

More Number Theory

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Lecture 12

Equivalence in modular arithmetic

Warm up



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 $n | (b - a)$

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

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \stackrel{\text{(by def)}}{\iff} n | (b - a) \stackrel{\text{(by def)}}{\iff} \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } b - a = nk$$

$$\iff \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ s.t. } a - b = n(-k) \stackrel{\text{(by def)}}{\iff} n | (a - b) \stackrel{\text{(by def)}}{\iff} b \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

$0 \leq r < n$

Show that $a \% n = (a - n) \% n$. Where $b \% c$ is the unique r such that $b = kc + r$ for some integer k .

$$a = nq + (a \% n) \quad q \in \mathbb{Z}, a \% n \text{ int.}$$

$$a - n = (q - 1)n + (a \% n)$$

$$a - n = (?)n + [(a - n) \% n]$$

The Division Theorem

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There exist unique integers q, r with $0 \leq r < d$ Such that $a = dq + r$

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$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \leftrightarrow n \mid (b - a) \leftrightarrow nk = b - a \text{ (for } k \in \mathbb{Z}) \leftrightarrow$$

$$n(-k) = a - b \text{ (for } -k \in \mathbb{Z}) \leftrightarrow n \mid (a - b) \leftrightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

Show that $a \% n = (a - n) \% n$. Where $b \% c$ is the unique r such that $b = kc + r$ for some integer k .

By definition of $\%$, $a = qn + (a \% n)$ for some integer q . Subtracting n ,

$a - n = (q - 1)n + (a \% n)$. Observe that $q - 1$ is an integer, and that this is the form of the division theorem for $(a - n) \% n$. Since the division theorem guarantees a unique integer, $(a - n) \% n = (a \% n)$

Modular arithmetic so far

For all integers a, b, c, d, n where $n > 0$:

If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ then $a + c \equiv a + \overset{c}{\cancel{b}} \pmod{n}$.

If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ then $ac \equiv bc \pmod{n}$.

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

$a \% n = (a - n) \% n$.

% and Mod

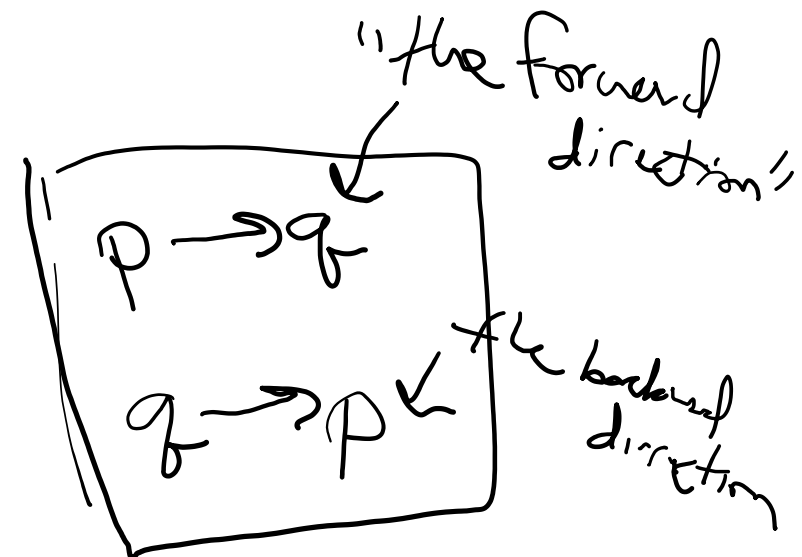
Other resources use mod to mean an operation (takes in an integer, outputs an integer). We will not in this course. mod only describes \equiv . It's not "just on the right hand side"

Define $a \% b$ to be "the r you get from the division theorem"
i.e. the integer r such that $0 \leq r < b$ and $a = bq + r$ for some integer q .

This is the "mod function"

I claim $a \% n = b \% n$ if and only if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$.

How do we show and if-and-only-if?



$a \% n = b \% n$ if and only if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

Backward direction:

Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ ←

$$\Rightarrow n \mid b - a$$

$$\rightarrow nk = b - a \quad (k \in \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\rightarrow x = b - nk$$

$$a \% n = \underbrace{(b - nk) \% n}$$

$$b \% n$$

$$\underline{a \% n} = \cancel{(b - nk) \% n} = \underline{b \% n} \leftarrow \text{target}$$

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Backward direction:

Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

$n \mid b - a$ so $\underbrace{nk = b - a}$ for some integer k . (by definitions of mod and divides).

So $a = b - nk$ \Leftarrow

Taking each side $\% n$ we get:

$$a \% n = (b - nk) \% n = b \% n$$

Where the last equality follows from k being an integer and doing k applications of the identity we proved in the warm-up.

$a \% n = b \% n$ if and only if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

Show the forward direction: $n \mid (b-a)$

If $a \% n = b \% n$ then $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$.

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{a \% n} &= \underline{b \% n} \\ a &= q_1 n + a \% n & q_1 \in \mathbb{Z} \\ b &= q_2 n + b \% n & q_2 \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

This proof is a bit different than the other direction.

Remember to work from top and bottom!!

$$\begin{aligned} n &= b - a \\ \rightarrow n \mid (b-a) &\rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

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Equivalence in modular arithmetic

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The Division Theorem

For every $a \in \mathbb{Z}, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $d > 0$
There exist *unique* integers q, r with $0 \leq r < d$ Such that $a = dq + r$

$a \% n = b \% n$ if and only if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

Forward direction:

Suppose $\underline{a \% n} = \underline{b \% n}$.

By definition of %, $a = kn + (a \% n)$ and $b = jn + (b \% n)$ for integers k, j

Isolating $a \% n$ we have $\underline{a \% n} = \underline{a - kn}$. Since $a \% n = b \% n$, we can plug into the second equation to get: $b = jn + \underline{(a - kn)}$

Rearranging, we have $b - a = \underline{(j - k)n}$. Since k, j are integers we have $n | (b - a)$.

By definition of mod we have $\underline{a \equiv b \pmod{n}}$.

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.

Another Proof

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Let $a, b, c, d, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 0$

and suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$.

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$n \mid (b - a)$ and $n \mid (d - c)$ by definition of mod.

$nk = (b - a)$ and $nj = (d - c)$ for integers j, k by definition of divides.

$$n?? = bd - ac$$

$$n \mid (bd - ac)$$

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$nknj = (d - c)(b - a)$ by multiplying the two equations

$$nknj = \underbrace{(bd - bc - ad + ac)}$$

...

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And then a miracle occurs

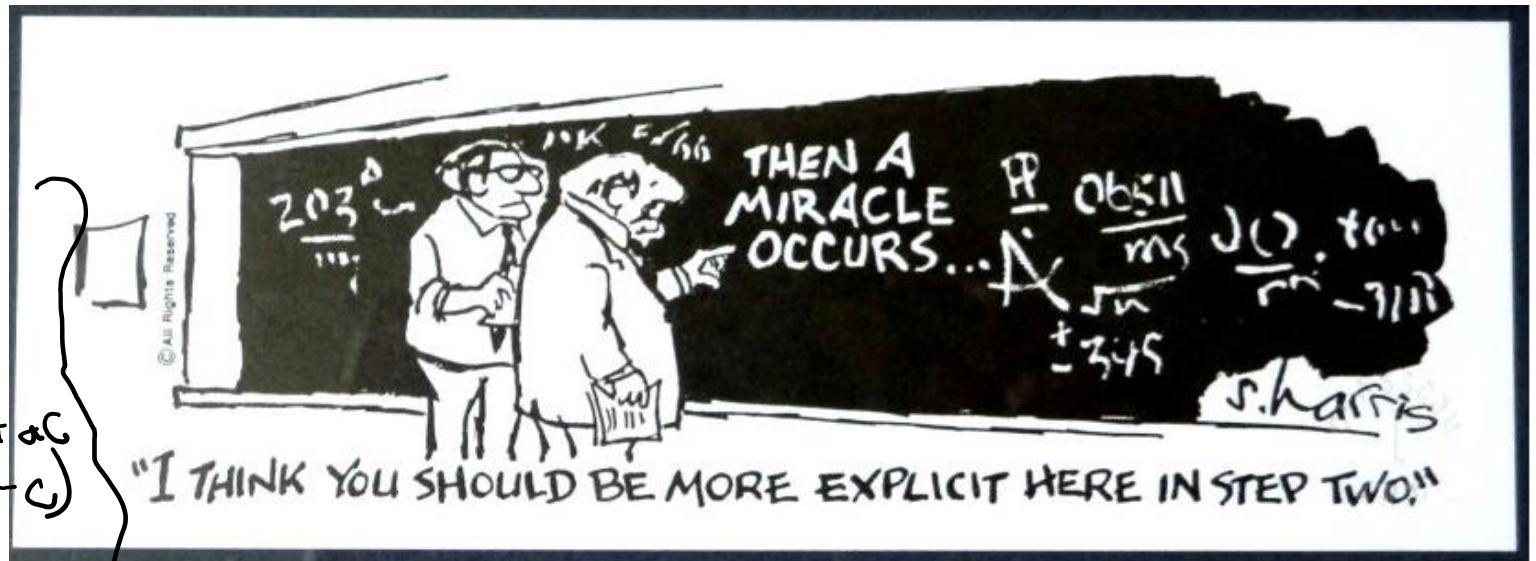
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Uh-Oh

We hit 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.

Another Approach

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

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$$b = nk + a, d = nj + c,$$

$$\underbrace{bd} = (nk + a)(nj + c) = \underbrace{n^2kj + anj + cnk} + \underbrace{ac}$$

$$\underbrace{bd - ac} = n^2kj + anj + cnk = \underbrace{n(nkj + aj + ck)}$$

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$nk = (b - a)$ and $nj = (d - c)$ for integers j, k by definition of divides.

Isolating b and d , we have: $b = nk + a, d = nj + c$

Multiplying the equations, and factoring, $bd = (nk + a)(nj + c) = n^2kj + anj + cnk + ac$

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

Since all of n, j, k, a , and c are integers, we have that $bd - ac$ is n times an integer, so

$n \mid (bd - ac)$, and by definition of mod

$ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$

Logical Ordering

When doing a proof, we often work from both sides...

But we have to be careful!

When you read from top to bottom, every step has to follow only from what's **before** it, not after it.

Suppose our target is q and I know $q \rightarrow p$ and $r \rightarrow q$.

What can I put as a "new target?"

$r \wedge r \rightarrow q$
 q

Logical Ordering

So why have all our prior steps been ok backward?

They've all been either:

- (A definition (which is always an "if and only if")
- (An algebra step that is an "if and only if"

Even if your steps are "if and only if" you still have to put everything in order – start from your assumptions, and only assert something once it can be shown.

A bad proof

Claim: if x is positive then $x + 5 = -x - 5$.

Prd:

$$x + 5 = -x - 5$$

$$|x + 5| = | $-x - 5$ |$$

$$|x + 5| = | $-(x + 5)$ |$$

$$|x + 5| = |x + 5|$$

$$0 = 0$$

$$0 = 0$$

⋮

This claim is **false** – if you're trying to do algebra, you need to start with an equation you know (say $x = x$ or $2 = 2$ or $0 = 0$) and expand to the equation you want.

Another Proof

For all integers, a, b, c : Show that if $a \nmid (bc)$ then $a \nmid b$ or $a \nmid c$.

Proof:

Let a, b, c be arbitrary integers, and suppose $a \nmid (bc)$.

Then there is not an integer z such that $az = bc$

...

So $a \nmid b$ or $a \nmid c$

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c).

$a \nmid b$ or $a \nmid c$
There has to be a better way!

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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 $a|(bc)$.

By contrapositive

Claim: For all integers, a, b, c : Show that if $a \nmid (bc)$ then $a \nmid b$ or $a \nmid c$.

We argue by contrapositive.

Let a, b, c be arbitrary integers, and suppose $a|b$ and $a|c$.

Therefore $a|bc$

By contrapositive

Claim: For all integers, a, b, c : Show that if $a \nmid (bc)$ then $a \nmid b$ or $a \nmid c$.

We argue by contrapositive.

Let a, b, c be arbitrary integers, and suppose $a|b$ and $a|c$.

By definition of divides, $ax = b$ and $ay = c$ for 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 $a|bc$.

Facts about modular arithmetic

For all integers a, b, c, d, n where $n > 0$:

If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$ then $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{n}$.

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

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

$a \% n = (a - n) \% n$.

We didn't prove the first, it's a good exercise! You can use it as a fact as though we had proven it in class.



Divisors and Primes

Primes and FTA

Prime

An integer $p > 1$ is prime iff its only positive divisors are 1 and p . Otherwise it is “composite”

Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Every positive integer greater than 1 has a unique prime factorization.

GCD and LCM

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 $b|c$.

```
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;
}
```

Try a few values...

`gcd(100,125)`

`gcd(17,49)`

`gcd(17,34)`

`gcd(13,0)`

`lcm(7,11)`

`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 from a few slides ago find gcd.

GCD fact

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

How do you show two gcds are equal?

Call $a = \gcd(w, x)$, $b = \gcd(y, z)$

If $b|w$ and $b|x$ then b is a common divisor of w, x so $b \leq a$

If $a|y$ and $a|z$ then a is a common divisor of y, z , so $a \leq b$

If $a \leq b$ and $b \leq a$ then $a = b$

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

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