

# Modular Arithmetic In $\mathbb{Z}$

*Definition : -----  
for  $n, a \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}^+$  we define  $a \bmod n$  the remainder when  $a$  is divided by  $n$ .  $n$  is called the modulus.*

*so the equation  $a = q*n + r$  with  $q = \left\lfloor \frac{a}{n} \right\rfloor$  and  $0 \leq r < n$*

*became  $a = \left\lfloor \frac{a}{n} \right\rfloor * n + (a \bmod n)$  with  $r = (a \bmod n) \in \{0, 1, \dots, n-1\}$*

*we say that  $a$  and  $b$  are congruent modulo  $n$ , if  $a \bmod n = b \bmod n$  and we can write it as  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$*

*as result  $a \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$  means  $n|a$ , which is obvious case where  $r = 0$*   
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1)  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , then  $n|a - b$

*Proof :*

$a = q*n + a \bmod n$  and  $b = q'*n + b \bmod n$  because  $a$  and  $b$  are congruent modulo  $n$ ,  
 $a - b = (q - q')n$ , hence  $n|a - b$

2)  $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{n}$

*Proof :*

$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow (a \bmod n) = (b \bmod n) \Leftrightarrow (b \bmod n) = (a \bmod n) \Leftrightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{n}$

3) if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{n}$ , then  $a \equiv c \pmod{n}$

*Proof :*

$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $b \equiv c \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow (a \bmod n) = (b \bmod n)$  and  $(b \bmod n) = (c \bmod n)$   
 $\Leftrightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{n}$

4) for  $n > 0$   $a \bmod n = a$  if and only if  $0 \leq a < n$

*Proof :*

$\Rightarrow a \bmod n = a$  this is direct  $0 \leq a \bmod n < n$ , hence  $0 \leq a < n$

$\Leftarrow 0 \leq a < n$  meaning that  $a = q*n + r$  with  $r = a \bmod n$   
this is true for  $q = 0$  and  $a = r = a \bmod n$

5) for  $n > 0$ ,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$   $(a + k*n) \bmod n = a \bmod n$

*Proof :*

$$\begin{aligned}\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z} \quad a = q*n + r &\Leftrightarrow \text{for } k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad a + kn = (q + k)*n + r \text{ with } r = a \bmod n \text{ for } q' = (q + k) \\ &\Leftrightarrow a + kn = q'*n + a \bmod n\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{hence } \forall k \in \mathbb{Z} \quad (a + k*n) \bmod n = a \bmod n$$

$$6) \text{ for } n > 0, [(a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a + b) \bmod n$$

*Proof :*

$$\begin{aligned}\exists q, q', r, r' \in \mathbb{Z} \quad a = q*n + r \text{ and } b = q'*n + r' \text{ with } r = a \bmod n \text{ and } r' = b \bmod n \\ (a + b) \bmod n &= ((q + q')*n + r + r') \bmod n \\ &= (r + r') \bmod n \\ &= [(a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n)] \bmod n\end{aligned}$$

$$7) \text{ for } n > 0, [(a \bmod n) - (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a - b) \bmod n$$

*Proof :*

$$\begin{aligned}\exists q, q', r, r' \in \mathbb{Z} \quad a = q*n + r \text{ and } b = q'*n + r' \text{ with } r = a \bmod n \text{ and } r' = b \bmod n \\ (a - b) \bmod n &= ((q - q')*n + r - r') \bmod n \\ &= (r - r') \bmod n \\ &= [(a \bmod n) - (b \bmod n)] \bmod n\end{aligned}$$

$$8) \text{ for } n > 0, [(a \bmod n) \times (b \bmod n)] \bmod n = (a \times b) \bmod n$$

*Proof :*

$$\begin{aligned}\exists q, q', r, r' \in \mathbb{Z} \quad a = q*n + r \text{ and } b = q'*n + r' \text{ with } r = a \bmod n \text{ and } r' = b \bmod n \\ (a \times b) \bmod n &= ((q*q'*n + q*r' + q'*r)*n + r \times r') \bmod n \\ &= (r \times r') \bmod n \\ &= [(a \bmod n) \times (b \bmod n)] \bmod n\end{aligned}$$

$$9) \text{ for } n > 0, \forall a \in \mathbb{Z} \quad \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \quad (a + k) \equiv 0 \bmod n$$

*Proof :*

$$\begin{aligned}\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z} \quad a = q*n + r &\Leftrightarrow a - r = q*n \text{ so we take } k = -r \\ &\Leftrightarrow a + k = q*n \text{ implying that } n|a + k\end{aligned}$$

hence  $(a + k) \equiv 0 \bmod n$ , in case  $k \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ , we call  $k$  the additive inverse of  $a$  and we give it the symbole  $(-a)$

$$10) \text{ for } n > 0, \text{ for } a \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } \gcd(a, n) = 1 \text{ then } \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, \quad (a \times k) \equiv 1 \bmod n \text{ we call } k \text{ the multiplicative inverse and we give it the symbole } a^{-1}$$

*Proof :*

*i will proof why  $\gcd(a, n)$  need to be 1, for  $n > 0$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  suppose that  $\gcd(a, n) > 1$  and  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}, (a \times k) \equiv 1 \pmod n$  we have  $\exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z} \ a = q*n + r$  by the inverse definition  $ka = q'*n + 1$  meaning that  $ka - q'*n = 1$  which contradict the fact that  $\gcd(a, n) > 1$ , hence we need  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$*