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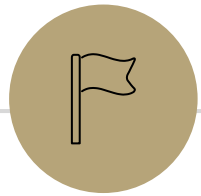
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# Number Theory Continued

CSE 311 25Su  
Lecture 9

# Announcements

- HW3 is out and due Wednesday!
  - Start today if you haven't already
- Pick up HW1 solutions at the front of the room or during Parker's OH this week.



**Review**

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# Why Number Theory?

Applicable in Computer Science

“hash functions” (you’ll see them in 332) commonly use modular arithmetic  
Much of classical cryptography is based on prime numbers.

More importantly, a great playground for writing English proofs.

# Divides

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For integers  $x, y$  we say  $x|y$  (" $x$  divides  $y$ ") iff there is an integer  $z$  such that  $xz = y$ .

Informally: " $a$  fits into  $b$ " or " $a$  is a factor of  $b$ "

"The small number goes first\*" \*when both are positive integers

Examples:  $5 | 15$

$-3 | 9$

$5 \nmid 21$

# Division Theorem

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

In Java,  $q$  is the result of the operation  $a/d$

In Java,  $r$  is the result of the operation  $a \% d$

### Warning

When dealing with negative numbers, Java's  $\%$  may behave differently!

# The mod (%) operator

$$\text{Division Theorem}$$
$$a = qd + r \text{ with } 0 \leq r < d$$

- The % operator is often referred to as “mod”
- $a \% d$  returns the remainder  $r$  when you divide  $a$  by  $d$

$$22 \% 5 = 2$$

$$22 = 4 \cdot 5 + \mathbf{2}$$

$$25 \% 5 = 0$$

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$$0 \% 5 = 0$$

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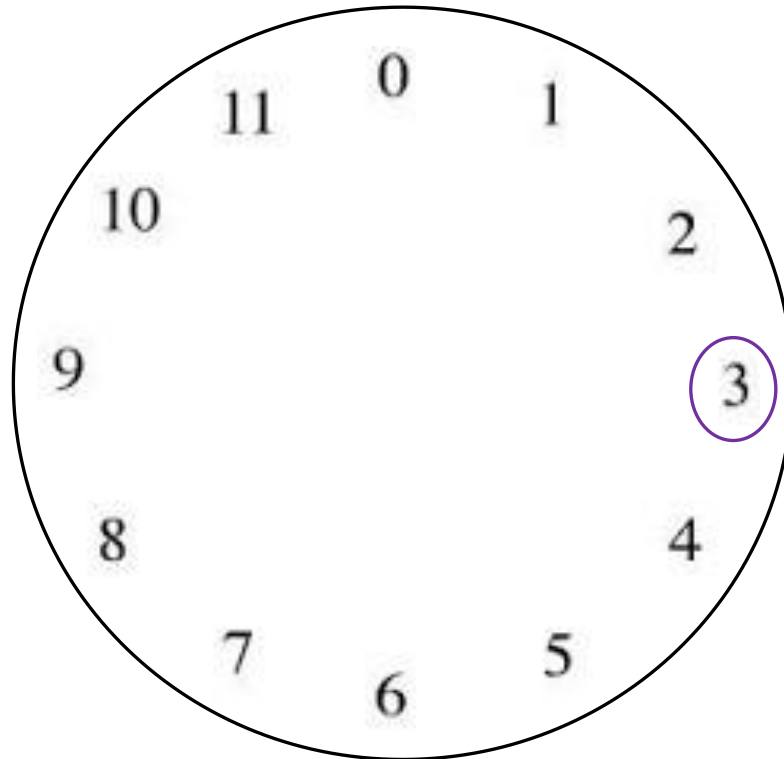
$$-1 \% 4 = 3$$

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# Modular Arithmetic: Like a Clock

Imagine you can only represent numbers  $0, \dots, 11$ . We call this "arithmetic mod 12".

What's  $8 + 7$ ? **3**



Observation  
The solution is  $a \% 12$ .

# Congruence

We need a formal definition of  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .

We can't just say " $a$  and  $b$  are on the same place in the  $m$  clock 😊"

Definition:

For integers  $a, b$  and positive integer  $m$ , we say  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  iff  $m \mid (a - b)$ .

Note:  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  is equivalent to  $a \% m = b \% m$ .

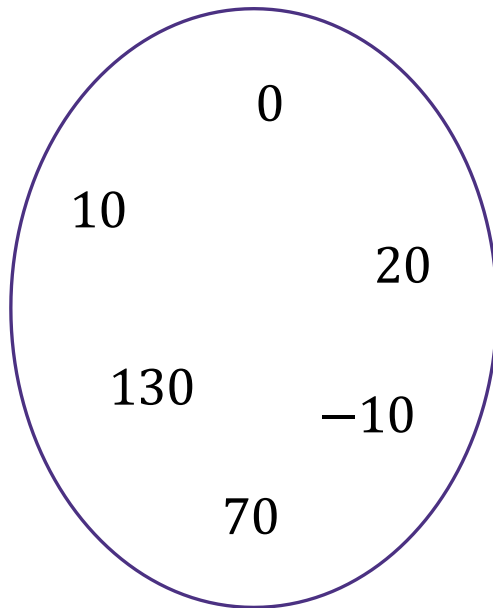
We will actually prove that the two notions are the same. But, the formal definition is much easier to use in proofs.

# Intuition

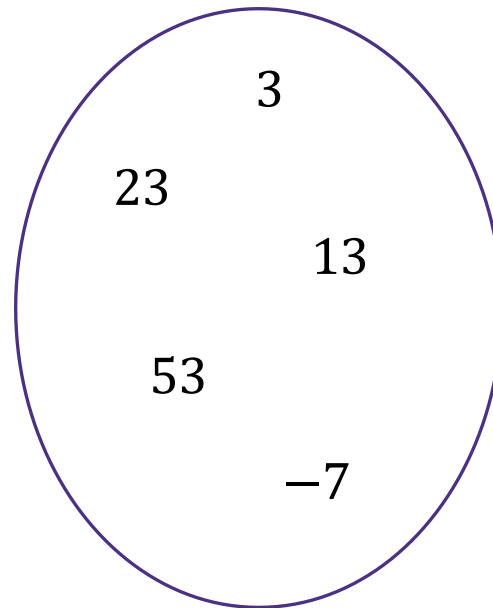
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is defined as  $m \mid (a - b)$

Intuition: Equivalently,  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$   
means  $a \% m = b \% m$

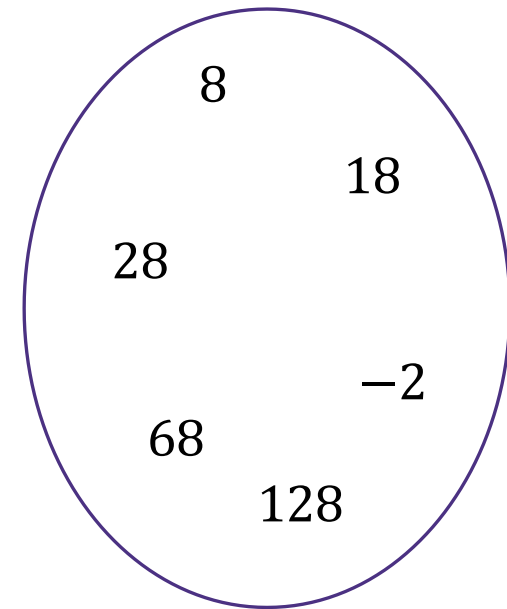
Here we have some groups of numbers that are congruent mod 10.



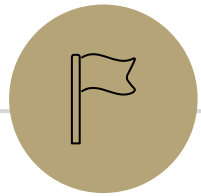
Congruent to 0



Congruent to 3



Congruent to 8



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There has to be a better way!

If only there were some equivalent implication...

One where we could negate everything...

Take the contrapositive of the statement:

For all integers,  $a, b, c$ : Show if  $a|b$  and  $a|c$  then  $a|(bc)$ .

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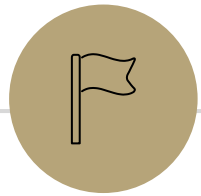
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By definition of divides,  $ax = b$  and  $ay = c$  for some integers  $x$  and  $y$ .

Multiplying the two equations, we get  $axay = bc$

Since  $a, x, y$  are all integers,  $xay$  is an integer. Applying the definition of divides, we have  $a|bc$ .



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# Properties of Congruence

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# Recall: Familiar Properties of $=$ in algebra

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

These are the facts that allow us to use algebra to solve problems. We will prove analogous facts for modular arithmetic.

Claim 1: for all integers  $a, b, c, m$ , with  $m > 0$ :

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \rightarrow a + c \equiv b + c \pmod{m}$$

Before we start, we must know:

1. What every word in the statement means.
2. What the statement as a whole means.
3. Where to start.
4. What your target is.

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## Equivalence in modular arithmetic

Let  $a, b, m$  be integers with  $m > 0$ .  
We say  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  if and only if  $m|(b - a)$

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Multiplying both sides by  $-1$ , we have  $b - a = -mk = m(-k)$ . Since  $k$  is an integer,  $-k$  is an integer.

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# Note on Claim 1

- You'll see  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  defined as  $m \mid (a - b)$  or  $m \mid (b - a)$  depending on where you look.
- Claim 1 proves these definitions are equivalent. From now on, you can use either definition in your proofs.
- In general, once we have proved claims in class, you can use those claims in your homework without proof.

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Starting Point:  $a - b = mk$  and  $c - d = mj$

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Then multiplying both expressions, we have:

$$\begin{aligned}(a - b)(c - d) &= mk \cdot mj \\ ac - bc - ad + bd &= m^2kj\end{aligned}$$

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Rearranging, we have  $a = mk + b$  and  $c = mj + d$ . Multiplying both expressions, we have:

$$ac = (mk + b)(mj + d)$$

$$ac = m^2kj + mbj + mdk + bd$$

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$$ac - bd = m^2kj + mbj + mdk$$

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Then by definition of congruence,  $m \mid (a - b)$  and  $m \mid (c - d)$ . Then by definition of divides, there exists some integers  $k, j$  such that  $a - b = mk$  and  $c - d = mj$ .

Rearranging, we have  $a = mk + b$  and  $c = mj + d$ . Multiplying both expressions, we have:

$$ac = (mk + b)(mj + d)$$

$$ac = m^2kj + mbj + mdk + bd$$

$$ac - bd = m^2kj + mbj + mdk$$

$$ac - bd = m(mkj + bj + dk)$$

Since  $m, k, j, b, d$  are integers,  $mkj + bj + dk$  is an integer. Thus by definition of divides,  $m \mid (ac - bd)$ . Then by definition of congruence,  $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$ . Since  $a, b, c, d, m$  were arbitrary, the claim holds.

# Claim 4

Definitions:

$$a \mid b \text{ iff } \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad b = ka$$

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

**Claim 4:** For integers  $a, b, c$  and positive integer  $m$ , if  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$  then  $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$ .

## Proof

Let  $a, b, c$  and  $m > 0$  be arbitrary integers. Suppose that  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$ . Then by definition of congruence,  $m \mid (a - b)$  and  $m \mid (b - c)$ . Then by definition of divides, there exists some integers  $k, j$  such that  $a - b = mk$  and  $b - c = mj$ . Adding the expressions, we have:

$$(a - b) + (b - c) = mk + mj$$

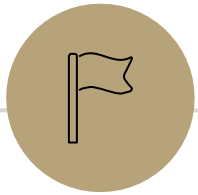
$$a - c = m(k + j)$$

Since  $k, j$  are integers,  $k + j$  is an integer. Thus by definition of divides,  $m \mid a - c$ . Then by definition of congruence,  $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$ . Since  $a, b, c, m$  were arbitrary, the claim holds.

# The Properties of Congruence We've Proven

- If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , then  $b \equiv a \pmod{m}$ .
- If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$ , then  $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$ .
- If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$ , then  $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$ .
- If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$ , then  $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$ .

You may use these properties in your homework without re-proving them!



# Primes, GCD, & LCM

# 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.

# Least Common Multiple

## Definition:

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

For Example:

$$\text{lcm}(4, 6) = 12$$

$$\text{lcm}(14, 20) = 140$$

$$\text{lcm}(45, 60) = 180$$

$$\text{lcm}(13, 1) = 13$$

# 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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# GCD facts

1. If  $a$  is a positive integer,  $\gcd(a,0) = a$

Main Idea of Proof:  $a$  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  $\gcd(a,b) = \gcd(b, a \% b)$

For example:

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

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

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

Why should you care?

# 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  $\text{gcd}(c, 0)$ . Return  $c$ .

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

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

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

Suppose I want to solve  $7x \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

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?

# Solving in Modular Arithmetic

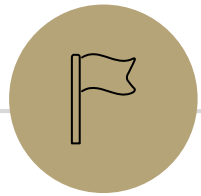
Solve:  $7x \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$

Solution:  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$  (Guess and check)

None of our properties so far help us solve this.

3 is called the **multiplicative inverse** of 7 modulo 10, i.e. the value  $x$  such that  $7x \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$ .

We will use something called **Bézout's Theorem** to extend the Euclidean Algorithm to find multiplicative inverses.



# Bézout's Theorem

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# Bézout's Theorem

## Bézout's Theorem

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

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

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

Suppose I want to solve  $8x \equiv 3 \pmod{n}$

Just multiply both sides by  $\frac{1}{8}$ ...

We once again want to find the multiplicative inverse of 8 (mod  $n$ ).

If the  $\gcd(8, n) = 1$

Then by Bézout's Theorem,  $s \cdot 8 + t \cdot n = 1$ , so  $8s - 1 = -tn$  i.e.  $n \mid (8s - 1)$  so  $8s \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

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 Euclid's Algorithm), you can keep some extra information recorded, and end up with the  $s, t$  for Bézout's Theorem

This is called the "Extended Euclidian algorithm"

We'll see an example of running the Extended Euclidean Algorithm at the start of next lecture.

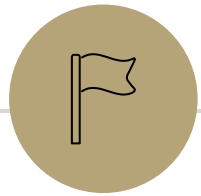
# Todo

## Tonight:

Start HW3 Today if you haven't already!

CC 9 due Wednesday at noon

HW2 Feedback will be released soon!



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**[Extra Material]**  
**Proving a key fact about GCDs**

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

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  $y \leq x$ .

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

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

We show that  $x$  is a common divisor of  $b$  and  $a \% b$ .

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

Applying the definition of divides we get  $b = xk'$  for an integer  $k'$ , and  $a = xj'$  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:

$xj' = qxk' + a \% b$ . 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  $x \leq y$ .

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

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We show that  $x$  is a common divisor of  $b$  and  $a \% b$ .

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

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