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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

$$a \equiv b \text{ (mod m)}$$

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

1.1.2 Propositions

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

1. $a + b \equiv a' + b' (\text{mod } m)$
2. $a - b \equiv a' - b' (\text{mod } m)$
3. $ab \equiv a'b' (\text{mod } m)$

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

1.2 Modular Arithmetic

1.2.1 Definition

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

$$[a] = \{x \in \mathbb{Z} | x \equiv a (\text{mod } m)\}$$

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

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

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

$$[a] + [b] = [a + b]$$
$$[a] \cdot [b] = [a \cdot b]$$

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

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 (\text{mod } p)$$

Corollary: For any integer a and any prime p,

$$a^p \equiv a (\text{mod } p)$$

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
$$a, 2a, 3a, ...(p-1)a$$
are all distinct modulo p

2. Suppose that $ra \equiv sa (\text{mod } p)$ where $1 \leq r < s \leq p-1$

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

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

5. Multiplying these integers together gives
$$a \cdot 2a \cdot 3a...(p-1)a \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3...(p-1) (\text{mod } p)$$
$$(p-1)!a^{p-1} \equiv (p-1)! (\text{mod } p)$$

6. Since $gcd(p, p-1)!) = 1$, Congruences and Division tells us that
$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 (\text{mod } p)$$

1.4 Linear Congruences

1.4.1 Definition

Linear Congruence: A relation of the form

$$ax \equiv c (\text{mod } m)$$

is called a linear congruence in the variable x. A solution to such a linear congruence is an integer x_0 so that

$$ax_0 \equiv c (\text{mod } m)$$

1.4.2 Theorems

Linear Diophantine Equation Theorem, Part 2(LDET 2): Let $gcd(a, m) = d \neq 0$.
If $x = x_0$ and $y = y_0$ is one particular integer solution to the linear Diophantine equation $ax + my = c$, then the complete integer solution is

$$x = x_0 + \frac{m}{d}n, y = y_0 - \frac{a}{d}n, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$$

The complete solution if x_0 is a solution is

$$x \equiv x_0 \pmod{\frac{m}{d}} \text{ where } d = gcd(a, m)$$

Linear Congruence Theorem, Version 1(LCT 1): Let $gcd(a, m) = d \neq 0$.
The linear congruence $ax \equiv c \pmod{m}$ has a solution iff $d|c$.

1.5 Chinese Remainder Theorem

1.5.1 Definition

Chinese Remainder Theorem(CRT): Let $a_1, a_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1$, then the simultaneous linear congruences

$$n \equiv a_1 \pmod{m_1}$$
$$n \equiv a_2 \pmod{m_2}$$

has a unique solution modulo m_1m_2. Thus if $n = n_0$ is one integer solution, then the complete solution is

$$n \equiv n_0 \pmod{m_1m_2}$$

Moreover, this could be generalized with many congruences. If $n = n_0$ is a solution, then the complete solution would be

$$n \equiv n_0 \pmod{m_1m_2...m_k}$$

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
$$ed \equiv 1(mod(p-1)(q-1))$$
for an integer d where $1 < e < (p-1)(q-1)$.
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:
$$M^e \equiv C(modn) \text{ where } 0 \leq C < n$$
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:
$$C^d \equiv R(modn) \text{ where } 0 \leq R < n$$
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 $f : S \to T$ 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 $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ 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 $f : T \to U$ and $g : S \to T$ 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 $f : S \to T$ 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 $f : S \to T$ is **bijective** 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 $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = mx + b$ is both surjective and injective. Hence, f is bijective.

3.4 Summary

- $f : S \to T$ is a function iff $\forall s \in S \exists! t \in T, f(s) = t$ where ! means unique
- $f : S \to T$ 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 $f(s) = t$
- $f : S \to T$ 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 $S = ...$ Let $T = ...$ Then there exists a bijection $f : S \to T$. Hence, $|S| = |T|$.
To do this, we must prove that f is both surjective and injective.
Consider the function $f : S \to T$ defined by $f(s) = ...$ We show that f is surjective. Let $t \in T$. Consider $s = ...$ 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, $f : S \to T$ 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 $f : S \to \mathbb{N}_m$ for some non negative integer m, and $|S| = m$

2. Since T is a finite set, there exists a bijection $f : T \to \mathbb{N}_n$ for some non negative integer m, and $|T| = n$

3. Construct function $h : S \cup T \to \mathbb{N}_{m+n}$ as follows:
   $h(x) = \text{f(x) if } x \in S \text{ else } g(x) + m \text{ if } x \in T$

4. To show that h is surjective, let $y \in \mathbb{N}_{m+n}$. If $y \leq m$, then because f is surjectivethere 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 bijectoin $g(x_2) = g(x_2)$ 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..m and $g(x) + m$ is mapped to $m + 1, m + 2$,...$m + n$.

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 $|\mathbb{N}x\mathbb{N}| = |\mathbb{N}|$.
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 $f : \mathbb{N} \to 2\mathbb{N}$ 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, $f : \mathbb{N} \to 2\mathbb{N}$ 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:

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

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 θ 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 nth roots. De Moivre's Theorem gives us a straightforward way to find complex nth roots of a.
Nth root of unity: z is an nth 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:

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

where $k = 0, 1, 2, 3, ...$
Finding coefficients of all $x^n k$ 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

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

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 Quadtratic 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.