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# Chapter 1

## Congruence and Modular Arithmetic

### 1.1 Congruence

#### 1.1.1 Definition

**Congruence:** Let  $m$  be a fixed positive integer. If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  we say that  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$ , and write

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$$

if  $m|(a - b)$ . If  $m \nmid (a - b)$ , we write  $a \not\equiv b \pmod{m}$

#### 1.1.2 Propositions

**Properties of Congruence(PC):** Let  $a, a', b, b' \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $a \equiv a' \pmod{m}$  and  $b \equiv b' \pmod{m}$ , then:

1.  $a + b \equiv a' + b' \pmod{m}$

2.  $a - b \equiv a' - b' \pmod{m}$

3.  $ab \equiv a'b' \pmod{m}$

**Congruences and Division(CD):** If  $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$  and  $\gcd(c, m) = 1$ , then  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

### 1.2 Modular Arithmetic

#### 1.2.1 Definition

**Congruence Class:** The congruence class modulo  $m$  of the integer  $a$  is the set of integers

$$[a] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} | x \equiv a \pmod{m}\}$$

$\mathbb{Z}_m$ : We define  $\mathbb{Z}_m$  to be the set of  $m$  congruence classes

$$\mathbb{Z}_m = \{[0], [1], [2], \dots, [m-1]\}$$

and we define addition/subtraction and multiplication/division as follows:

$$\begin{aligned}[a] + [b] &= [a + b] \\ [a] \cdot [b] &= [a \cdot b]\end{aligned}$$

### 1.2.2 Identities and Inverses in $\mathbb{Z}_m$

**Identity:** Given a set  $S$  and an operation designated by  $\circ$ , an identity is an element  $e \in S$  so that

$$\forall a \in S, a \circ e = a$$

**Inverse:** The element  $b \in S$  is an inverse of  $a \in S$  if  $a \circ b = b \circ a = e$

## 1.3 Fermat's Little Theorem

### 1.3.1 Theorem

**Fermat's Little Theorem (FLT):** If  $p$  is a prime number that does not divide the integer  $a$ , then

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

**Corollary:** For any integer  $a$  and any prime  $p$ ,

$$a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$$

**Existence of Inverses in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  (INV  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ ):** Let  $p$  be a prime number. If  $[a]$  is any non-zero element in  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ , then there exists an element  $[b] \in \mathbb{Z}_p$  so that  $[a] \cdot [b] = 1$

### 1.3.2 Proof

1. If  $p \nmid a$ , we first show that all of the integers

$$a, 2a, 3a, \dots, (p-1)a$$

are all distinct modulo  $p$

2. Suppose that  $ra \equiv sa \pmod{p}$  where  $1 \leq r < s \leq p-1$

3. Since  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ , Congruences and Division tells us that  $r \equiv s \pmod{p}$ , but this is not possible when  $1 \leq r < s \leq p-1$ .

4. Because  $a, 2a, 3a, \dots, (p-1)a$  are all distinct mod  $p$ , it must be the case that these integers are equivalent to the integers  $1, 2, 3, \dots, p-1$  in some order.

5. Multiplying these integers together gives

$$\begin{aligned}a \cdot 2a \cdot 3a \dots (p-1)a &\equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \dots (p-1) \pmod{p} \\ (p-1)! a^{p-1} &\equiv (p-1)! \pmod{p}\end{aligned}$$

6. Since  $\gcd(p, (p-1)!) = 1$ , Congruences and Division tells us that

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

## 1.4 Linear Congruences

# Chapter 2

## The RSA Scheme

### 2.1 RSA

#### 2.1.1 Setting up RSA

1. Choose two large, distinct primes  $p$  and  $q$  and let  $n = pq$ .
2. Select an integer  $e$  so that  $\gcd(e, (p-1)(q-1)) = 1$  and  $1 < e < (p-1)(q-1)$ .
3. Solve
$$ed \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1)(q-1)}$$
for an integer  $d$  where  $1 < d < (p-1)(q-1)$ .
4. Publish the public encryption key  $(e, n)$ .
5. Keep the private decryption key secure  $(d, n)$ .

#### 2.1.2 Sending a Message

To send a message:

1. Look up the recipient's public key  $(e, n)$ .
2. Generate the integer message  $M$  so that  $0 \leq M < n$ .
3. Compute the ciphertext  $C$  as follows:
$$M^e \equiv C \pmod{n} \text{ where } 0 \leq C < n$$
4. Send  $C$

#### 2.1.3 Receiving a Message

To decrypt a message:

1. Use your private key  $(d, n)$ .
2. Compute the message text  $R$  from the ciphertext  $C$  as follows:
$$C^d \equiv R \pmod{n} \text{ where } 0 \leq R < n$$
3.  $R$  is the original message.

# Chapter 3

## Injective, Surjective and Bijections

### 3.1 Injective(One-to-One)

#### 3.1.1 Definition

**Injective:** Let  $S$  and  $T$  be two sets. A function  $f : S \rightarrow T$  is **one-to-one**(or **injective**) iff for every  $x_1 \in S$ ,  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  implies that  $x_1 = x_2$  and  $|S| \leq |T|$ . When trying to prove that a function is one-to-one, start off with  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  and try to use algebraic manipulation to obtain  $x_1 = x_2$ .

#### 3.1.2 Simple Example

**Proposition:** Let  $m \neq 0$  and  $b$  be fixed real numbers. The function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = mx + b$  is one to one

**Proof:** Let  $x_1, x_2 \in S$ . Suppose that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ . Now we show that  $x_1 = x_2$ . Since  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$ ,  $mx_1 + b = mx_2 + b$ . Subtracting  $b$  from both sides and dividing by  $m$  gives  $x_1 = x_2$  as required.

#### 3.1.3 Hard Example

**Proposition:** Let  $f : T \rightarrow U$  and  $g : S \rightarrow T$  be one-to-one functions. Then  $f \circ g$  is a one-to-one function.

**Proof:** Let  $x_1, x_2 \in S$ . Suppose that  $(f \circ g)(x_1) = (f \circ g)(x_2)$ . Since  $(f \circ g)(x_1) = (f \circ g)(x_2)$ , we know that  $f(g(x_1)) = f(g(x_2))$ . Since  $f$  is one-to-one, we know that  $g(x_1) = g(x_2)$ . And since  $g$  is one-to-one,  $x_1 = x_2$  as required.

### 3.2 Surjective

#### 3.2.1 Definition

**Surjective:** A function  $f : S \rightarrow T$  is **surjective**(or **onto**) if and only if for every  $y \in T$  there exists an  $x \in S$  so that  $f(x) = y$ . This implies that  $|S| \geq |T|$ .

When trying to prove that a function is onto, try to find a function  $g(x)$  such that  $f(g(x)) = y$  to prove that each  $y$  in the codomain is mapped to.

## 3.3 Bijections

### 3.3.1 Definition

**Bijection:** A function  $f : S \rightarrow T$  is **bijjective** iff  $f$  is both surjective and injective.

### 3.3.2 Simple Example

We have already shown that for  $m \neq 0$  and  $b$  a fixed real number, the function  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = mx + b$  is both surjective and injective. Hence,  $f$  is bijective.

## 3.4 Summary

- $f : S \rightarrow T$  is a function iff  $\forall s \in S \exists! t \in T, f(s) = t$  where  $!$  means unique
- $f : S \rightarrow T$  is surjective iff  $\forall t \in T \exists s \in S, f(s) = t$ , meaning for each element  $t \in T$ , there is at least one element  $s \in S$  so that  $f(s) = t$
- $f : S \rightarrow T$  is injective iff  $\forall x_1 \in S \forall x_2 \in S, f(x_1) = f(x_2) \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2$  or  $x_1 \neq x_2 \Rightarrow f(x_1) \neq f(x_2)$ , meaning for each element  $t \in T$ , there is at most one element  $s \in S$  so that  $f(s) = t$

### 3.4.1 Frequently Asked Questions

Questions to be added



# Chapter 4

## Counting

### 4.1 Bijection and Cardinality

#### 4.1.1 Definition

**Cardinality:** If there exists a bijection between the sets  $S$  and  $T$ , we say that the sets have the same and we write  $|S| = |T|$ .

**Number of Elements, Finite, Infinite:** If there exists a bijection between a set  $S$  and  $\mathbb{N}_n$ , we say that the **number of elements** in  $S$  is  $n$  and we write  $|S| = n$ . Moreover, we also say that  $S$  is a **finite set**. If no bijection exists between a set  $S$  and  $\mathbb{N}_n$  for any  $n$ , we say that  $S$  is an **infinite set**.

**Countable:** A set  $S$  is **countable** if there exists an injective function  $f$  from  $S$  to the natural numbers  $\mathbb{N}$

#### 4.1.2 Guidelines

**Proposition:** Let  $S = \dots$  Let  $T = \dots$  Then there exists a bijection  $f : S \rightarrow T$ . Hence,  $|S| = |T|$ .

To do this, we must prove that  $f$  is both surjective and injective.

Consider the function  $f : S \rightarrow T$  defined by  $f(s) = \dots$ . We show that  $f$  is surjective. Let  $t \in T$ . Consider  $s = \dots$ . We show that  $s \in S$ . Now we show that  $f(s) = t$ .

We then show that  $f$  is injective. Let  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  and suppose that  $f(s_1) = f(s_2)$ . Now we show that  $s_1 = s_2$ .

Hence,  $f : S \rightarrow T$  is a bijection and  $|S| = |T|$ .

### 4.2 Finite Sets

#### 4.2.1 Definitions

**Disjoint:** Set  $S$  and  $T$  are **disjoint** if  $S \cap T = \emptyset$

## 4.2.2 Propositions

**Cardinality of Intersecting Sets(CIS):** If  $S$  and  $T$  are any finite sets, then

$$|S \cup T| = |S| + |T| - |S \cap T|$$

**Cardinality of Disjoint Sets(CDS):** If  $S$  and  $T$  are disjoint finite sets, then

$$|S \cup T| = |S| + |T|$$

## 4.2.3 Example

**Proof of CDS:**

1. Since  $S$  is a finite set, there exists a bijection  $f : S \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_m$  for some non negative integer  $m$ , and  $|S| = m$
2. Since  $T$  is a finite set, there exists a bijection  $g : T \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_n$  for some non negative integer  $n$ , and  $|T| = n$
3. Construct function  $h : S \cup T \rightarrow \mathbb{N}_{m+n}$  as follows:  
 $h(x) = f(x)$  if  $x \in S$  else  $g(x) + m$  if  $x \in T$
4. To show that  $h$  is surjective, let  $y \in \mathbb{N}_{m+n}$ . If  $y \leq m$ , then because  $f$  is surjective there exists an element  $x \in S$  so that  $f(x) = y$ , hence  $h(x) = y$ . If  $m + 1 \leq y \leq m + n$ , then because  $g$  is surjective, there exists an element  $x \in T$  so that  $g(x) = y - m$  and so  $h(x) = (y - m) + m = y$ .
5. To show that  $h$  is injective, let  $x_1, x_2 \in S \cup T$  and suppose that  $h(x_1) = h(x_2)$ . If  $h(x) \leq m$  then  $h(x) = f(x)$  so if  $h(x_1) \leq m$  we have  
$$h(x_1) = h(x_2) \Rightarrow f(x_1) = f(x_2)$$
But since  $f$  is a bijection  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  implies  $x_1 = x_2$  as needed. If  $h(x) > m$  then  $h(x) = g(x)$  so if  $h(x_1) > m$  we have  
$$h(x_1) = h(x_2) \Rightarrow g(x_1) + m = g(x_2) + m \Rightarrow g(x_1) = g(x_2)$$
But since  $g$  is a bijection  $g(x_1) = g(x_2)$  implies  $x_1 = x_2$  as needed. Since  $h$  is a function which is both injective and surjective,  $h$  is bijective.

6. Thus

$$|S \cup T| = |\mathbb{N}_{m+n}| = m + n = |\mathbb{N}_m| + |\mathbb{N}_n| = |S| + |T|$$

If it wasn't clear,  $f(x)$  is mapped to  $1, 2, \dots, m$  and  $g(x) + m$  is mapped to  $m + 1, m + 2, \dots, m + n$ .

## 4.3 Infinite Sets

### 4.3.1 Propositions

**Cardinality of Subsets of Finite Sets(CSFS):** If  $S$  and  $T$  are finite sets, and  $S \subset T$ , then  $|S| < |T|$

**$|\mathbb{N}| = |2\mathbb{N}|$ :** Let  $2\mathbb{N}$  be the set of positive even natural numbers. Then  $|\mathbb{N}| = |2\mathbb{N}|$   
 $|\mathbb{N}x\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|$

**Even-Odd Factorization of Natural Numbers(EOFNN):** Any natural number  $n$  can be written uniquely as  $n = 2^i q$  where  $i$  is a non-negative integer and  $q$  is an odd natural number. Note: use EOFNN to prove  $|\mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|$ .  
Note: Not all infinite sets have the same size

### 4.3.2 Example

**Proof of  $|\mathbb{N}| = |2\mathbb{N}|$**

We want to prove that there's a bijection between both sets

1. Consider the function  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow 2\mathbb{N}$  defined by  $f(s) = 2s$
2. We show that  $f$  is surjective. Let  $t \in 2\mathbb{N}$ . Consider  $s = \frac{1}{2}t$ . We show that  $s \in \mathbb{N}$  since  $f(\frac{1}{2}t) = t$  and therefore is surjective
3. We show that  $f$  is injective. Let  $s_1, s_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose that  $f(s_1) = f(s_2)$ . Now we show that  $s_1 = s_2$ . Since  $f(s_1) = 2s_1$  and  $f(s_2) = 2s_2$ ,  $s_1 = s_2$ .
4. Hence,  $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow 2\mathbb{N}$  is a bijection and  $|\mathbb{N}| = |2\mathbb{N}|$ .

# Chapter 5

## Complex Numbers

### 5.1 Complex Numbers

#### 5.1.1 Definition

**Complex Number:** A complex number  $z$  in **standard form** is an expression of the form  $x + yi$  where  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . The set of all complex numbers is denoted by

$$\mathbb{C} = \{x + yi | x, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

**Real part and Imaginary part:** For a complex number  $z = x + yi$ , the real number  $x$  is called the **real part** and is written  $\Re(z)$  and the real number  $y$  is called the **imaginary part** and is written  $\Im(z)$ .

#### 5.1.2 Properties

**Complex Conjugate:** The complex conjugate of  $z = x + yi$  is

$$\bar{z} = x - yi$$

This implies that:

- $z + \bar{w} = \bar{z} + w$
- $z\bar{w} = \bar{z}w$
- $\bar{\bar{z}} = z$
- $z + \bar{z} = 2\Re(z)$
- $z - \bar{z} = 2\Im(z)$

**Modulus:** The modulus of the complex number  $z = x + yi$  is the non-negative real number:

$$|z| = |x + yi| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2}$$

## 5.2 Polar Form

### 5.2.1 Definition

**Polar Form:** The polar form of a complex number  $z$  is

$$z = r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$$

where  $r$  is the modulus of  $z$  and the angle  $\theta$  is called an argument of  $z$

**Complex Exponential:** By analogy, we define the complex exponential function by

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta$$

### 5.2.2 Properties

**Polar Multiplication of Complex Numbers(PMCN):** If  $z_1 = r_1(\cos \theta_1 + i \sin \theta_1)$  and  $z_2 = r_2(\cos \theta_2 + i \sin \theta_2)$  are two complex numbers in polar form, then

$$z_1 z_2 = r_1 r_2 (\cos(\theta_1 + \theta_2) + i \sin(\theta_1 + \theta_2))$$

### 5.2.3 De Moivre's Theorem

**De Moivre's Theorem(DMT):** If  $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  then

$$(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)^n = \cos n\theta + i \sin n\theta$$

## 5.3 Roots of Complex Numbers

### 5.3.1 Definition

**Complex Roots:** If  $a$  is a complex number, then the complex numbers that solve

$$z^n = a$$

are called the complex  $n$ th roots. De Moivre's Theorem gives us a straightforward way to find complex  $n$ th roots of  $a$ .

**Nth root of unity:**  $z$  is an  $n$ th root of unity if  $z^n = 1$ .

### 5.3.2 Technique

**Complex nth Roots Theorem(CNRT):** If  $r(\cos \theta + i \sin \theta)$  is the polar form of a complex number  $a$ , then the solutions to  $z^n = a$  are:

$$\sqrt[n]{r} \left( \cos\left(\frac{\theta + 2k\pi}{n}\right) + i \sin\left(\frac{\theta + 2k\pi}{n}\right) \right)$$

where  $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

**Finding coefficients of all  $x^k$  for  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ :**

$$1, w = e^{i\frac{2\pi}{n}}, w = e^{i\frac{4\pi}{n}}$$

Let's let  $n = 3$ .  $1 + w + w^2 = 0$ .  $\frac{f(1)+f(w)+f(w^2)}{3}$  is the sum we want.

# Chapter 6

## Polynomials

### 6.1 Polynomials

#### 6.1.1 Definition

**Polynomial:** A polynomial in  $x$  over a field  $\mathbb{F}$  (eg  $\mathbb{R}, \mathbb{C}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z}_p$  for prime  $p$ , any number system that is closed under  $+$   $-$   $*$   $/$ ) has the form

$$a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$$

where  $n \geq 0$  is an integer and  $a_i \in \mathbb{F}$  for each  $i$ . The set of all polynomials in  $x$  over  $\mathbb{F}$  is denoted  $\mathbb{F}[x]$

#### 6.1.2 Proposition

**Division Algorithm for Polynomials(DAP):** If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are polynomials in  $\mathbb{F}[x]$  and  $g(x)$  is not the zero polynomial, then there exist unique polynomials  $q(x)$  and  $r(x)$  in  $\mathbb{F}[x]$  such that

$$f(x) = q(x)g(x) + r(x)$$

where  $\deg r(x) < \deg g(x)$  or  $r(x) = 0$

$q(x)$  is the quotient polynomial and  $r(x)$  is called the remainder polynomial. If  $r(x) = 0$ , then  $g(x)|f(x)$

### 6.2 Factoring Polynomials

#### 6.2.1 Definition

**Root:** An element  $c \in \mathbb{F}$  is called a root or zero of the polynomial  $f(x)$  if  $f(c) = 0$ .

#### 6.2.2 Theorems

**Fundamental Theorem of Algebra(FTA):** For all complex polynomials  $f(z)$  with  $\deg(f(z)) \geq 1$ , there exists a  $z_0 \in \mathbb{C}$  so that  $f(z_0) = 0$ .

**Remainder Theorem:** The remainder when the polynomial  $f(x)$  is divided by  $(x - c)$  is  $f(c)$ .

**Factor Theorem 1(FT 1):** The linear polynomial  $(x - c)$  is a factor of the

polynomial  $f(x)$  iff  $f(c) = 0$ .

**Factor Theorem 2 (FT 2):** The linear polynomial  $(x - c)$  is a factor of the polynomial  $f(x)$  iff  $c$  is a root of the polynomial  $f(x)$ .

**Complex Polynomials of Degree  $n$  Have  $n$  Roots (CPN):** If  $f(x)$  is a complex polynomial of degree  $n \geq 1$ , then  $f(x)$  has  $n$  roots and can be written as the products of  $n$  linear factors. The  $n$  roots and factors may not be distinct.

**Rational Roots Theorem (RRT):** Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$ . If  $\frac{p}{q}$  is a rational root with  $\gcd(p, q) = 1$ , then  $p|a_0$  and  $q|a_n$ .

Note: If asked for a rational root, find all divisors of  $a_n$  and  $a_0$  and find all different combinations and evaluate whether they're roots.

**Conjugate Roots Theorem (CJRT):** Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with real coefficients. If  $c \in \mathbb{C}$  is a root of  $f(x)$ , then  $\bar{c} \in \mathbb{C}$  is a root of  $f(x)$ .

**Real Quadratic Factors (RQF):** Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with real coefficients. If  $c \in \mathbb{C}$ ,  $\Im(c) \neq 0$ , is a root of  $f(x)$ , then there exists a real quadratic factor of  $f(x)$  with  $c$  as a root.

**Real Factors of Real Polynomials (RFRP):** Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with real coefficients. Then  $f(x)$  can be written as a product of real linear and real quadratic factors.