

Q: ① Today is Thursday.

What day is it in 100 days?

What day is it in  $10^{20}$  days?

② Let  $x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ . Define  $\bar{x}$  to be a nonzero real number such that  $\bar{x} \cdot x = 1$ .

1) What is  $\bar{2}$ ?

2) What's  $\overline{0.5}$ ?

3) What have you known  $\bar{x}$  as?

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resource: Discrete Mathematics and Applications by Kenneth Rosen.



We'll only work with  $\mathbb{Z}$  from Lec 8 to Lec 10.

## 1. Primes and gcd

Recall: Given  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $a \neq 0$ , we say  $a$  divides  $b$ , written  $a \mid b$ , if  $\exists c \in \mathbb{Z}$ , s.t.  $ac = b$ .

**Def** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , not both zero. The largest  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$  is called the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ , denoted  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

Question: Given such  $a$  and  $b$ , how do we find  $\gcd(a, b)$ ?

**Thm** (Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic) Every integer  $\geq 2$  can be uniquely written as a product of primes.

Algorithm. If  $a = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_k^{a_k}$  and  $b = p_1^{b_1} p_2^{b_2} \dots p_k^{b_k}$  are prime factorization, then  $\gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min(a_1, b_1)} p_2^{\min(a_2, b_2)} \dots p_k^{\min(a_k, b_k)}$

E.g.  $120 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$  and  $500 = 2^2 \cdot 5^3 \cdot 3^0$

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(120, 500) = 2^2 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^1 = 20$$

$\cdot 2 \mid$	120
$\cdot 2 \mid$	60
$\cdot 2 \mid$	30
$\cdot 3 \mid$	15
$\cdot 5$	3

Rem. But prime factorization is very hard (no efficient algorithm is known). Find  $\gcd(91, 287)$ .

**Lem** Let  $a = bq + r$ , where  $a, b, q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Then  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$

Pf: [exercise in discussion.]

**Thm** (The Division Algorithm) Let  $a, d \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a > 0$ .

Then there are unique  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $0 \leq r < d$ ,

such that  $a = qd + r$

Here,  $r$  is the remainder, written  $a \bmod d$  or  $a \% d$ .

*in real world*  $\leftarrow$   
*in lecture.*  $\downarrow$

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Algorithm.

$\gcd(a, b)$ :

# the Euclidean algorithm for finding gcd of a and b

# input: positive integers  $a, b$  with  $a \geq b$

if  $b = 0$ : return  $a$

else: return  $\gcd(b, a \% b)$

$\underbrace{a}_{> a} \quad \underbrace{a \% b}_{< b}$

E.g. Find  $\gcd(287, 91)$ .

$$287 = 91 \times 3 + 14$$

$$91 = 14 \times 6 + 7$$

$$14 = 7 \times 2 + 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \gcd(287, 91) = 7.$$

**Thm** (Bezout's theorem) If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , then there exist coefficients

$s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\gcd(a, b) = sa + tb$ .

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Algorithm: Run Euclidean algorithm backwards to get the coefficients.  
This is called the extended Euclidean algorithm.

E.g. Write  $\gcd(287, 91)$  as a linear combination of 287 and 91.

$$\begin{cases} 287 = 91 \times 3 + 14 \\ 91 = 14 \times 6 + 7 \\ 14 = 7 \times 2 + 0 \end{cases}$$

Goal: Find  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$ , s.t.

$$\underset{\text{gcd}}{7} = 287s + 91t$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &= 91 - 14 \times 6 \\ &= 91 - (287 - 91 \times 3) \times 6 \\ &= 91 - 287 \times 6 + 91 \times 18 \\ &= 91 \times 19 - 287 \times 6 \end{aligned}$$

## 2. Modular Arithmetic

**Def** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $m \mid a - b$ , we say  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$ , denoted  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .

E.g.

- $100 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$        $100 \equiv 2 \pmod{14}$
- $100 - 2 = 98 = 14 \times 7 \Rightarrow 100 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$
- $-11 - 1 = -12 = (-4) \times 3 \Rightarrow -11 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$
- $-11 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

Rem. The notation " $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ " suggests it might be some sort of equality. The following theorem tells us it is comparing remainders.

**Thm** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  iff

$$r_a \quad a \% m = b \% m \cdot r_b$$

Pf: By division algorithm,  $\exists q_a, q_b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq r_a, r_b < m$ , s.t.

$$\begin{cases} a = q_a m + r_a \\ b = q_b m + r_b \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = (q_a - q_b)m + (r_a - r_b).$$

(" $\Rightarrow$ ") Assume  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .

Then  $m \mid a - b$ .

$$\Rightarrow m \mid (q_a - q_b)m + (r_a - r_b)$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid r_a - r_b.$$

$$0 \leq r_a, r_b < m$$

$$\Rightarrow r_a - r_b = 0 \Rightarrow r_a = r_b$$

$$\begin{cases} 0 \leq r_a, r_b < m \\ -m < r_a - r_b < m \\ \Rightarrow r_a - r_b = 0 \end{cases}$$

(" $\Leftarrow$ ") Assume  $r_a = r_b$ .

$$\text{Then } a - b = (q_a - q_b)m$$

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a - b.$$

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{m}. \quad \square$$

$$100 \% 7 = 2, 2 \% 7 = 2.$$

E.g. •  $100 = 14 \times 7 + 2 \Rightarrow 100 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$

•  $-11 = -4 \times 3 + 1 \Rightarrow -11 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ .

$$-11 \% 3 = 1, 1 \% 3 = 1$$

$$\underline{100 \equiv 2 \pmod{14}}.$$

## 2.1 addition and multiplication

**Thm** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$ , then  $a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{m}$  and  $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$ .

Pf:  $a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Rightarrow m \mid a-b \Rightarrow \exists k_1 \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ s.t. } mk_1 = a-b.$

$c \equiv d \pmod{m} \Rightarrow m \mid c-d \Rightarrow \exists k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}, \text{ s.t. } mk_2 = c-d.$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{(a+c) - (b+d)} &= \underline{(a-b) + (c-d)} \\ &= mk_1 + mk_2 \\ &= m(k_1 + k_2). \end{aligned}$$

$$m \mid (a+c) - (b+d).$$

$$\Rightarrow a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{m}.$$

Showing  $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$  is similar; left as an exercise.

E.g. **Prop** Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $n^2 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ .

either  $4 \mid n^2 - 0$ , or  $4 \mid n^2 - 1$

$$n \equiv \text{☺} \pmod{4}$$

$$\text{☺} \cdot \text{☺} \equiv 0, 1 \pmod{4}$$

Pf:

Notice that  $n \equiv 0, 1, 2, 3 \pmod{4}$

$n$	0	1	2	3
$n^2$	0	1	4	9
$n^2 \% 4$	0	1	0	1

$\Rightarrow n^2 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$

$$\begin{array}{l} \begin{array}{c} a \\ \hline n' \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ c \quad n' \equiv 3^d \pmod{4} \end{array} \\ \hline (n')^2 \equiv 0 \text{ or } 1 \pmod{4} \\ \Rightarrow \underline{(n')^2} \equiv \underline{3^2} \pmod{4} \end{array}$$

**Prop**  $m = 4k+3$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow m$  is not the sum of squares of two integers.

**Pf:** Suppose  $m = a^2 + b^2$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

By previous prop,  $a^2 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$

$b^2 \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ .

<del><math>a^2</math></del>	0	1
<del><math>b^2</math></del>	0	1
$m$	1	2

$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 \equiv 0, 1, 2 \pmod{4}$

However,  $m \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ , contradiction.

$$m - 3 = 4k \Rightarrow 4 \mid m - 3$$

**Rem.** Given  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ , common arithmetic include

$$a - c \equiv b - d \pmod{m}$$

$x + y, xy, x - y, x/y \leftarrow y \neq 0.$  }  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$   
 $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$

- additions and multiplications preserve congruences
- Subtracting  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  is the same as adding  $-a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , so subtractions preserve congruences
- Dividing  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  is the same as multiplying  $\frac{1}{a}$ .

But wait ...  $\frac{1}{a} \notin \mathbb{Z}$  in general !!!

**2.2 Inverse** ← existence?  
 unique?

Given  $a \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,

**Def** If  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  satisfies  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ , we say  $x$  is a inverse of  $a$  modulo  $m$ , denoted  $a^{-1}$  modulo  $m$

**Rem.** " $a^{-1}$ " is just a notation. It is NOT the real number  $\frac{1}{a}$ .

We're only playing with  $\mathbb{Z}$  now, remember? ☺

Rem: ①  $a, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\overbrace{a \% d}^{\text{remainder}} = \underbrace{a \text{ mod } d}_{\text{operation.}}$

②  $(\text{mod } m)$   
 $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  relationship.  
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$m \mid a - b$   
③  $\underbrace{a^{-1}}_{\text{an inverse of } a \text{ modulo } m} \pmod{m}$

denotes a integer  $a^{-1} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , s.t.

$$a^{-1} \cdot a \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$$