COMP9020 Week 1 Number Theory

- Textbook (R & W) Ch. 1, Sec. 1.1-1.3; Ch. 3., Sec. 3.5
- Supplementary Exercises Ch. 1 (R & W)

Number theory in Computer Science

Applications of number theory include:

- Cryptography/Security (primes, divisibility)
- Large integer calculations (modular arithmetic)
- Date and time calculations (modular arithmetic)
- Solving optimization problems (integer linear programming)
- Interesting examples for future topics in this course



Notation for numbers

Definition

- Natural numbers $\mathbb{N} = \{0, 1, 2, \ldots\}$
- Integers $\mathbb{Z} = \{..., -1, 0, 1, 2, ...\}$
- Positive integers $\mathbb{N}_{>0}=\mathbb{Z}_{>0}=\{1,2,\ldots\}$
- Rational numbers (fractions) $\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \frac{m}{n} : m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \neq 0 \end{array} \right\}$
- Real numbers (decimal or binary expansions) \mathbb{R} $r = a_1 a_2 \dots a_k \cdot b_1 b_2 \dots$

In $\mathbb N$ and $\mathbb Z$ different symbols denote different numbers.

In $\mathbb Q$ and $\mathbb R$ the standard representation is not necessarily unique.



NB

Proper ways to introduce reals include Dedekind cuts and Cauchy sequences, neither of which will be discussed here. Natural numbers etc. are either axiomatised or constructed from sets $(0 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{\}, n+1 \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} n \cup \{n\})$

并集 U (union) a U b: 交集 \cap (intersection) a \cap b the union of a and b The intersection of a and b

补集 (complementary set): (Supplementary set)



Intervals

Intervals of numbers (applies to any type)

$$[a, b] = \{x : a \le x \le b\}; \qquad (a, b) = \{x : a < x < b\}$$

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$$(-\infty, b] = \{x : x \le b\}; \qquad (-\infty, b) = \{x : x < b\}$$

$$[a, \infty) = \{x : a < x\}; \qquad (a, \infty) = \{x : a < x\}$$

NB

$$(a, a) = (a, a] = [a, a) = \emptyset$$
; however $[a, a] = \{a\}$.

Intervals of \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z} are finite: if m < n

$$[m, n] = \{m, m + 1, \dots, n\}$$



Exercises

1.3.10 Number of elements in the following

 $\bullet \quad [-1,1] \qquad \qquad \mathsf{For} \; \mathsf{Q} \; \mathsf{1.} \; \mathsf{Infinity} \; \mathsf{2.infinity}$

For Z 1. 3 2. 0 (-1,1)



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Floor and ceiling

Definition

- $|.|: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ **floor** of x, the greatest integer $\leq x$
- $[.]: \mathbb{R} \longrightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ **ceiling** of x, the least integer $\geq x$

$$\lfloor \pi \rfloor = 3 = \lceil e \rceil$$
 $\pi, e \in \mathbb{R}; \ \lfloor \pi \rfloor, \lceil e \rceil \in \mathbb{Z}$



Simple properties

- $\lfloor -x \rfloor = -\lceil x \rceil$, hence $\lceil x \rceil = -\lfloor -x \rfloor$
- $\lfloor x+t \rfloor = \lfloor x \rfloor + t$ and $\lceil x+t \rceil = \lceil x \rceil + t$, for all $t \in \mathbb{Z}$

Fact

Let $k, m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that k > 0 and $m \ge n$. The number of multiples of k in the interval [n, m] is

$$\left\lfloor \frac{m}{k} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{n-1}{k} \right\rfloor$$

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Exercises

1.1.4

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$$2 \lfloor 0.6 \rfloor - \lfloor 1.2 \rfloor = -1$$

 $2 \lceil 0.6 \rceil - \lceil 1.2 \rceil = 0$

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Divisibility

Definition

For $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, we say m divides n if $n = k \cdot m$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We denote this by m|n

Also stated as: 'n is divisible by m', 'm is a divisor of n', 'm is a multiple of n'

 $m \nmid n$ — negation of $m \mid n$

Notion of divisibility applies to all integers — positive, negative and zero.

1|m, -1|m, m|m, m| - m, for every $m \mid n \mid 0$ for every n; $0 \nmid n$ except n = 0



Definition

Let $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. must be positive!!!!!!

- The **greatest common divisor** of m and n, gcd(m, n) is the largest positive d such that d|m and d|n.
- The **least common multiple** of m and n, lcm(m, n), is the smallest positive k such that m|k and n|k.

NB

gcd(m, n) and lcm(m, n) are always taken as positive, even if m or n is negative.

$$gcd(-4,6) = gcd(4,-6) = gcd(-4,-6) = gcd(4,6) = 2$$

 $lcm(-5,-5) = \dots = 5$

Primes and relatively prime

Definition

- A number n > 1 is **prime** if it is only divisble by ± 1 and $\pm n$.
- m and n are relatively prime if gcd(m, n) = 1

Absolute Value

Definition

$$|x| = \begin{cases} x & \text{, if } x \ge 0 \\ -x & \text{, if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Fact

 $gcd(m, n) \cdot lcm(m, n) = |m| \cdot |n|$



Exercises

1.2.2 True or False. Explain briefly.

- $\overline{(a)} \ n|1$
- (b) n|n
- (c) $n \mid n^2$
- 1.2.7(b) $\gcd(0, n) \stackrel{?}{=} n$

M divide 0 for all M

- 1.2.12 Can two even integers be relatively prime?
- 1.2.9 Let m, n be positive integers.
- (a) What can you say about m and n if $lcm(m, n) = m \cdot n$?
- (b) What if lcm(m, n) = n?

Relatively prime: ????



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- If $m = m' \pmod{n}$ and $p = p' \pmod{n}$ then:
 - $m+p=m'+p' \pmod{n}$ and
 - $m \cdot p = m' \cdot p' \pmod{n}$.

Exercises

- 42 div 9?
- 42 % 9?
- -42 div 9? -5
- −42 % 9?
- True or False. (a + b) % n = (a % n) + (b % n)?

f if a = 13 and b = 15 -> 0!= 2



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- $10^3 \% 7$?
- \bullet 10⁶ % 7?
- 10²⁰¹⁹ % 7?
- What is the last digit of 7²⁰¹⁹?

Exercises

 $\boxed{3.5.20}$ (a) Show that the 4 digit number n= abcd is divisible by 2 if and only if the last digit d is divisible by 2.

(b) Show that the 4 digit number n = abcd is divisible by 5 if and only if the last digit d is divisible by 5.

 $\boxed{3.5.19}$ (a) Show that the 4 digit number n=abcd is divisible by 9 if and only if the digit sum a+b+c+d is divisible by 9.



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