

1 Modular arithmetics

Theorem 1 (Division algorithm). Given any integers a and b , with $a > 0$, there exist unique integers q and r such that $a = qb + r$, $0 \leq r < a$.

Theorem 2. If $g = (b, c)$, there exist unique integers x and y such that $g = bx + cy$. The result could generalize to greatest common divisor of more than two integers.

Theorem 3. If $g = (b, c)$, then g is the least positive linear combination of b and c , and g is divisible by every common divisor. \implies if 1 is a linear combination of b and c , then $(b, c) = 1$.

Theorem 4 (Basic identities). Let a, b, c, d denote integers, then

- $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ & $c \equiv d \pmod{m} \implies ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$
- $a \equiv b \pmod{m} \implies ac \equiv bc \pmod{mc}$

Theorem 5. Let f denote a polynomial taking integral coefficients. If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then $f(a) \equiv f(b) \pmod{m}$.

Theorem 6. We have:

- $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m} \iff x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{(a,m)}}$
- $ax \equiv ay \pmod{m}$ & $(a, m) = 1 \implies x \equiv y \pmod{m}$
- $x \equiv y \pmod{m_i}$ for $i = 1, \dots, r \iff x \equiv y \pmod{[m_1, \dots, m_r]}$

Theorem 7. If $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$, then $(b, m) = (c, m)$.

2 Primes

Definition: If $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$, then y is called a **residue** of x modulo m . A set of integers x_i is called a **complete residue system modulo m** if for every integer y there exists unique x_j such that $y \equiv x_j \pmod{m}$.

Definition: A **reduced residue system modulo m** is a set of integers r_i such that $(r_i, m) = 1$, $r_i \not\equiv r_j \pmod{m}$ if $i \neq j$, and such that every x prime to m is congruent modulo m to some member r_k in the set.

Definition: The number $\phi(m)$ is the number of positive integers $\leq m$ and coprime to m .

Theorem 8 (Properties of ϕ). We have:

- $\phi(p) = p - 1$ for prime p .
- $\phi(p^r) = p^r - p^{r-1}$ for prime p .
- $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)$ if $(m, n) = 1$.

Theorem 9. Let $(a, m) = 1$. Let $\{r_i\}$ be a complete/reduced residue system modulo m , then $\{ar_i + b\}$ is a complete/reduced residue system modulo m respectively.

Theorem 10. a has an inverse $\pmod{n} \iff (a, n) = 1$

Theorem 11 (Fermat's theorem). Let p denote a prime. If $p \nmid a$ then $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$. For every integer a , $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$.

Theorem 12 (Euler's generalization of Fermat's theorem). If $(a, m) = 1$, then $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.

Theorem 13 (Failure of converse of Fermat's). There are composite numbers n (e.g. $n = 561 = 3 * 11 * 17$) such that $a^{n-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \forall a \in [1, n-1] \cap \mathbb{Z}$, $(a, n) = 1$

Theorem 14 (Wilson's theorem). If p is a prime, then $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

Theorem 15 (Converse of Wilson's). If $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$, then p is a prime.

Theorem 16 (Contrapositive of Fermat's). If $\exists a \in [1, n-1] \cap \mathbb{Z}$ for which $a^{n-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{n}$, then n is not a prime.

Theorem 17. Let p be a prime number, then $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ has solutions $\iff p = 2 \vee p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.

3 Solution of congruences

Theorem 18. Suppose $n > 0$. Let $d = (a, n)$, then $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$ has a solution $\iff d \mid b$. The solution is unique modulo $\frac{n}{d}$. There are d solutions modulo n .

Theorem 19 (Chinese remainder theorem). Let m_1, \dots, m_r denote a set of integers pairwise relatively prime. Let a_1, \dots, a_r denote a set of integers. The system of

$$x \equiv a_i \pmod{m_i}$$

has a solution unique modulo $m_1 \dots m_r$. One solution is constructed as $x_0 = \sum_{j=1}^r \frac{m}{m_j} b_j a_j$, where $m = \prod_{i=1}^r m_i$ and $b_j \frac{m}{m_j} \equiv 1 \pmod{m_j}$.

Remark: Chinese remainder theorem asserts that $\mathbb{Z} / \prod_{i=1}^r \mathbb{Z}$ is isomorphic to $\oplus_i \mathbb{Z} / n\mathbb{Z}$

Remark: If the moduli of the initial system are not coprime, factorize the moduli until all new moduli become coprime. Ignore duplicate terms. Claim no solution if inconsistency observed. If modulo a and modulo a^p occur, keep the one with higher power.

Definition: Let m denote a positive integer and a any integer such that $(a, m) = 1$. Let h be the smallest integer such that $a^h \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$. We say that the **order** of a modulo m is h .

Definition: If g has order $\phi(m)$ modulo m , then g is called a **primitive root** modulo m .

Theorem 20. If $(a, m) = 1$, then the order of a modulo m divides $\phi(m)$.

Theorem 21. If a has order h modulo m , then a^k has order $\frac{h}{(h,k)}$ modulo m .

Theorem 22. If a has order h modulo m , and b has order k modulo m , and if $(h, k) = 1$, then ab has order hk modulo m .

Theorem 23. n has a primitive root $\iff n$ is of the form $1, 2, 4, p^\alpha, 2p^\alpha$ for odd prime p .

Theorem 24. If n has a primitive root, then n has $\phi(\phi(n))$ primitive roots.

Theorem 25. If a is a primitive root modulo n . then $a^k \equiv a^j \pmod{n} \iff k \equiv j \pmod{\phi(n)}$. If b is not a primitive root but invertible modulo n , then $b^s \equiv b^t \pmod{n} \iff s \equiv t \pmod{h}$, where h is order of b modulo n .

Theorem 26. If a is a primitive root modulo n , then $\text{RRS}(n)$ is a cyclic group generated by a .

Theorem 27. $\text{RRS}(2^k) = \{\pm 3^j : 0 \leq j \leq 2^{k-2}\} = \{\pm 5^j : 0 \leq j \leq 2^{k-2}\}$

Remark: We can now solve $x^m = c \pmod{n}$ for general n , by replacing modulo n by a system of moduli of prime factorization of n , which is equivalent by Chinese remainder theorem. For odd prime powers, solve the congruence by primitive root. For 2^k . solve by previous theorem. Combine the resultant linear congruences solved by CRT to form the final result.

4 Quadratic reciprocity

Theorem 28 (Hensel's lemma). Suppose that $f(x)$ is a polynomial with integral coefficients. If $f(a) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^j}$ and $f'(a) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, then $\exists !t \pmod{p}$ such that $f(a + tp^j) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{j+1}}$. To get this p , solve the linear congruence

$$tf'(a) \equiv -\frac{f(a)}{p^j} \pmod{p}$$

Definition: For all a such that $(a, m) = 1$, a is called a **quadratic residue** modulo m if the congruence $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{m}$ has a solution, otherwise a quadratic nonresidue modulo m .

Theorem 29. Let p be an odd prime, we have

- a is QR modulo $p \iff a$ is QR modulo $p^e \forall e \geq 1$
- Set of QR modulo $p = \{1^2, 2^2, \dots, (\frac{p-1}{2})^2\}$
- If u is a primitive root modulo p , then set of QR modulo $p = \{u^{2k} : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$

Definition: If p denotes an odd prime, then the

Legendre symbol $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$ is defined to be 1 if a is a quadratic residue modulo p , -1 if a is a quadratic nonresidue modulo p , and 0 if $a \mid p$.

Theorem 30. Let p be an odd prime, then

- $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \equiv a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$
- $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) \left(\frac{b}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{ab}{p}\right)$
- $a \equiv b \pmod{p} \implies \left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$
- If $(a, p) = 1$ then $\left(\frac{a^2}{p}\right) = 1$, $\left(\frac{a^2 b}{p}\right) = \left(\frac{b}{p}\right)$
- $\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$. i.e. -1 is QR modulo $p \iff p \iff p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$
- $\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}}$. i.e. 2 is QR modulo $p \iff p \equiv 1, 7 \pmod{8}$

Theorem 31 (The Gaussian reciprocity law). If p and q are distinct odd primes, then

$$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) \left(\frac{q}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2} * \frac{q-1}{2}}$$

Another way to state this is: If p and q are distinct odd primes of the form $4k + 3$, then one of the congruences $x^2 \equiv p \pmod{q}$ and $x^2 \equiv q \pmod{p}$ is solvable and the other is not. Otherwise, both congruences are simultaneously solvable or not solvable.

Theorem 32. For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we define set $S_2^n(a) = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}_n \times \mathbb{Z}_n : x^2 + y^2 \equiv a \pmod{n}\}$, then $\forall a \in U_n$ such that $S_2^n(a)$ is not empty, the cardinality is same, independent of choice of a . The result generalizes from sum of two squares to sum of arbitrarily many squares.

Theorem 33. For prime p , we have $|S_2^p(a)| = p - (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$ if $a \neq 0$, and $p + (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}(p - 1)$ if $a = 0$.

Theorem 34 (Characterization of Pythagorean triples). (a, b, c) is a primitive triplet if $(a, b, c) = 1$ and $(a, b, c) = (s^2 - t^2, 2st, s^2 + t^2)$ for some relatively prime s, t with $s > t$ and $s \not\equiv t \pmod{2}$.

Theorem 35 (Chord and tangent argument). Given a rational point on unit circle, draw any secant line through the rational point with rational slope, the other intersection is also a rational point, and all rational points could be found in this approach.

5 Diophantine equations

Theorem 36. For any $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, the equation $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 4^a(8b + 7)$ has no integral solution.

Theorem 37. $y^2 = x^3 + 7$ has no integral solution, but it has an integral solution for any modulo m .

Theorem 38. The system: $x^4 + y^4 = z^2, xyz \neq 0$ has no integral solution.

Theorem 39 (Fermat's descent). Suppose the above equation has an integral solution (x, y, z) , we are able to form another solution (x', y', z') such that $z' < z$. Since the descent is infinite, we obtain a contradiction.

6 Pell's equation

6.1 General setup

Diophantine equation of the form $x^2 - dy^2 = 1$. In general form, Diophantine equation of the form $x^2 - dy^2 = n$.

If $d < 0$, there are finitely many solutions to be found by trial. If d is a perfect square, we could factor into two linear Diophantine equations. We focus on the non-trivial case that $d > 0$ and d is not a perfect square.

6.2 Specific case: $n = 1$

Theorem 40. Let (a, b) be a solution such that $a + b\sqrt{d} > 1 \implies a > 1, b > 0$

Theorem 41. If $(x, y), (a, b)$ are two solutions such that $x, y, a, b \geq 0$, then $a + b\sqrt{d} < x + y\sqrt{d} \implies a < x \cap b < y \iff a < x \cup b < y$

Remark: $x + y\sqrt{d} = a + b\sqrt{d} \iff x = a \cap y = b$.

Remark: $(x + y\sqrt{d})(a + b\sqrt{d}) = (xa + dyb) + (xb + ya)\sqrt{d}$. We could verify that if $(x, y)(a, b)$ are two solutions, then $(xa + dyb, xb + ya)$ is another solution. Therefore, for a given solution (a, b) , the coefficients of $(a + b\sqrt{d})^k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$ is another solution.

Definition: The minimal solution of $x^2 - dy^2 = 1$ is the solution (x, y) such that $x > 0, y > 0$ and for all solution (a, b) such that $a > 0, b > 0$, we have $x + y\sqrt{d} < a + b\sqrt{d}$.

Theorem 42. All solutions of special Pell's equation is in the form $\pm(x + y\sqrt{d})^k, k \in \mathbb{R}$

Theorem 43. Special Pell's equation has a non-trivial solution.

6.3 Diophantine approximation

Suppose $d > 0$ is not a perfect square, then \sqrt{d} is irrational. Suppose for special Pell's equation we have solution (x, y) , then $x^2 - dy^2 = 1 \implies \frac{x}{y} = \sqrt{d + \frac{1}{y^2}} \approx \sqrt{d}$. We have $\frac{x}{y}$ as a rational approximation of \sqrt{d} .

Theorem 44 (Dirichlet). For arbitrary irrational α , there exists infinitely many $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$ such that $|\alpha - \frac{p}{q}| < \frac{1}{2q^2}$

Remark: The infinite sequence of rational approximations is contained in the sequence of finite convergent of the continued fraction of α

Remark: By Harmitz, the bound $\frac{1}{2q^2}$ could be improved to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}q^2}$, and it is the tightest.

6.4 Continued fraction

Definition: We apply the recursive algorithm to generate continued fraction representation for a real number α_0 : Take $a_0 = \lfloor \alpha_0 \rfloor$, then take $\alpha_1 = \frac{1}{\alpha_0 - a_0}$, which is greater than 1. Recursively take a_i and α_i , then we express the continued fraction of α_0 as $[a_0, a_1, \dots]$, and we have $\alpha_0 = a_0 + \frac{1}{a_1 + \frac{1}{a_2 + \dots}}$

Remark: For rational number, the continued fraction representation is finite.

Definition: For any continued fraction $C = [a_0, a_1, \dots]$, its finite truncation $C_i = [a_0, a_1, \dots, a_i]$ is called a convergent of C .

Theorem 45. Consider a continued fraction $C = [a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots]$, we define a sequence of p_i and q_i recursively: $p_{-1} = 1, p_0 = a_0, p_n = a_n p_{n-1} + p_{n-2}; q_{-1} = 0, q_0 = 1, q_n = a_n q_{n-1} + q_{n-2}$. We then have:

- $C_i = \frac{p_i}{q_i}$
- $p_n q_{n-1} - q_n p_{n-1} = (-1)^{n-1}$
- $C_n - C_{n-1} = \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{q_n q_{n-1}} \implies$ convergence
- $p_n q_{n-2} - p_{n-2} q_n = (-1)^{n-2} a_n$
- $C_n - C_{n-2} = \frac{(-1)^{n-2} a_n}{q_n q_{n-2}}$
- $C_1 > C_3 > C_5 > \dots > C_{2n+1}$
- $C_2 < C_4 < C_6 < \dots < C_{2n}$
- $|C - C_n| < \frac{1}{q_n q_{n+1}} < \frac{1}{q_n^2} \implies$ converge to C

Remark: For irrational number, the continued fraction representation is infinite and unique. Different irrational numbers have different continued fraction representations. Any recurring infinite continued fraction must be a quadratic irrational (root of a degree 2 polynomial) and converse also holds.

Remark: Take any two consecutive convergent C_i, C_{i+1} , at least one of them satisfies the bound imposed by Dirichlet. Take any three consecutive convergent C_k, C_{k+1}, C_{k+2} , at least one of them satisfies the bound imposed by Harmitz.

Theorem 46 (Dirichlet). If a rational number $\frac{p}{q}$ satisfies the bound of theorem 44, then $\frac{p}{q} = \frac{p_i}{q_i} \implies \frac{p}{q}$ must be a convergent of α .

Theorem 47. If $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ could be approximated by infinitely many rational numbers $\frac{p}{q}$ such that $|\alpha - \frac{p}{q}| < \frac{1}{q^2}$, then α is irrational.

Theorem 48. If $d > 0$ and d is not a perfect square, then $\sqrt{d} = [a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{k-1}, 2a_0]$ where k is the period of recurrence.

Theorem 49. All positive solutions of $x^2 - dy^2 = \pm 1$ are of the form (p_n, q_n) , where $\frac{p_n}{q_n}$ is a convergent of \sqrt{d} .

Theorem 50. If k is even, then $x^2 - dy^2 = -1$ has no solution and all solutions of $x^2 - dy^2 = 1$ are given by (p_{kr-1}, q_{kr-1}) for $r = 1, 2, \dots$

Theorem 51. If k is odd, then all solutions of $x^2 - dy^2 = -1$ are given by (p_{kr-1}, q_{kr-1}) , for $r = 1, 3, 5, \dots$ and all solutions of $x^2 - dy^2 = 1$ are given by (p_{kr-1}, q_{kr-1}) for $r = 2, 4, 6, \dots$

6.5 Transcendental numbers

Definition: A number is algebraic if it is a solution of some polynomial with integral coefficients. It is algebraic with degree d , where d is the minimal possible degree of polynomial that admits the number as a root.

Definition: A number is transcendental if it is not algebraic.

Theorem 52 (Liouville). Suppose α is an algebraic number of degree $d > 1$, then there is a positive real number A depending on α such that $|\alpha - \frac{p}{q}| > \frac{A}{q^d}$, for all $\frac{p}{q} \in \mathbb{Q}$.

Remark: Say we want $|\alpha - \frac{p}{q}| < \epsilon$ for some very small ϵ , then we must have $\frac{A}{q^d} < \epsilon \implies (\frac{A}{\epsilon})^{\frac{1}{d}} < q$. This implies that a good rational approximation to any algebraic number must have a very large denominator.

6.6 General case: $n \in \mathbb{Z}$

Theorem 53. Fix a non-trivial positive solution (a, b) of $x^2 - dy^2 = 1$, which is guaranteed to exist, then for each nonzero n , every integral solution of $x^2 - dy^2 = n$ could be obtained from the coefficients of $(x' + y'\sqrt{d})(a + b\sqrt{d})^k$, where (x', y') is a solution of $x^2 - dy^2 = n$ such that $|x'| \leq \frac{\sqrt{|n|}}{2}(\sqrt{u} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}})$

and $|y'| \leq \frac{\sqrt{|n|}}{2\sqrt{d}}(\sqrt{u} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}})$, where $u = a + b\sqrt{d}$

Remark: If $n > 0$, then the second constraint could be replaced by $|y'| \leq \frac{\sqrt{|n|}}{2\sqrt{d}}(\sqrt{u} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{u}})$

7 Binary quadratic form

7.1 Representability

Definition: We say $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ is represented by (a, b, c) if $ax^2 + bxy + cy^2 = n$ has integral solutions. If further $\gcd(x, y) = 1$, we say (a, b, c) properly represents n .

Definition: Discriminant Δ of (a, b, c) is defined as $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$.

Definition: f is definite if $f(x, y) > 0$ (or $f(x, y) < 0$) for all $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z}^2$. Semidefinite if the inequality is not strict. Indefinite if not definite or semidefinite.

Theorem 54. f is definite $\iff \Delta < 0$. Positive definite if $a > 0$. Negative definite if $a < 0$.

Theorem 55. $\Delta \equiv b^2 \pmod{4} \iff \Delta \equiv 0/1 \pmod{4}$

Theorem 56. n is represented by $f \iff \frac{n}{d^2}$ is properly represented by $\frac{1}{d^2}f$, where $d = \gcd(x, y)$.

Theorem 57. Suppose $\Delta \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $\Delta \equiv 0/1 \pmod{4}$. There is a binary quadratic form with discriminant Δ which properly represents $n \iff \Delta$ is a quadratic residue modulo $4|n|$.

Corollary: An odd prime p is properly represented by a binary quadratic form with discriminant $\Delta \iff \left(\frac{\Delta}{p}\right) = 1$

7.2 Equivalence and reduced form

Definition: The representation matrix of a form $f = (a, b, c)$ is $M_f = \begin{bmatrix} a & \frac{b}{2} \\ \frac{b}{2} & c \end{bmatrix}$. Let $X = (x, y)^T$,

then $f(x, y) = X^T M_f X$.

Definition: Two forms f and g are equivalent if we could fix $A \in SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ such that $g(X) = f(AX) \iff X^T M_g X = X^T A^T M_f A X \iff M_g = A^T M_f A$.

Theorem 58. Equivalence of forms is an equivalence relation which defines equivalence classes in S_Δ . In fact, $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ acts on S_Δ by form equivalence.

Definition: n is represented by $f \iff n$ is represented by g .

Definition: We say $f(x, y) = (a, b, c)$ is reduced if $-|a| < b \leq |a| \leq |c|$, and $|a| < |c|$ if $b = |a|$, and $b \geq 0$ if $|a| = |c|$.

Theorem 59. We fix $\Delta \equiv 0/1 \pmod{4}$, suppose f is a reduced form with discriminant Δ , then if $\Delta < 0$, a, c have same sign and $|a| \leq \sqrt{-\frac{\Delta}{3}}$. If $\Delta > 0$, then

a, c have opposite signs and $|a| \leq \frac{\sqrt{\Delta}}{2}$. In either case, there are only finitely many such reduced forms.

Theorem 60. Every equivalence class has at least one reduced form. Therefore, there are finitely many equivalence classes in S_Δ .

Remark: It may happen that two distinct reduced forms are equivalent. Indeed, this happens when $\Delta > 0$.

Remark: $SL_2(\mathbb{Z})$ is generated by $T = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $S = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$, where for $f = (a, b, c)$, the effect to apply S, T are $S : (a, b, c) \rightarrow (c, -b, a)$, $T^m : (a, b, c) \rightarrow (a, b + 2am, am^2 + bm + c)$ for $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

Theorem 61 (Reduction algorithm). Given any form (a, b, c) , iterate until it is reduced:

- If $b \notin (-|a|, |a|]$, find the unique integer m such that $b + 2am$ is within the range, apply T^m .
- If now $|a| = |c|$ and $b \geq 0$, it is reduced. If now $b < 0$ and $|a| = |c|$, apply S and it is reduced.
- If $|c| < |a|$, apply S , if b is within the range, it is reduced. Else, back to step 1.

Remark: The algorithm is guaranteed to terminate because there is descent in coefficient of x^2 .

Theorem 62. Suppose $\Delta < 0$ and $f, g \in S_\Delta$ are reduced, then $f \cong g \iff f = g$ (No equivalence between two distinct reduced forms with negative discriminant.)

Theorem 63. If f is a positive definite reduced form in S_Δ , then the smallest positive integral values represented by f are $a \leq c \leq a + c - |b|$

Corollary: If $\Delta < 0$, then the class number of S_Δ is the number of reduced forms.

Theorem 64 (Dirichlet). For prime $p > 3, p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, we have $h(-p) = -\frac{1}{p} \sum_{n=1}^{p-1} \left(\frac{n}{p}\right) n$

7.3 Form composition

We wish to define composition $*$ such that if two forms f_1, f_2 could respectively represent c_1, c_2 , then $f_1 * f_2$ could represent $c_1 c_2$.

Definition: For $f = (a, b, c), g = (a', b', c') \in S_\Delta$, if $\gcd(a, a', \frac{b+b'}{2}) = 1$, then composition $f * g$ is defined as $(aa', B, \frac{B^2 - \Delta}{4aa'})$, where B is the unique solution (up to modulo, for computation, take arbitrary value) to the system

$$\begin{cases} a'B \equiv a'b & (\text{mod } 2aa') \\ aB \equiv ab' & (\text{mod } 2aa') \\ \frac{b+b'}{2} B \equiv \frac{bb'+\Delta}{2} & (\text{mod } 2aa') \end{cases}$$

Definition: f is primitive if $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$.

Theorem 65. The set of primitive equivalence classes, together with binary form composition, forms a group.

Remark: Primitive equivalence class is well-defined. It is impossible for a primitive form to be equivalent to a non-primitive form.

Remark: Identity in the group is defined by $f_0 =$

$$\begin{cases} (1, 1, \frac{1-\Delta}{4}) & \Delta \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \\ (1, 0, -\frac{\Delta}{4}) & \Delta \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \end{cases}$$

Remark: $(a, b, c)^{-1} = (a, -b, c)$