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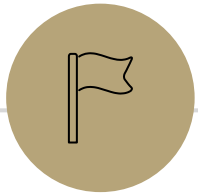
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# Number Theory Cont.

CSE 311: Foundations of  
Computing I  
Lecture 10

# Announcements

- HW2 solutions and Number Theory Reference Sheets are at the front
- HW3 is due tonight at 11:59 pm



**Review**

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# Modular Arithmetic

## Divides

For integers  $a, b$ , we say  $a \mid b$  (" $a$  divides  $b$ ") iff there exists some integer  $k$  such that  $b = ka$ .

## Division Theorem

For any integer  $a$  and positive integer  $d$ , there exist unique integers  $q, r$  with  $0 \leq r < d$  such that  $a = qd + r$ .

## Congruence

For integers  $a, b$  and positive integer  $m$ , we say  $a \equiv_m b$  iff  $m \mid (a - b)$ .

# Notation

We will work with the notation  $a \equiv_m b$ .

$$(19 + 33) \cdot 5 \equiv_{10} 52 \cdot 5 \equiv_{10} 260 \equiv_{10} 0$$

In practice, you'll often see the notation  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .

$$(19 + 33) \cdot 5 \equiv 52 \cdot 5 \equiv 260 \equiv 0 \pmod{10}$$

# Properties of Mod

Let  $a, b, c, d$  and  $m > 0$  be integers.

- If  $a \equiv_m b$ , then  $b \equiv_m a$ .
- If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $c \equiv_m d$ , then  $a + c \equiv_m b + d$ .
- If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $c \equiv_m d$ , then  $ac \equiv_m bd$ .
- If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $b \equiv_m c$ , then  $a \equiv_m c$ .



# Modular Arithmetic Proofs

# Prove or Disprove

## Definition

$$a \mid b := \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} (b = ka)$$

Claim 1: For integers  $a, b, c$  if  $b \mid a$  and  $c \mid a$  then  $bc \mid a$ .

Claim 2: For integers  $a, b, c$  if  $a \mid b$  and  $a \mid c$  then  $a \mid bc$ .

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# Prove or Disprove

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Claim 1: For integers  $a, b, c$  if  $b \mid a$  and  $c \mid a$  then  $bc \mid a$ .

This claim is false. Consider  $a = 10, b = 5, c = 5$ . Then  $b \mid a$  and  $c \mid a$  but  $bc \nmid a$ . Thus this is a counterexample to the claim.

# Prove or Disprove

## Definition

$$a \mid b := \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} (b = ka)$$

Claim 2: For integers  $a, b, c$  if  $a \mid b$  and  $a \mid c$  then  $a \mid bc$ .

This claim is true. Let  $a, b, c$  be arbitrary integers. Suppose  $a \mid b$  and  $a \mid c$ . Then there exists some integers  $k, j$  such that  $b = ak$  and  $c = aj$ . Then  $bc = ak \cdot aj = a(akj)$ . Since  $a, k, j$  are integers  $akj$  is an integer. So by definition of divides,  $a \mid bc$ . Since  $a, b, c$  were arbitrary, the claim holds.

For integers  $a, b$  and  $m > 0$ ,  $a \equiv_m b$  if and only if  $a \% m = b \% m$ .

$\Rightarrow$  Let  $a, b, m > 0$  be arbitrary integers, and suppose  $a \equiv_m b$ . Then  $m \mid (a - b)$ . So there exists some integer  $k$  such that  $a - b = km$ . So  $a = km + b$ .

By the Division Theorem,  $a = qm + (a \% m)$  for some integer  $q$ , where  $0 \leq a \% m < m$ . Thus:

$$km + b = qm + (a \% m)$$

$$b = qm - km + (a \% m)$$

$$b = (q - k)m + (a \% m)$$

By the Division Theorem again, we have that  $b \% m = a \% m$ . Since  $a, b, m$  were arbitrary, the claim holds.

For integers  $a, b$  and  $m > 0$ ,  $a \equiv_m b$  if and only if  $a \% m = b \% m$ .

$\Leftarrow$  Let  $a, b, m > 0$  be arbitrary integers, and suppose  $a \% m = b \% m$ . By the Division Theorem,  $a = mq + (a \% m)$  for some integer  $q$ , and  $b = ms + (b \% m)$  for some integer  $s$ . Thus:

$$a - b = (mq + (a \% m)) - (ms + (b \% m))$$

$$a - b = mq - ms + (a \% m) - (b \% m)$$

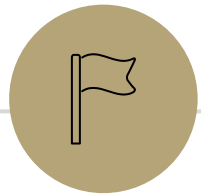
$$a - b = m(q - s)$$

Since  $q, s$  are integers,  $q - s$  is an integer. So  $m \mid (a - b)$ . So  $a \equiv_m b$ . Since  $a, b, m$  were arbitrary, the claim holds.

# Summary: Properties of Mod

Let  $a, b, c, d$  and  $m > 0$  be integers.

- If  $a \equiv_m b$ , then  $b \equiv_m a$ .
- If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $c \equiv_m d$ , then  $a + c \equiv_m b + d$ .
- If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $c \equiv_m d$ , then  $ac \equiv_m bd$ .
- If  $a \equiv_m b$  and  $b \equiv_m c$ , then  $a \equiv_m c$ .
- $a \equiv_m b$  if and only if  $a \% m = b \% m$ .



# Primes & GCD



# Prime and Composite

## Definition:

An integer  $p > 1$  is **prime** iff its only positive divisors are 1 and  $p$ .

An integer  $p > 1$  is **composite** iff it is not prime.

# Greatest Common Divisor

## Definition:

The Greatest Common Divisor of integers  $a$  and  $b$  (denoted  $\gcd(a, b)$ ) is the largest integer  $c$  such that  $c \mid a$  and  $c \mid b$ .

For Example:

$$\gcd(99, 18) = 9$$

$$\gcd(100, 125) = 25$$

$$\gcd(7, 11) = 1$$

$$\gcd(13, 0) = 13$$

# Calculating the GCD: Approach 1

Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic: Every positive integer greater than 1 has a unique prime factorization.

Approach 1 to finding  $\gcd(a, b)$ :

- Find the prime factorization of  $a$
- Find the prime factorization of  $b$
- Identify all common prime factors.
- Multiply the common prime factors together.  
This is the GCD.



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# Calculating the GCD: Approach 2

Claim: For positive integers  $a, b$ ,  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \% b)$ .

For example:

$$\gcd(10, 6) = \gcd(6, 4)$$

$$\gcd(110, 30) = \gcd(30, 20)$$

We'll prove this in a minute. But first: how can we use this fact to devise an algorithm for computing  $\gcd(a, b)$ ?

# Calculating the GCD: Approach 2

Euclid's Algorithm. To find  $\text{gcd}(a, b)$ :

- Repeatedly use  $\text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(b, a \% b)$  to reduce numbers
- Stop once you reach  $\text{gcd}(g, 0)$ . Return  $g$ .

For Example:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{gcd}(660, 126) &= \text{gcd}(126, 30) \\ &= \text{gcd}(30, 6) \\ &= \text{gcd}(6, 0) \\ &= 6\end{aligned}$$



# Euclid's Algorithm in Java

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// assumes a >= 0 and b >= 0
public int gcd(int a, int b) {
    if (b == 0) {
        return a;
    } else {
        return gcd(b, a % b);
    }
}
```

# Proof of Claim

Claim: For positive integers  $a, b$ ,  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \% b)$ .

How do you show that two GCDs are equal?

- First consider some arbitrary common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ , call it  $d$ . Prove that  $d$  is a divisor of  $a \% b$ .
- Then consider some arbitrary common divisor of  $b$  and  $a \% b$ , call it  $d$ . Prove that  $d$  is a divisor of  $a$ .
- Thus  $a$  and  $b$  have the same common divisors as  $b$  and  $a \% b$ . So their GCDs are equal.

**Claim:** For positive integers  $a, b$ ,  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \% b)$ .

Let  $a, b$  be arbitrary positive integers. By the Division Theorem,  $a = qb + (a \% b)$  for some int  $q$ .

Let  $d$  be arbitrary. Suppose  $d \mid b$  and  $d \mid a \% b$ . We aim to show that  $d \mid a$ . By definition of divides,  $b = kd$  and  $a \% b = jd$  for some integers  $k, j$ . Then it follows that:

$$a = qb + (a \% b) = q \cdot kd + jd = d(qk + j)$$

Since  $q, k, j$  are integers,  $qk + j$  is an integer. So  $d \mid a$ .

Now suppose  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$ . We aim to show that  $d \mid a \% b$ . By definition of divides,  $a = md$  and  $b = nd$  for some integers  $m, n$ . Then it follows that:

$$a \% b = a - qb = md - qnd = d(m - qn)$$

Since  $q, m, n$  are integers,  $m - qn$  is an integer. So  $d \mid a \% b$ .

Thus  $a$  and  $b$  have the same common divisors as  $b$  and  $a \% b$ . So  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \% b)$ .

Since  $a, b$  were arbitrary, the claim holds.