#### **Discrete Math for Computing**



# Ch 4.1 Divisibility and Modular Arithmetic

- Number Theory Part of mathematics involving the integers and their properties
- Divisibility

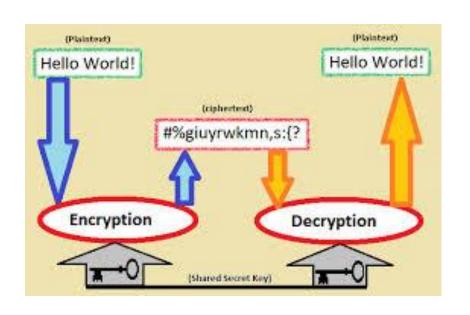
Division of an integer by a positive integer

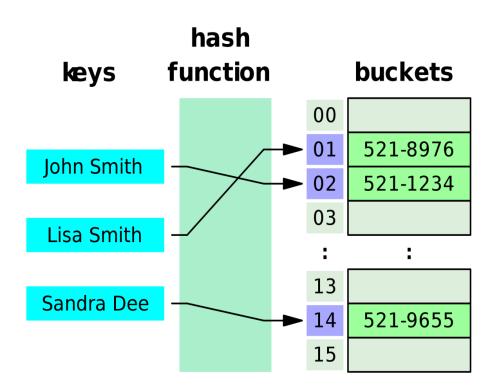
Quotient, Remainder

Modular Arithmetic



# **Practical examples**





#### Applications

Cryptography – Encryption, Decryption Assigning Computer memory locations to files



- If 'a' and 'b' are integers with a ≠ 0
- a divides b if there is an integer c such that b = ac
   a is the factor of b
   b is a multiple of a
- Denoted by a | b a divides b
- a b denotes a does not divide b
- a | b can also be denoted as  $\exists c(ac = b)$  domain is the set of integers



- Example: Determine whether 3 | 7.
- Is 7/3 an integer?
- No => 3 \ 7

- Determine whether 3 | 12.
- Is 12/3 an integer?
- Yes => 3 | 12

- Example: Show that if a is an integer other than 0, then
  - a) 1 divides a
  - b) a divides 0

- a)  $1 \mid a \text{ since } a = 1 . a$
- b)  $a \mid 0$  since  $0 = a \cdot 0$

# **Properties of Divisibility of Integers**

If 'a', 'b', and 'c' are integers
i) if a | b and a | c, then a | (b + c)
ii) if a | b, then a | bc for all integers c
iii) if a | b and b | c, then a | c

If 'a', 'b', and 'c' are integers
 such that a | b and a | c then
 a | mb + nc, m and n are integers

Direct Proof: If a | b and a | c, then a | (b + c)
 Assume that a | b and a | c
 From definition of divisibility,

There exist integers s and t such that

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b = as 1)

c = at 2)

Adding 1) and 2),

b + c = as + at = a(s + t)

a divides b + c or a | (b + c)
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- Example: Show that if a, b, and c are integers with c ≠ 0, such that ac | bc, then a | b.
- Since ac | bc
   => bc = (ac)t for some integer t
   Since c ≠ 0, we divide both sides by t
   => b = at

.. a | b

The Division Algorithm

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When an integer is divided by a positive integer, There is a quotient and a remainder

Let 'a' be an integer and 'd' a positive integer

Then there exist unique integers 'q' and 'r'

with 0 \le r < d

such that a = dq + r
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The Division Algorithm

$$a = dq + r$$

d - divisor

a - dividend

q - quotient

r - remainder

Mathematical notation

q = a div d, r = a mod d

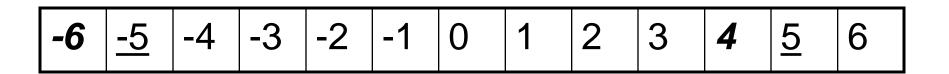
- Example: What are the quotient and remainder when 101 is divided by 11?
- 101 = 11 · 9 + 2
- Quotient = 9, 101 div 9
- Remainder = 2 = 101 mod 11

Example: What are the quotient and remainder when -11 is divided by 3?

- $-11 = 3 \cdot (-4) + 1$
- Quotient = -4, -11 div 3
- Remainder = 1 = -11 mod 3

Example: What are the quotient and remainder when -11 is divided by 3?

- **■** -11 = 3 . (-3) -2
- Remainder = -2
- Is this correct?
- No, because r = -2 does not satisfy  $0 \le r < 3$
- Remainder cannot be negative
- Try -11 = 3(-4) + r
- Remainder = 1, r is positive, this is correct



Let's find 5 mod 2.

What is the largest number *less than* 5 divisible by 2? *4* What *positive* number do we have to add to this number to get 5? *1* 

Let's find -5 mod 2.

What is the largest number *less than* -5 divisible by 2? **-6** What *positive* number do we have to add to this number to get -5? **1** 

- If a is an integer and m a positive integer, a mod m is the remainder when a is divided by m.
- If a = qm + r and  $0 \le r < m$ , then  $a \mod m = r$
- Example: Find 17 mod 5.
- Example: Find  $-133 \mod 9$ .



• Example: Find 17 mod 5.

$$a = dq + r$$
  
 $17 = 5(q) + r$   
We know  $17 / 5 = 3.4$ , so set  $q$  to  $3$   
 $17 = 5(3) + r$   
 $17 = 15 + r$   
 $17 = 15 + 2$ , so  $r = 2$  and  $17 \mod 5 = 2$ .

• Example: Find −133 **mod** 9.

$$a = dq + r$$
$$-133 = 9(q) + r$$

We know -133 / 9 = -14.7. Choosing q = -14 isn't going to work, because 9 • -14 = -126, and we can't add a positive remainder r to -126 to get -133. So choose q = -15.

$$-133 = 9(-15) + r$$

$$-133 = -135 + r$$
, so  $r = 2$ , and  $-133 \mod 9 = 2$ .

- Modular Arithmetic
- Only Remainder is important
- If 'a' and 'b' are integers and 'm' is a positive integer
- 'a' is congruent to 'b modulo m' if 'm' divides a - b
- Notation  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$
- Notation a ≠ b (mod m) if a and b are not 'congruent modulo m'

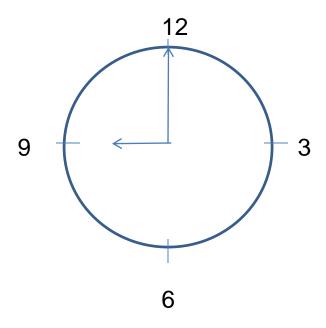


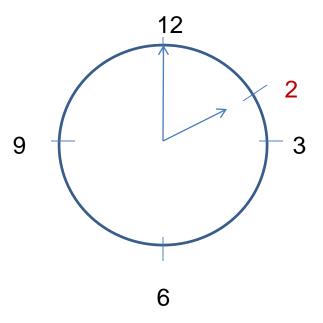
- Modular Arithmetic
- If 'a' and 'b' are integers
   and 'm' is a positive integer
- $\bullet$  a  $\equiv$  b (mod m)
- if and only if
- a mod m = b mod m
- Congruences German mathematician Friedrich Gauss, end of eighteenth century



- Modular Arithmetic
- Also called "Clock Arithmetic"

What is 9 + 5?





Example: Determine whether 17 is congruent to 5 modulo 6

$$17 - 5 = 12$$

∵ 6 divides 12, 17 is congruent to 5 modulo 6

or 
$$17 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$$

Determine whether 24 and 14 are congruent modulo 6

$$24 - 14 = 10$$

 $\because$  10 not divisible by 6, 24  $\not\equiv$  14 (mod 6)

- Let 'm' be a positive integer
- Integers 'a' and 'b' are congruent modulo m, if and only if there is an integer k such that

$$a = b + km$$

Let 'm' be a positive integer

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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}
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- Example: Given  $7 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$  and  $11 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ , what is the sum and product of 7 and 11 for congruences?
- $7 + 11 \equiv 2 + 1 \pmod{5}$ =>  $18 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$  -> SUM
- 7.11  $\equiv$  2.1 (mod 5) => 77  $\equiv$  2 (mod 5) -> PRODUCT