

# Preliminaries

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# 1 Basics

**Definition. (Functions)** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$

1. **(injection)**  $a_1 \neq a_2 \Rightarrow f(a_1) \neq f(a_2)$
2. **(surjection)** image of  $f$  is all of  $B$ , i.e.  $\forall b \in B \exists a \in A f(a) = b$
3. **(left inverse)** a function  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $g \circ f : A \rightarrow A$  is the identity map on  $A$
4. **(right inverse)** a function  $h : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $f \circ h : B \rightarrow B$  is the identity map on  $B$

**Proposition.** Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$

1.  $f$  is injective if and only if  $f$  has a left inverse
2.  $f$  is surjective if and only if  $f$  has a right inverse
3.  $f$  is bijective if exists  $g : B \rightarrow A$  such that  $f \circ g$  is identity map on  $B$  and  $g \circ f$  is identity map on  $A$  ( $g$  is the two-sided inverse)
4. If  $A, B$  are finite sets and  $|A| = |B|$ , then  $f$  is bijective iff  $f$  is injective iff it is surjective

**Definition. (Permutation, Restriction, Extension)**

1. **(permutation)** of set  $A$  is a bijection from  $A$  to itself
2. **(restriction)** If  $A \subset B$  and  $f : B \rightarrow C$ ,  $f|_A$  is restriction of  $f$  to  $A$ .
3. **(extension)** If  $A \subset B$  and  $g : A \rightarrow C$  and there is a function  $f : B \rightarrow C$  such that  $f|_A = g$ , then  $f$  is an extension of  $g$  to  $B$

**Definition. (Equivalence Relation & Partition)**

1. **(binary relation)** on a set  $A$  is a subset  $R$  of  $A \times A$  and we write  $a \sim b$  if  $(a, b) \in R$
2. **(relation)**  $\sim$  on  $A$  is an equivalence relation if it is
  - (reflexive)  $a \sim a$  for all  $a \in A$
  - (symmetric)  $a \sim b$  implies  $b \sim a$ , for all  $a, b \in A$
  - (transitive)  $a \sim b$  and  $b \sim c$  implies  $a \sim c$  for all  $a, b, c \in A$
3. **(equivalence class)** Given  $\sim$  on  $A$ , the equivalence class of  $a \in A$  is  $\{x \in A \mid x \sim a\}$ . If  $C$  is any equivalence class, any element of  $C$  is a representative to class  $C$
4. **(partition)** of  $A$  is any collection  $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$  of nonempty subsets of  $A$ , for some indexing set  $I$  such that
  - $A = \cup_{i \in I} A_i$
  - $A_i \cap A_j = \emptyset$  for all  $i, j \in I$  with  $i \neq j$

**Proposition. (Equivalence relation and partition are the same)** Let  $A$  be nonempty set

1. If  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $A$  then the set of equivalence classes of  $\sim$  forms a partition of  $A$
2. If  $\{A_i \mid i \in I\}$  is a partition of  $A$  then there is an equivalence relation on  $A$  whose equivalence classes are precisely the sets  $A_i$ ,  $i \in I$

## 2 Properties of Integers

**Definition. (Properties of  $\mathbb{Z}$ )**

1. **(well ordering of  $\mathbb{Z}$ )** If  $A \subset \mathbb{Z}^+$ , exists  $m \in A$  such that  $m \leq a$  for all  $a \in A$  ( $m$  is minimal element of  $A$ )
2. **(divides)** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a \neq 0$ ,  $a \mid b$  if there is an element  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ , such that  $b = ac$ . Otherwise,  $a \nmid b$
3. **(g.c.d.)** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$ , there is unique  $d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , the greatest common divisor  $(a, b)$  of  $a, b$  satisfying
  - (a)  $d$  is a common divisor of  $a, b$  ( $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid b$ )
  - (b)  $d$  is greatest such divisor (If  $e \mid a$  and  $e \mid b$ , then  $e \mid d$ )

Intuitively, an  $a$ -by- $b$  rectangle can be covered with square tiles of side-length  $c$  only if  $c$  is a common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ . gcd of  $a$  and  $b$  is the largest of such  $c$

4. **(relative prime)** If  $(a, b) = 1$ , then  $a, b$  are relative prime
5. **(l.c.m.)** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$ . there is unique  $l \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , the least common multiple of  $a, b$  satisfying
  - (a)  $l$  is a common multiple of  $a$  and  $n$  ( $a \mid l$  and  $b \mid l$ )
  - (b)  $l$  is least of such multiple (If  $a \mid m$  and  $b \mid m$ , then  $l \mid m$ )
6. **(Relation between g.c.d. and l.c.m.)** Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$ , let  $d = (a, b)$  and  $l = \text{l.c.m.}(a, b)$ , then  $dl = ab$
7. **(The Division Algorithm)** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$  there exist unique  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a = qb + r$  and  $0 \leq r < |b|$ , where  $q$  is the quotient and  $r$  is the remainder.
8. **(Euclidean Algorithm)** is a procedure that generates g.c.d. of two integers by iterating the division algorithm. Idea is g.c.d. of  $a, b$  where  $a > b$  is same as g.c.d. of  $b, a - b$ . Or equivalently.

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= q_0 b + r_0 \\
 b &= q_1 r_0 + r_1 \\
 r_0 &= q_2 r_1 + r_2 \\
 &\vdots \\
 r_{n-2} &= q_n r_{n-1} + r_n \\
 r_{n-1} &= q_{n+1} r_n
 \end{aligned}$$

where  $r_n = (a, b)$  is the last nonzero remainder

9. **(Consequence of Euclidean Algorithm)** If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} - \{0\}$ , then exists  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that

$$(a, b) = ax + by$$

by reversing steps of Euclidean algorithm

### 3 $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ : The integers modulo $n$

**Definition. (Integer Modulo  $n$ )**

1. **(modulo relation)** Define  $a \sim b$  iff  $n \mid (b - a)$ .  $\sim$  satisfies axioms for a relation
2. **(congruence)**  $a$  is congruent to  $b \pmod n$  iff  $a \equiv b \pmod n$  iff  $a \sim b$
3. **(congruence/residue class of  $a \pmod n$ )** is the equivalence class by congruent modulo  $n$ , consisting of integers which differ from  $a$  by an integral multiple of  $n$ , i.e.

$$\bar{a} = \{a + kn \mid k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

There are  $n$  distinct equivalence classes  $\pmod n$ , i.e.  $\{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots, \overline{n-1}\}$ . Specifically,  $\bar{i}$  are integers which leave a remainder of  $i$  when divided by  $n$

4. **(integer modulo  $n$  group)**  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = (\{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \dots, \overline{n-1}\}, \sim)$
5. **(reducing  $a \pmod n$ )** is the process of finding the equivalence class  $\pmod n$  of some integer  $a$ . Specifically, this is referring to finding the smallest nonnegative integer congruent to  $a \pmod n$
6. **(modular arithmetic)** Let  $\bar{a}, \bar{b} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ , define sum and product by  $\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a + b}$  and  $\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \overline{ab}$ .
7. **(theorem)** Modular Arithmetic on  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  is well defined; the sum/product of the residue classes does not depend on the choice of representatives chosen. Specifically, if  $a_1, a_2, b_1, b_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\bar{a}_1 = \bar{b}_1$  and  $\bar{a}_2 = \bar{b}_2$  then  $\overline{a_1 + a_2} = \overline{b_1 + b_2}$  and  $\overline{a_1 a_2} = \overline{b_1 b_2}$ .

- $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times \subset \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  are residue classes which have a multiplicative inverse

$$(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \mid \exists \bar{c} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \ \bar{a} \cdot \bar{c} = \bar{1}\} = \{\bar{a} \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} \mid (a, n) = 1\}$$

- (example)  $(\mathbb{Z}/9\mathbb{Z})^\times = \{\bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{5}, \bar{7}, \bar{8}\}$  ( $(3, 9) \neq 1$  and  $(6, 9) \neq 1$ ), with inverses  $\{\bar{1}, \bar{5}, \bar{7}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \bar{8}\}$
- (method) for computing inverse of  $\bar{a} \in (\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ . The condition for inverse is  $\overline{aa^{-1}} = \bar{1}$  or  $aa^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod n$ . Since  $\bar{a}$  is in  $(\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z})^\times$ ,  $(a, n) = 1$  holds, then exists  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $ax + ny = 1$ , i.e.  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod n$  the desired condition for inverses. Therefore,  $\bar{x}$  is the multiplicative inverse of  $\bar{a}$ . So to find inverse for  $\bar{a}$ , we simply use Euclidean algorithm to compute the coefficient  $x$
- (example) For  $(\mathbb{Z}/60\mathbb{Z})^\times$  and  $a = 17$ . Apply Euclidean algorithm,

$$60 = (3)17 + 9$$

$$17 = (1)9 + 8$$

$$9 = (1)8 + 1$$

$(a, n) = 1$  so  $\bar{a} \in (\mathbb{Z}/60\mathbb{Z})^\times$  and  $(-7)17 + (1)60 = 1$ . So  $\overline{-7} = \overline{53}$  is multiplicative inverse of  $\overline{17}$