

Unit 6: Number Theory and its Applications in Cryptography

Text Book: Chapter 4

Divisibility and Modular Arithmetic

If a and b are integers with $a \neq 0$, we say that a divides b if there is an integer c such that $b = ac$, or equivalently, if $\frac{b}{a}$ is an integer. When a divides b we say that a is a factor or divisor of b , and that b is a multiple of a . The notation $a \mid b$ denotes that a divides b . We write $a \nmid b$ when a does not divide b .

$$a \mid b \Rightarrow a \text{ divides } b$$

- Let n and d be positive integers then no. of positive integers not exceeding n , that are divisible by d are $\left\lfloor \frac{n}{d} \right\rfloor$. $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor \rightarrow \text{Floor}$ $\frac{n}{d} / \text{GINT}$

Q1. How many numbers from 1 to 1500 are divisible by 9?

- (A) 165 (B) 166 (C) 167 (D) 160

$$\left\lfloor \frac{1500}{9} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor 166.7 \right\rfloor$$

Theorem 1:

Let a , b , and c be integers, where $a \neq 0$. Then

- (i) If $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid (b + c)$;
- (ii) If $a \mid b$, then $a \mid bc$ for all integers c ;
- (iii) If $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$, then $a \mid c$.

$$\begin{aligned} a \mid b &\Rightarrow b = k_1 a \\ a \mid c &\Rightarrow c = k_2 a \end{aligned} \quad \Rightarrow \quad b + c = (k_1 + k_2)a$$

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If a , b , and c are integers, where $a \neq 0$, such that $a \mid b$ and $a \mid c$, then $a \mid mb + nc$ whenever m and n are integers.

The Division Algorithm

Theorem 2: Let a be an integer and d a positive integer, then there are unique integers q and r , with $0 \leq r < d$, such that $a = dq + r$.

Dividend $\leftarrow a$
Divisor $\leftarrow d$
quotient $\leftarrow q$
remainder $\leftarrow r$
 $a \bmod d$
 $a \operatorname{div} d$

Q2. What are the quotients and remainders when

(i) 777 is divided by 21?

$$q = 777 \operatorname{div} 21 = 37$$

$$r = 777 \bmod 21 = 0$$

(ii) -111 is divided by 11?

$$q = -111 \operatorname{div} 11 = -11$$

$$r = -111 \bmod 11 = 10$$

$$\begin{aligned} -111 &= 11(-10) - 1 \\ -111 &= 11(-11) + 10 \end{aligned}$$

$r > 0$

Q3. Find the value of

(i) $1,234,567 \operatorname{div} 1001 = 1233$

(ii) $-100 \bmod 101 = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 100 &= 101(0) + 100 \\ -100 &= 101(-1) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Q4. What time does a 12-hour clock read

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$$80 = 12(6) + 8 \quad 7:00$$

(ii) 40 hours before it reads 12:00?

(A) 4:00 (B) 8:00 (C) 10:00 (D) 6:00

$$40 = 12(3) + 4$$

Modular Arithmetic

If a and b are integers and m is a positive integer, then a is congruent to b modulo m if m divides $a - b$. We use the notation $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ to indicate that a is congruent to b modulo m . We say that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ is a congruence and that m is its modulus (plural moduli). If a and b are not congruent modulo m , we write $a \not\equiv b \pmod{m}$.

$$m \mid (a-b)$$

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

$$a \bmod m = b$$

Theorem 3:

Let a and b be integers, and let m be a positive integer. Then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ if and only if $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$.

$$a-b$$

Theorem 4:

Let m be a positive integer. The integers a and b are congruent modulo m if and only if there is an integer k such that $a = b + km$.

$$m \mid a-b = a-b=km, \quad a=b+km$$

Theorem 5:

Let m be a positive integer. If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then

$$a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m} \quad \text{and} \quad ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}.$$

$$a = b + k_1m, \quad c = d + k_2m$$

$$a + c = (b + k_1m) + (d + k_2m)$$

$$u = b + k_1 m, \quad c = a + k_2 m$$

$$a + c = (b + d) + (k_1 + k_2)m$$

Corollary 2:

Let m be a positive integer and let a and b be integers. Then

$$(a + b) \bmod m = ((a \bmod m) + (b \bmod m)) \bmod m$$

and

$$ab \bmod m = ((a \bmod m)(b \bmod m)) \bmod m.$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 15 \bmod 3 = 0 \\ \downarrow \\ (8+7) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 8 \bmod 3 + 7 \bmod 3 \\ 2 + 1 = 3 \bmod 3 = 0 \end{array}$$

To be noted:

- $a \equiv b \bmod m \Rightarrow ac \equiv bc \bmod m$

$$m | (a-b) \Rightarrow m | (a-b)c$$

- $a \equiv b \bmod m \Rightarrow a^c \equiv b^c \bmod m$



- $a \equiv b \bmod m$ and $c \equiv d \bmod m \nRightarrow a^c \bmod m \equiv b^d \bmod m$

- $ac \equiv bc \bmod m \nRightarrow a \bmod m \equiv b \bmod m$

$$\begin{array}{c} m | a-b \\ m | (a^2 - b^2) \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} 21 \equiv 9 \bmod 6 \\ 7 \not\equiv 3 \bmod 6 \end{array}$$

Theorem 6: Let m be a positive integer and let a, b and c be integers. If $ac \equiv bc \bmod m$ and $\gcd(c, m) = 1$, then $a \equiv b \bmod m$.

Q5.

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Suppose that a and b are integers, $a \equiv 4 \pmod{13}$, and $b \equiv 9 \pmod{13}$. Find the integer c with $0 \leq c \leq 12$ such that

- a) $c \equiv 9a \pmod{13}$.
- b) $c \equiv 11b \pmod{13}$.
- c) $c \equiv a + b \pmod{13}$.
- d) $c \equiv 2a + 3b \pmod{13}$.
- e) $c \equiv a^2 + b^2 \pmod{13}$.
- f) $c \equiv a^3 - b^3 \pmod{13}$.

$$(c) \ a + b \equiv 13 \pmod{13}$$

$$a + b \equiv 0 \pmod{13}, \ c = 0$$

$$(a) \ a \equiv 4 \pmod{13}$$

$$9a \equiv 36 \pmod{13}, \ 9a \equiv 10 \pmod{13}, \ c = 10$$

$$(b) \ b \equiv 9 \pmod{13}, \ 11b \equiv 99 \pmod{13}, \ 11b \equiv 8 \pmod{13}$$

$$c = 8$$