiv \mathbf{1} \pmod{4}$

$\mathbf{2^2} = \mathbf{4} \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{4}$

$\mathbf{3^2} = \mathbf{9} \equiv \mathbf{1} \pmod{4}$

$\mathbf{4^2} = \mathbf{16} \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{4}$

It looks as though we have:

If $\boldsymbol{n}$ is even then $\boldsymbol{n^2} \equiv \mathbf{0} \pmod{4}$

If $\boldsymbol{n}$ is odd then $\boldsymbol{n^2} \equiv \mathbf{1} \pmod{4}$

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Case 1 (n is even):

Suppose n is even.
Then, $n = 2k$ for some integer k.
So, $n^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 = 4k^2 + 0$.
So, by the definition of congruence,
we have $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod 4$.

Example: Proof by Cases with mod

Let $\boldsymbol{n}$ be an integer. Prove that $\boldsymbol{n^2} \equiv \boldsymbol{0} \pmod{4}$ or
$\boldsymbol{n^2} \equiv \boldsymbol{1} \pmod{4}$.

Case 1 (n is even): Done.

Case 2 (n is odd):

Suppose n is odd.
Then, $n = 2k + 1$ for some integer k.
So, $n^2 = (2k + 1)^2$
$= 4k^2 + 4k + 1$
$= 4(k^2 + k) + 1$.
So, by definition of congruence,
we have $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

Result follows by proof by cases since n is either even or odd