

CSE 311 Section 5

Number Theory & Induction

Administrivia & Introductions



Announcements & Reminders

- HW3
 - If you think something was graded incorrectly, submit a regrade request!
- HW4 due yesterday 10PM on Gradescope
 - Use late days if you need them!
- HW5
 - 2 parts!
 - BOTH PARTS due Wednesday 2/8 @ 10pm
- Midterm is Next Weekend! (Friday 2/10 – Sunday 2/12)
 - “Take Home” exam on Gradescope
 - You will have 90 minutes to complete it, starting from when you open it on Gradescope
 - It is designed to take ~30 minutes

References

- Helpful reference sheets can be found on the course website!
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/resources/>
- How to LaTeX (found on Assignments page of website):
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/assignments/HowToLaTeX.pdf>
- Set Reference Sheet
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/resources/reference-sets.pdf>
- Number Theory Reference Sheet
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/resources/reference-number-theory.pdf>
- Induction Templates
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/22sp/resources/induction-templates.pdf>
- Plus more!

Number Theory



Some Definitions

- Divides:
 - For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$: $a \mid b$ iff $\exists(k \in \mathbb{Z}) b = ka$
 - For integers a and b , we say a divides b if and only if there exists an integer k such that $b = ka$
- Congruence Modulo:
 - For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$: $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ iff $m \mid (b - a)$
 - For integers a and b and positive integer m , we say a is congruent to b modulo m if and only if m divides $b - a$

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Note that j and k are integers, which is only possible if $j, k \in \{1, -1\}$.

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NOTE: we don't know
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yet, just that there is
SOME integer here!

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Match the earlier condition on n in your conclusion!

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We can “fill in” our induction template to construct our proof by induction.

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