

# Even More Number Theory

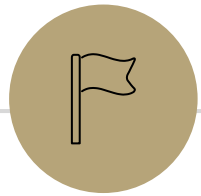
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# Outline for today

English Proof Practice!

One more proof technique (it's an easy one 😊 )

Some More Number Theory




## More Mod proofs



# More proofs

Show that if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$  then  $ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$ .



Step 1: What do the words mean?

Step 2: What does the statement as a whole say?

Step 3: Where do we start?

Step 4: What's our target?

Step 5: Now prove it.

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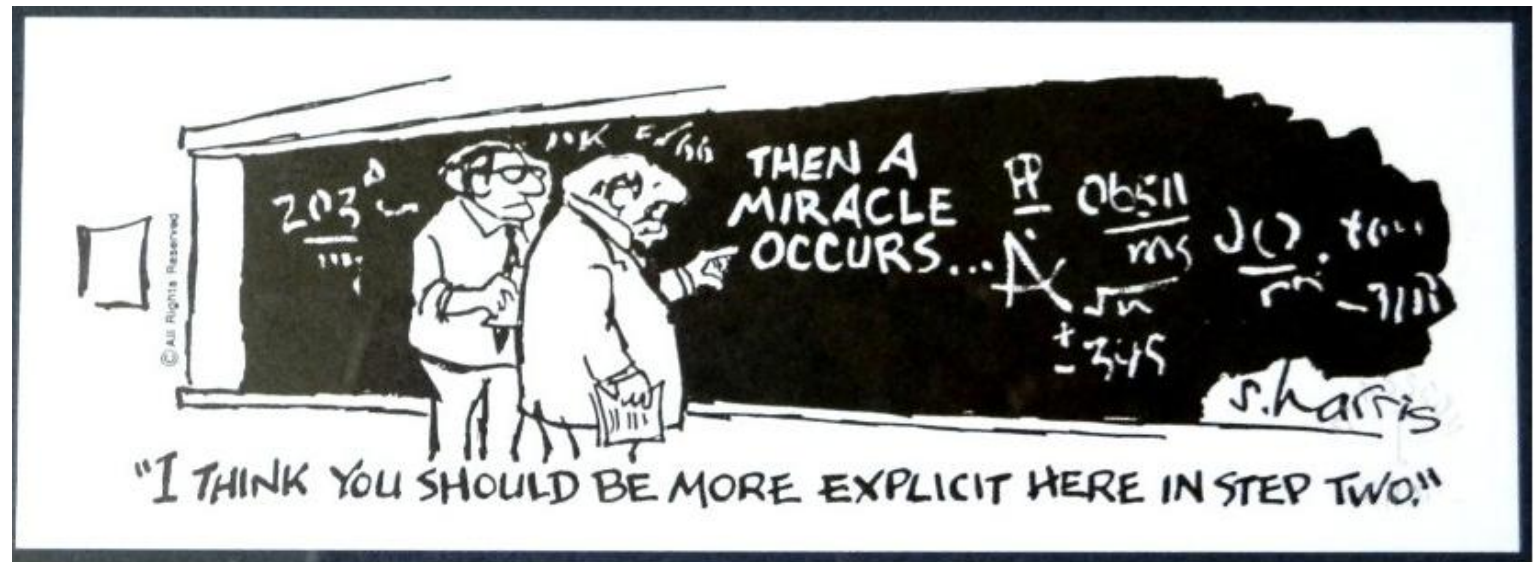
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And then a miracle occurs

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# Uh-Oh

We hit (what looks like) a dead end.

But how did I know we hit a dead end? Because I knew exactly where we needed to go. If you didn't, you'd have been staring at that for ages trying to figure out the magic step.

(or worse, assumed you lost a minus sign somewhere, and just "fixed" it...)

Let's try again. This time, let's **separate**  $b$  from  $a$  and  $d$  from  $c$  before combining.

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Rearranging the equations, we have:  $b = nk + a, d = nj + c$ ,

Multiplying the equations together, we get:  $bd = (nk + a)(nj + c) = n^2kj + anj + cnk + ac$

Rearranging,  $bd - ac = n^2kj + anj + cnk = n(nkj + aj + ck)$

That is,  $n(nkj + aj + ck) = bd - ac$ . Note that  $n, k, j, a, c, k$  are all integers so multiplying and adding them gives another integer. Thus  $bd - ac$  is  $n$  times an integer.

$n \mid (bd - ac)$  by definition of divides

$ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$ . (by definition of equivalence mod  $n$ ) Since  $a, b, c, d, n$  were arbitrary, the claim always holds.

# Some Style Notes

When applying a definition, be sure to explicitly check all pieces of the definition.

$a|b$  means there is an integer  $z$  such that  $az = b$ .

Since  $z$  needs to be an integer in the definition, make sure it's an integer when you apply that definition.


Every step should have a justification. Sometimes it's very short ("rearranging this equation" or "doing some algebra"); sometimes it's much more detailed.

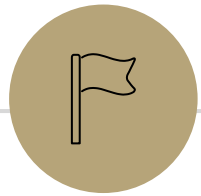
Arbitrary variables are always explicitly called arbitrary.

Use fresh variable names from an exists.  $(k, j)$

# Some Style Notes

You'll often see something that looks a lot like our equivalence proofs if you have a sequence of algebra steps

$$\begin{aligned}bd &= (nk + a)(nj + c) \quad (\text{multiplying equations together}) \\ &= n^2kj + anj + cnk + ac \quad (\text{FOILing}) \\ &= n(nkj + aj + ck) + ac \quad (\text{factoring out } n)\end{aligned}$$




## Proving a biconditional

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## Equivalence in modular arithmetic

Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n > 0$ .

We say  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if and only if  $n \mid (b - a)$

# Warm up

Show that  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if and only if  $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$

How do you prove an if and only if?

# Proving a biconditional

How do we prove  $p \leftrightarrow q$

Two options:



1. (preferred style for this class): show  $p \rightarrow q$ , then show  $q \rightarrow p$ .
2. Show a "chain of if-and-only-if"s (possible, but stylistically difficult)

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**Forward direction** (if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  then  $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$ )

Let  $a, b, n$  be arbitrary integers with  $n > 0$ ; suppose  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ . By definition of equivalence:  $n \mid (b - a)$ . By definition of mod,  $nk = b - a$  for some integer  $k$ . Multiplying by  $-1$  we have  $n(-k) = a - b$ . But  $-k$  is also an integer (since  $k$  was) so  $n \mid (a - b)$ , and (applying the definition of equivalence  $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$ )

**Backward direction** (if  $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$  then  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ )

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## Or one proof

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Show that  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if and only if  $b \equiv a \pmod{n}$

Let  $a, b, n$  be arbitrary integers with  $n > 0$ .

Observe that

$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if and only if  $n \mid (b - a)$  (by definition of modular equiv)

If and only if  $nk = b - a$  (where  $k$  is an integer)

If and only if  $n(-k) = a - b$

If and only if  $n \mid (a - b)$  (by definition of divides)

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# To prove a biconditional

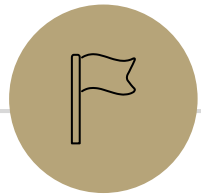
Option 1 is just to prove two implications (you know how to prove implications already---direct proof rule and/or contrapositive)

Option 2 is to connect the left and right sides with a sequence of "if and only if"s. **Every** step must be an if-and-only-if

**Every** step must explicitly be stated as an if-and-only-if.

(By default, proofs are like inference proofs: we're listing true facts that follow from prior facts; if you want to know a biconditional, you have to assert the biconditional explicitly).

Option 1 is usually the default; option 2 is sometimes used, especially for algebraic expressions.



# Computing GCDs

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# GCD and LCM

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## Greatest Common Divisor

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

## Least Common Multiple

The Least Common Multiple of  $a$  and  $b$  ( $\text{lcm}(a,b)$ ) is the smallest positive integer  $c$  such that  $a|c$  and  $b|c$ .

Try a few values...

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

$$\gcd(17, 49)$$

$$\gcd(17, 34)$$

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

$$\text{lcm}(7, 11)$$

$$\text{lcm}(6, 10)$$

# How do you calculate a gcd?

You could:

Find the prime factorization of each

Take all the common ones. E.g.

$$\text{gcd}(24,20)=\text{gcd}(2^3 \cdot 3, 2^2 \cdot 5) = 2^{\{\min(2,3)\}} = 2^2 = 4.$$

(lcm has a similar algorithm – take the maximum number of copies of everything)

But that's....really expensive. Mystery finds gcd.

```
public int Mystery(int m, int n) {
    if (m < n) {
        int temp = m;
        m = n;
        n = temp;
    }
    while (n != 0) {
        int rem = m % n;
        m = n;
        n = rem;
    }
    return m;
}
```



# Running Mystery

$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(26,7) &= \gcd(7, 26\%7) = \gcd(7,5) \\ &= \gcd(5, 7\%5) = \gcd(5,2) \\ &= \gcd(2, 5\%2) = \gcd(2, 1) \\ &= \gcd(1, 2\%1) = \gcd(1,0) = 1.\end{aligned}$$

# GCD facts

1.  $\gcd(a,0)=a$

Pf:  $a$  is a common divisor ( $a = 1 \cdot a$ ;  $0 = 0 \cdot a$ ); larger numbers don't divide  $a$  (for positive numbers, if  $x|y$  then  $x \leq y$ )

2. If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then  $\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(b, a \% b)$

Why is 2 true? The proof isn't easy; it's at the end of this deck.

Why should you care?

# So...what's it good for?

Suppose I want to solve  $7x \equiv 3 \pmod{n}$



Remember everything we're learning contributes to us eventually understanding RSA. This is a key step in generating keys.

Just multiply both sides by  $\frac{1}{7}$ ...

Oh wait. We want a number to multiply by 7 to get 1.

What number can we pick?

The next two slides are going to get more abstract...we're listing out the facts we need to solve that equation.

# Bézout's Theorem

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If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers, then there exist integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that

$$\gcd(a,b) = sa + tb$$

We're not going to prove this theorem...

But it turns out `Mystery` can be extended to find them.

# Finding the inverse...

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$$7 = 5 \cdot 1 + 2 ; 2 = 7 - 5 \cdot 1$$

$$5 = 2 \cdot 2 + 1 ; 1 = 5 - 2 \cdot 2$$

$$\begin{aligned}1 &= 5 - 2 \cdot 2 \\ &= 5 - 2(7 - 5 \cdot 1) \\ &= 3 \cdot 5 - 2 \cdot 7 \\ &= 3 \cdot (26 - 3 \cdot 7) - 2 \cdot 7 \\ &= 3 \cdot 26 - 11 \cdot 7\end{aligned}$$

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If the  $\gcd(7,n) = 1$

Then  $s \cdot 7 + tn = 1$ , so  $7s - 1 = -tn$  i.e.  $n \mid (7s - 1)$  so  $7s \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

So the  $s$  from Bézout's Theorem is what we should multiply by!

# Ok...how am I supposed to find $s, t$ ?

It turns out that while you're calculating the gcd (using the Mystery algorithm), you can keep some extra information recorded, and end up with the  $s, t$

This is called the "extended Euclidian algorithm"

Examples in these slides.

# Try it

Solve the equation  $7y \equiv 3 \pmod{26}$

What do we need to find?

The multiplicative inverse of  $7 \pmod{26}$

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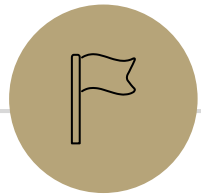
$$15 \cdot 7 \cdot y \equiv 15 \cdot 3 \pmod{26}$$

$$y \equiv 45 \pmod{26}$$

Or  $y \equiv 19 \pmod{26}$

So  $26 \mid 19 - y$ , i.e.  $26k = 19 - y$  (for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) i.e.  $y = 19 - 26 \cdot k$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Solutions:  $\{\dots, -7, 19, 45, \dots, 19 + 26k, \dots\}$  i.e.  $\{x : x = 19 + 26k \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$



## Proving the key fact about gcds

$$\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(b, a \% b)$$

Let  $x = \gcd(a, b)$  and  $y = \gcd(b, a \% b)$ .

We show that  $y$  is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ .

By definition of gcd,  $y|b$  and  $y|(a \% b)$ . So it is enough to show that  $y|a$ .

Applying the definition of divides we get  $b = yk$  for an integer  $k$ , and  $(a \% b) = yj$  for an integer  $j$ .

By definition of mod,  $a \% b$  is  $a = qb + (a \% b)$  for an integer  $q$ .

Plugging in both of our other equations:

$a = qyk + yj = y(qk + j)$ . Since  $q, k$ , and  $j$  are integers,  $y|a$ . Thus  $y$  is a common divisor of  $a, b$  and thus  $y \leq x$ .

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$xj' = qxk' + a \% b$ . Solving for  $a \% b$ , we have  $a \% b = xj' - qxk' = x(j' - qk')$ . So  $x|(a \% b)$ . Thus  $x$  is a common divisor of  $b, a \% b$  and thus  $x \leq y$ .

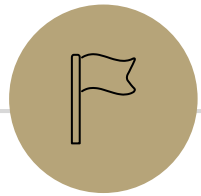
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We have shown  $x \leq y$  and  $y \leq x$ .

Thus  $x = y$ , and  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, a \% b)$ .



# Euclidian Algorithm



# Euclid's Algorithm

gcd(660,126)

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

Tableau form

$$\begin{aligned} 660 &= 5 \cdot 126 + 30 \\ 126 &= 4 \cdot 30 + 6 \\ 30 &= 5 \cdot 6 + 0 \end{aligned}$$

Starting Numbers

Final  
answer

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But we'll show you how to find  $s, t$  for any positive integers  $a, b$ .

# Extended Euclidian Algorithm

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$$\gcd(27,35) = 13 \cdot 27 + (-10) \cdot 35$$

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 3 - 1 \cdot 2 \\ &= 3 - 1 \cdot (8 - 2 \cdot 3) \\ &= -1 \cdot 8 + 3 \cdot 3 \\ &= -1 \cdot 8 + 3(27 - 3 \cdot 8) \\ &= 3 \cdot 27 - 10 \cdot 8 \\ &= 3 \cdot 27 - 10(35 - 1 \cdot 27) \\ &= 13 \cdot 27 - 10 \cdot 35 \end{aligned}$$

When substituting back, you keep the larger of  $m, n$  and the number you just substituted. Don't simplify further! (or you lose the form you need)