

4.1 - DIVISIBILITY AND MODULAR ARITHMETIC

DIVISION :

If a and b are integers, with $a \neq 0$, we say that a divides b , if there is an integer c such that $b = ac$.

Notation:

a divides b is denoted by $a | b$

When $a | b$, for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a \neq 0$,
We can say that

- a divides b (or a is a divisor of b i.e., equivalently $\frac{b}{a}$ is an integer)
- b is divisible by a (i.e., $\frac{b}{a}$)
- b is a multiple of a ($\because a | b$ can be written as $b = ac$ for some c)
- a is a factor of b

Examples:

- $3 | 12$

it can be written as 12 is a multiple of 3
i.e. $12 = 3 * 4$ \rightarrow Some integer

- $4 \cancel{|} 11$

it cannot be written as 11 is a multiple of 4
i.e., $11 \neq 4 * (\text{for some integer})$

$4 \cancel{|} 11$ means 4 does not divide 11

- $-2 | 6$

it can be written as 6 is a multiple of -2
 $\Leftrightarrow 6 = -2 * (-3) \rightarrow$ Some integer

But Generally we take positive integers

The notations
 $a | b$ and a/b are
not same, because
 $a | b$: a divides b
 a/b : b divides a

We can express $a | b$ using
quantifiers as:

$\exists c (b = ac)$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, a \neq 0,$
 $c \in \mathbb{Z}$

domain : Set of Integers

Example :

Let n and d be positive integers. How many positive integers not exceeding n are divisible by d .

Sol:

As given in question:

$$\text{divisor} = d$$

As we know

Suppose d divides some +ve integer i.e

$d \mid$ +ve integer , so +ve integer is a multiple of d

$$\text{i.e } +\text{ve integer} = d K \text{ for some } K$$

And we have to find +ve integers not exceeding n divisible by d . So we can write it as

$$0 < \underbrace{dK}_{\# \text{ of +ve integers}} \leq n$$

of +ve integers
for $K=1, 2, \dots$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < K \leq \frac{n}{d} \quad \left(\begin{array}{l} \text{how many } K's \text{ depends on } n \\ \text{values of } d \text{ and } n \end{array} \right)$$

So there are $\lfloor \frac{n}{d} \rfloor$ positive integers not exceeding n that are divisible by d .

TEST

Suppose $n=10$ and $d=5$

$$0 < K \leq \frac{n}{d} \quad \text{i.e } 0 < K \leq \frac{10}{5} \quad \text{or } 0 < K \leq 2$$

So there are two positive integers (one for $K=1$, second for $K=2$)

$$+\text{ve integer} = d K \text{ for some } K$$

$$= 5 * 1 \text{ for } K=1 \quad \text{So, There are two +ve integers not exceeding 10 that are divisible by 5,}$$

$$= 5$$

$$= 5 * 2 \text{ for } K=2$$

$$= 10$$

Some basic properties of divisibility of integers are given in Theorem 1.

THEOREM 1:

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

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

PROOF:

(i) As $a|b$, so it can be written as $b = ac_1$ for some $c_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$
As $a|c$, so it can be written as $c = ac_2$ for some $c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$

and we have to show $a|(b+c)$

$$\begin{aligned} b+c &= ac_1 + ac_2 \\ &= a(c_1 + c_2) \end{aligned}$$

$$b+c = aK \quad \text{where } K = c_1 + c_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$\Rightarrow b+c$ is a multiple of a for some K , so

$$a|(b+c)$$

(ii) As $a|b$ i.e. $b = ak$

$$b = ak$$

$$\text{or } bc = ack \quad \text{multiply integer on both sides}$$

$$\text{or } bc = a(ck)$$

$$bc = am \quad \text{where } m = ck \in \mathbb{Z}$$

As bc is a multiple of a , so

$$a|bc \quad \text{for all integers } c$$

(iii) $a|b$ i.e. $b = ac_1$
 $b|c$ i.e. $c = bc_2$

$$c = bc_2$$

$$= ac_1c_2$$

$$c = a(c_1c_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow a|c$$

COROLLARY 1:

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

Proof:

Hypothesis:

$$a|b \text{ i.e. } b = at, t \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$a|c \text{ i.e. } c = as, s \in \mathbb{Z}$$

So $mb+nc$ can be written as:

$$\begin{aligned} mb + nc &= m(at) + n(as) \\ &= a(mt + ns) \\ &= a C_3 \quad \text{where } C_3 = mt + ns \in \mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Conclusion:

$$\Rightarrow a | mb+nc$$

DIVISION ALGORITHM

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

$$a = dq + r$$

d : divisor

a : dividend

q : quotient

r : remainder

$$q = a \text{ div } d = \lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor$$

$$\text{and } r = a \text{ mod } d = a - d \lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor$$

NOTE :

Both $a \text{ div } d$ & $a \text{ mod } d$ for a fixed d are functions on set of integers.

When $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, we have $\lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor$ (output is also integer)

Same is the case for remainder

Example :

Find the quotient and remainder when

(i) -23 is divided by 5

(ii) 25 is divided by -5

Sol:

$$(i) \quad a = -23 \quad -23 \in \mathbb{Z} \\ d = 5 \quad 5 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 \\ \hline 5 \overline{) -23 } \\ -25 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

$$q = \left\lfloor \frac{a}{d} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{-23}{5} \right\rfloor = -5$$

$$r = -23 \bmod 5 = 2 \quad (\text{or } r = a - d * \left\lfloor \frac{a}{d} \right\rfloor = -23 - (5) * (-5) = -23 + 25 = 2)$$

$$\text{So} \quad -23 = 5 \cdot (-5) + 2 \quad 0 \leq r < d \quad (0 \leq 2 < 5)$$

$$(ii) \quad a = 25$$

$$d = -5$$

$$\text{Here } a = 25 \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{but } d = -5 \notin \mathbb{Z}^+$$

Note:

The integer a is divisible by integer d iff the remainder is zero when a is divided by d .

$$\begin{array}{lll} a = d q + r & & \\ a = 24 & 24 = 6 \cdot (4) + 0 & 6 \mid \overline{2} \overline{4} \\ b = 6 & & \begin{array}{c} \nearrow \text{some integer} \\ 24 = 6(4) \end{array} \\ & 24 \text{ is a multiple of } 6, \text{ so } 6 \mid 24 & \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE :

What are the quotient and remainder when 101 is divided by 11?

Sol:-

$$a = 101 \quad d = 11 \quad a \in \mathbb{Z}, d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

and we have to find unique integers q and r with $0 \leq r < d$ such that

$$a = dq + r$$

$$q = a \text{ div } d = \left\lfloor \frac{a}{d} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{101}{11} \right\rfloor = 9$$

$$r = a \bmod d = 2$$

i.e.,

$$101 = 11 \cdot 9 + 2$$

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{quotient} \\ \boxed{9} \\ 11 \overline{)101} \\ \underline{-9} \\ \boxed{2} \text{ remainder} \\ r = 101 - 99 \\ = 2 \end{array}$$

EXAMPLE :

What are the quotient and remainder when -11 is divided by 3?

Sol:

$$a = -11, d = 3 \quad -11 \in \mathbb{Z}, 3 \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

To find $q = ?$, $r = ?$ with $0 \leq r < 3$

$$a = dq + r$$

$$q = \left\lfloor \frac{a}{d} \right\rfloor = \left\lfloor \frac{-11}{3} \right\rfloor = -4$$

$$q = -4$$

$$r = 1$$

Thus we can write it as

$$-11 = 3(-4) + 1$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \\ 3 \sqrt{-11} \\ -9 \\ \hline -2 \\ \text{remainder} \\ \text{but for } r = -2 \\ \times 0 \leq r < d \quad d = 3 \\ (\text{not satisfy}) \\ \hline -9 \\ 3 \sqrt{-11} \\ -9 \\ \hline 12 \\ \hline 1 \rightarrow \text{remainder} \\ \text{satisfy if } 0 \leq r < d \\ \text{So } q = -4 \\ r = 1 \end{array}$$

QUESTIONS REGARDING DIVISION ALGORITHMS

Q1. What are the quotients and remainder when

- a. 789 is divided by 23
- b. 1234567 is divided by 1001
- c. 4 is divided by 1
- d. 3 is divided by 5
- e. 0 is divided by 19
- f. -111 is divided by 11
- g. -2002 is divided by 87
- h. -100 is divided by 101
- i. -1 is divided by 5

DIVISION ALGORITHM

$$a = dq + r$$

a: Dividend ($a \in \mathbb{Z}$)

d: Divisor ($d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$)

q: Quotient (unique $q \in \mathbb{Z}$)

$$q = a \text{ div } d$$

$$q = \lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor$$

r: Remainder

Unique integer, with

$$0 \leq r \leq d$$

$$r = a - d \lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor$$

Sol: a. 789 is divided by 23

$$a = 789, d = 23$$

$$a = dq + r$$

$$789 = 23q + r$$

$$q = 34 \quad (q = \lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor)$$

$$r = 7 \quad (r = a \bmod d \text{ or } r = a - d \lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor) : (0 \leq r < 23)$$

$$\text{So, } 789 = 23 \cdot 34 + 7 \text{ (verified)}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 34 \\ 23 \overline{)789} \\ 69 \\ \hline 99 \\ 92 \\ \hline 7 \end{array}$$

quotient → remainder

b. 1234567 is divided by 1001

$$a = 1234567, d = 1001$$

$$1234567 = 1001q + r$$

$$q = 1233 \quad (q = \lfloor \frac{1234567}{1001} \rfloor)$$

$$r = 334 \quad (r = a - d \lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 1233 \\ 1001 \overline{)1234567} \\ 1001 \\ \hline 2335 \\ 2002 \\ \hline 3336 \\ 3003 \\ \hline 3337 \\ 3003 \\ \hline 334 \end{array}$$

$$r = a - d \lfloor \frac{a}{d} \rfloor$$

$$= 1234567 - 1001 \cdot 1233$$

$$= 1234567 - 1234233$$

$$= 334$$

$$\text{So, } 1234567 = 1001 \cdot 1233 + 334 \text{ (verified)}$$

c. 4 is divided by 1

$$a = 4, d = 1$$

$$a = dq + r$$

$$4 = 1 \cdot 4 + r$$

$$q = 4 \quad (q = \lfloor \frac{4}{1} \rfloor = 4)$$

$$r = 0 \quad (r = 4 - 1 \cdot \lfloor \frac{4}{1} \rfloor = 4 - 4 = 0)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 4 \\ 1 \overline{)4} \\ 4 \\ \hline 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{So, } 4 = 1 \cdot 4 + 0 \text{ (verified)}$$

d. 3 is divided by 5

$$a=3, d=5$$

$$a = d_2 + r \quad 5 \overline{)3}^{\textcircled{0}} \\ 3 = 5 \cdot 0 + r$$

$$q=0 \quad (q=\lfloor \frac{3}{5} \rfloor = 0) \\ r=3 \quad (r=3-5 \cdot \lfloor \frac{3}{5} \rfloor = 3-5 \cdot 0 = 3)$$

$$\text{So, } 3 = 5 \cdot 0 + 3$$

e. 0 is divided by 19

$$a=0, d=19$$

$$a = d_2 + r \quad 19 \overline{)0}^{\textcircled{0}} \\ 0 = 19 \cdot 0 + r$$

$$q=0$$

$$r=0$$

$$\text{So, } 0 = 19 \cdot 0 + 0$$

f. -111 is divided by 11

$$a=-111, d=11$$

$$a = d_2 + r \quad 11 \overline{) -111}^{\textcircled{-10}} \times 11 \overline{) -11}^{\textcircled{-11}} \\ -111 = 11 \cdot 2 + r \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{quotient} \\ \downarrow \\ \begin{array}{c} -10 \\ +110 \\ \hline -1 \end{array} \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{c} \text{remainder} \\ \downarrow \\ 10 \end{array} \\ q = -11 \quad (\text{violation of } r) \\ r = 10 \quad (\text{As } 0 \leq r < d)$$

$$\text{So, } -111 = 11 \cdot (-11) + 10 \quad (\text{verified})$$

g. -2002 is divided by 87

$$a=-2002, d=87$$

$$a = d_2 + r$$

$$-2002 = 87 \cdot 2 + r \quad 87 \overline{) -2002}^{\textcircled{2}} \quad \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{-23} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} -2002 \\ +1754 \\ \hline 248 \end{array} \end{array}$$

$$q = -24$$

$$r = 86$$

$$\text{So, } -2002 = 87 \cdot (-24) + 86$$

h. -100 is divided by 101

$$a=-100, d=101$$

$$a = d_2 + r \quad 101 \overline{) -100}^{\textcircled{-1}} \\ -100 = 101 \cdot 2 + r \quad \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{-100} \\ \hline \begin{array}{c} 101 \\ -101 \\ \hline 1 \end{array} \end{array} \\ q = -1 \quad (q = \lfloor \frac{-100}{101} \rfloor = -1) \\ r = 1 \quad (r = -100 - 101 \cdot \lfloor \frac{-100}{101} \rfloor = -100 - 101 \cdot -1 = 1)$$

$$\text{So, } -100 = 101 \cdot (-1) + 1$$

(verified)

i. -1 is divided by 3

$$a=-1, d=3$$

$$a = d_2 + r \quad 3 \overline{) -1}^{\textcircled{-1}} \\ -1 = 3 \cdot 2 + r \quad \begin{array}{c} \textcircled{-3} \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

$$q = -1$$

$$r = 2$$

$$\text{So, } -1 = 3 \cdot (-1) + 2 \quad (\text{verified})$$

Q2. What time does a 12-hour clock read

- 80 hours after it reads 11:00?
- 100 hours after it reads 6:00?
- 40 hours before it reads 12:00?

Sol:

- 80 hours after it reads 11:00?

~~Current time~~

$$11 + 80 = 91$$

$$a = 91, d = 12 \text{ (12-hour clock)}$$

$$a = dq + r$$

$$91 = 12q + r$$

$$q = 7$$

$$r = 7 \Rightarrow 7:00$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \\ 12 \overline{) 91} \\ 84 \\ \hline 7 \end{array}$$

Current time



$$\text{So, } 91 = 12 \times 7 + 7$$

(verified)

The clock reads 7:00 (the remainder)

- 100 hours after it reads 6:00?

$$100 + 6 = 106$$

$$a = 106, d = 12 \text{ (12-hour clock)}$$

$$a = dq + r$$

$$106 = 12q + r$$

$$q = 8$$

$$r = 10$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 8 \\ 12 \overline{) 106} \\ 96 \\ \hline 10 \end{array}$$

Current time

$$106 = 12 \times 8 + 10$$

verified

The clock reads 10:00 (the remainder)

- 40 hours before it reads 12:00?

$$12 - 40 = -28, d = 12$$

$$a = dq + r$$

$$-28 = 12q + r$$

$$q = -3$$

$$r = 8$$

$$\begin{array}{r} -3 \\ 12 \overline{) -28} \\ -36 \\ \hline 8 \end{array}$$

Current time

$$(r = -28 - 12 \times [-3] = -28 + 36 = 8)$$

The clock reads 8:00 (the remainder)

Q3. What time does a 24-hour clock read

- a. 100 hours after it reads 2:00?
- b. 168 hours after it reads 19:00?
- c. 45 hours before it reads 12:00?

Sol:

- a. 100 hours after it reads 2:00?

$$2 + 100 = 102$$

$$a = 102, d = 24 \text{ (24-hour clock)}$$

$$a = dq + r$$

$$102 = 24q + r$$

$$24 \overline{)102} \begin{matrix} 4 \\ 96 \\ \hline 6 \end{matrix}$$

$$q = 4$$

$$r = 6 \rightarrow \text{current time}$$

The clock reads 6:00 (the remainder)

- b. 168 hours after it reads 19:00?

$$19 + 168 = 187$$

$$a = 187, d = 24$$

$$a = dq + r$$

$$187 = 24q + r \quad 24 \overline{)187} \begin{matrix} 7 \\ 168 \\ \hline 19 \end{matrix}$$

$$q = 7$$

$$r = 19$$

The clock reads 19:00 (the remainder)

- c. 45 hours before it reads 12:00?

$$12 - 45 = -33$$

$$a = -33, b = 24 \quad -33 = 24q + r \quad 24 \overline{) -33} \begin{matrix} -2 \\ -48 \\ \hline 15 \end{matrix}$$

$$q = -2$$

$$r = 15$$

The clock reads 15:00.

MODULAR ARITHMETIC

In some situations we care only about the remainder of an integer when it is divided by some specified positive integer.

For example,

In what time it will be (on a 24-hour clock) 50 hours from now?
we care only about the remainder.

$$(50 + \text{the current hour})/24 = \text{remainder}$$

For this we introduce a different (other than mod), but related, notion that indicates that two integers have the same remainder when they are divided by the positive integer .

Definition:

If $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then a is congruent to b modulo n if m divides $a - b$.

It can be written as

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

$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$:
a relation on set of integers.

$a \pmod{m} = b$:
a function

THEOREM:

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \text{ iff } a \pmod{m} = b \pmod{m}$$

CONGRUENT CLASS:

The set of all integers congruent to an integer b modulo m is called the Congruent Class of a modulo m and that the union of these equivalence classes is the set of integers.

Example # :

Determine whether

- 17 is congruent to 5 modulo 6
- 24 and 14 are congruent modulo 6

Sol:

- 17 is congruent to 5 modulo 6

or we have to decide $17 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$

Check it as

$$6 \mid 17 - 5 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad 6 \mid 12$$

as $6 \mid 12$, we can say that

$$17 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$$

\Rightarrow YES : 17 is congruent

ALSO For Congruent

$$\begin{aligned} a \text{ and } b \text{ have} \\ \text{some remainders} \\ 17 \pmod{6} = 5 \\ 5 \pmod{6} = 5 \\ \text{So,} \\ 17 \equiv 5 \pmod{6} \end{aligned}$$

- 24 and 14 are congruent modulo 6 i.e. $24 \equiv 14 \pmod{6}$

$$\text{i.e. } 6 \mid 24 - 14 \quad \text{i.e.} \quad 6 \mid 10$$

so 24 is not congruent

$$\begin{aligned} 24 \pmod{6} &= 0 \\ 14 \pmod{6} &= 2 \\ \text{So,} \\ 24 &\not\equiv 14 \pmod{6} \end{aligned}$$

THEOREM:

Let $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then integers a and b are congruent modulo m iff there is an integer K such that $a = b + mK$

Proof: Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$: a and b are congruent modulo m .

$$\Rightarrow m \mid a - b$$

$\Rightarrow a - b$ is a multiple of m for some $K \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{i.e. } a - b = mK$$

$$a = b + mK \text{ (proved) : (Equation Form)} \text{ of Congruency}$$

Conversely :

Suppose we have

$$a = b + Km$$

$$\Rightarrow a - b = Km$$

$\Rightarrow m \mid a - b$ so, a is congruent to b modulo m

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

THEOREM:

Let $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then

$$\textcircled{a} a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{m}$$

$$\textcircled{b} ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$$

PROOF:

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

$$\Rightarrow m | a-b$$

$$\Rightarrow a-b = mK_1 \text{ (for some } K_1) \text{ --- A}$$

$$c \equiv d \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m | c-d$$

$$\Rightarrow c-d = mK_2 \text{ (for some } K_2) \text{ --- B}$$

Example:

$$7 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$11 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$7+11 \equiv (2+1) \pmod{5}$$

$$18 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

~~Subtract~~ Adding A and B, we get

$$(a+c)-(b+d) = mK_1 + mK_2 \\ = m(K_1 + K_2)$$

$$(a+c)-(b+d) = mK \quad \text{where } K = K_1 + K_2$$

$$\Rightarrow m | (a+c)-(b+d) : (a+c) \text{ is congruent to } (b+d) \text{ modulo } m$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+c) \equiv (b+d) \pmod{m}$$

$$\textcircled{b} \text{ To show } ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow m | a-b \Rightarrow a-b = mK_1 \Rightarrow a = b+mK_1 \text{ --- A}$$

$$c \equiv d \pmod{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m | c-d \Rightarrow c-d = mK_2 \Rightarrow c = d+mK_2 \text{ --- B}$$

$$ac = (b+mK_1) \cdot (d+mK_2)$$

$$= bd + bmK_2 + dmK_1 + mK_1 \cdot mK_2$$

$$ac = bd + mK$$

$$\Rightarrow ac - bd = mK$$

$$\Rightarrow m | ac - bd$$

$$ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$$

Example:

$$7 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$11 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$7 \cdot 11 \equiv (2 \cdot 1) \pmod{5}$$

$$77 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

Important :

We must be careful working with CONGRUENCES.

Some properties we may expect to be true are not valid.

For example,

If $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ may be false.

① Let we take $m=4$, $c=2$ (and $a=0, b=2$)

$$\begin{aligned} ac &\equiv bc \pmod{m} & \text{But } a \not\equiv b \pmod{m} \\ 0 &\equiv 4 \pmod{4} & 0 \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ \text{As } 0 \pmod{4} &= 0 & 0 \pmod{4} = 0 \\ 4 \pmod{4} &= 0 & 2 \pmod{4} = 2 \quad (a \pmod{m} \neq b \pmod{m}) \\ \text{So } ac &\equiv bc \pmod{m} & \text{So } a \not\equiv b \pmod{m} \end{aligned}$$

It could be true i.e.,

If $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$ and $\text{GCD}(m, c) = 1$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

Proof:

$$\begin{aligned} ac &\equiv bc \pmod{m} \\ \Rightarrow m | ac - bc &\Rightarrow m | c(a-b) \\ m | c(a-b) & \end{aligned}$$

if m and c are relative primes, then

$$m \nmid c, \text{ but } m | a-b$$

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

Example:

we take $m \neq c$ as
 $m=6$, $c=5$ (relative primes)
and $a=17$, $b=5$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } ac &\equiv bc \pmod{m} \\ 17 \cdot 5 &\equiv 5 \cdot 5 \pmod{6} \\ 85 &\equiv 25 \pmod{6} \quad (\text{true}) \\ 6 | 85-25 & \\ 6 | 60 & \end{aligned}$$

and $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$
is also true as:

$$\begin{aligned} 17 &\equiv 5 \pmod{6} \\ 6 | 17-5 \text{ or } 6 | 12 & \end{aligned}$$

COROLLARY :

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Let $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, and $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, then

$$1 \odot (a+b) \text{ mod } m = ((a \text{ mod } m) + (b \text{ mod } m)) \text{ mod } m$$

$$2 \odot ab \text{ mod } m = ((a \text{ mod } m) \cdot (b \text{ mod } m)) \text{ mod } m$$

PROOF:

$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ By Def. of Congruent, where b is remainder

$$\text{or } a \equiv r \pmod{m} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

Also, we know by definition of mod function

$$a \text{ mod } m = r \text{ (remainder)}$$

put the value of r in eq. (1), we have

$$a \equiv a \text{ mod } m \pmod{m} \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$\text{Also } b \equiv b \text{ mod } m \pmod{m} \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

By theorem:

~~Add (1) and (2)~~,

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} b \equiv a \pmod{m} \\ b \equiv r \pmod{m} \\ \text{and } r = b \text{ mod } m \\ \Rightarrow b = b \text{ mod } m \pmod{m} \end{array} \right\}$$

$$a+b \equiv a \text{ mod } m \pmod{m} + b \text{ mod } m \pmod{m}$$

$$a+b \equiv ((a \text{ mod } m) + (b \text{ mod } m)) \text{ mod } m \quad \text{~~Proved~~}$$

By theorem
~~Multiply (1) and (2)~~,

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

Testing:

$$(a+b) \text{ mod } m = ((a \text{ mod } m) + (b \text{ mod } m)) \text{ mod } m$$

$$\begin{aligned} a &= 177 \\ b &= 270 \\ m &= 31 \end{aligned}$$

$$= ((177 \text{ mod } 31) + (270 \text{ mod } 31)) \text{ mod } 31$$

$$= (22 + 22) \text{ mod } 31$$

$$= 44 \text{ mod } 31 = 13$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (a+b) \text{ mod } m \\ &= (177 + 270) \text{ mod } 31 \\ &= 447 \text{ mod } 31 \\ &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

NOTE: This Corollary shows that

How to find the values of the mod m function at the sum (and product) of the two integers using:

the values of this function at each of these integers.

We will use this result in Section 5.4.

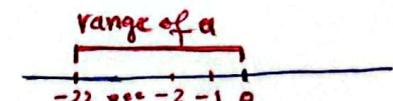
QUESTIONS REGARDING MODULAR ARITHMETIC (Congruency)

Q#1 Find the integer a such that

- a. $a \equiv 43 \pmod{23}$ and $-22 \leq a \leq 0$
- b. $a \equiv 17 \pmod{29}$ and $-14 \leq a \leq 14$
- c. $a \equiv -11 \pmod{21}$ and $90 \leq a \leq 110$
- d. $a \equiv -15 \pmod{27}$ and $-26 \leq a \leq 0$
- e. $a \equiv 24 \pmod{31}$ and $-15 \leq a \leq 15$
- f. $a \equiv 99 \pmod{41}$ and $100 \leq a \leq 140$] (Do Yourself)

Sol.

- a. $a \equiv 43 \pmod{23}$ and $-22 \leq a \leq 0$



By def., we have

$$23 | a - 43$$

$$\frac{a-43}{23} \quad \left(\begin{matrix} \text{Required} \\ ((a-43) \bmod 23 = 0) \end{matrix} \right)$$

For 23 divides $a-43$,

$(a-43)$ should be $0, 23, -23, 46, -46, \dots$ etc.

and should be within $-22 \leq a \leq 0$ not within range

1. $a-43=0 \Rightarrow a=43$ but we are interested in $-22 \leq a \leq 0$

1. $a-43=-23 \Rightarrow a=43-23=20$ (not within range)

2. $a-43=-46 \Rightarrow a=-46+43=-3$ (yes: $-22 \leq -3 \leq 0$)

$$\begin{aligned} a &\equiv b \pmod{m} \\ \Rightarrow m &\mid a-b \\ \text{i.e. } (a-b) \bmod m &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

So, $a = -3$

and we can write it as

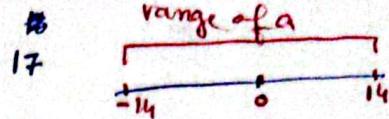
$$-3 \equiv 43 \pmod{23} \quad \text{with } -22 \leq a \leq 0$$

- b. $a \equiv 17 \pmod{29}$ and $-14 \leq a \leq 14$

By def. we have

$$29 | a - 17$$

$$\frac{a-17}{29} \quad \left(\text{Required: } ((a-17) \bmod 29 = 0) \right)$$



For 29 divides $a-17$,

$(a-17)$ should be $0, 29, -29, 58, -58$, etc. and maintaining the range $-14 \leq a \leq 14$.

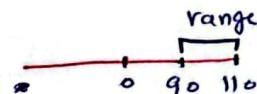
1. $a-17=0 \Rightarrow a=17$ (not in range)
2. $a-17=29 \Rightarrow a=29+17=46$ (not in range)
3. $a-17=-29 \Rightarrow a=17-29=-12$ (YES)

So, $a = -12$

and we can write it as

$$-12 \equiv 17 \pmod{29} \text{ for } -14 \leq a \leq 14.$$

c. $a \equiv -11 \pmod{21}$ and $90 \leq a \leq 110$



By def.

$$21 \mid a+11$$

$$\frac{a+11}{21}$$

For 21 divides $a+11$, $(a+11)$ should be $0, 21, -21, 42, -42, 63, 84, -84, 105, -105$ etc.

$$a+11=105 \Rightarrow a=105-11=94 \text{ (and it is within range } 90 \leq a \leq 110\text{)}$$

So, $a = 94$

and $94 \equiv -11 \pmod{21}$ for $90 \leq a \leq 110$.

d. $a \equiv -15 \pmod{27}$ and $-26 \leq a \leq 0$

$$\frac{a+15}{27} \quad (a+15) \text{ should be } 0, 27, -27 \text{ etc.}$$

1. $a+15=0 \Rightarrow a=-15$ (YES, in the range)

So $a = -15$

and

$$-15 \equiv -15 \pmod{27} \text{ for } -26 \leq a \leq 0.$$

Q#2 List five integers that are congruent to $4 \pmod{12}$.

Sol: $a \equiv 4 \pmod{12}$, $a = ?$ (List five)

$$12 \mid a-4$$

$\frac{a-4}{12}$, For 12 divides $a-4$, $(a-4)$ should be $0, 12, -12, 24, -24$ etc.

1. $a-4=0 \Rightarrow a=4$
2. $a-4=12 \Rightarrow a=12+4=16 \Rightarrow a=16$
3. $a-4=-12 \Rightarrow a=-12+4=-8 \Rightarrow a=-8$
4. $a-4=24 \Rightarrow a=24+4=28 \Rightarrow a=28$
5. $a-4=-24 \Rightarrow a=-24+4=-20 \Rightarrow a=-20$

$$a = \{-20, -8, 4, 16, 28\}$$

Q#3: List all the integers between -100 and 100 that are congruent to $-1 \pmod{25}$.

Sol: $a \equiv -1 \pmod{25}$ for $-100 \leq a \leq 100$

$$25 \mid a+1$$

$\frac{a+1}{25}$, $a+1$ should be $0, 25, -25, 50, -50, 75, -75, 100$ etc.

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|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. $a+1=0 \Rightarrow a=-1$ | 2. $a+1=25 \Rightarrow a=24$ |
| 3. $a+1=-25 \Rightarrow a=-26$ | $a+1=50 \Rightarrow a=49$ |
| $a+1=-50 \Rightarrow a=-51$ | $a+1=75 \Rightarrow a=74$ |
| $a+1=-75 \Rightarrow a=-76$ | $a+1=100 \Rightarrow a=99$ |

So a 's are: for $-100 \leq a \leq 100$

$$-76, -51, -26, -1, \\ 24, 49, 74, 99$$

Q#4 Describe whether each of these integers is congruent to 3 modulo 7.

- a. 37
- b. 66
- c. -17
- d. -67

Sol:

a. $37 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

By def.

$$7 \mid 37-3 \quad \text{i.e. } \frac{37-3}{7} \quad \text{or } \frac{30}{7} \quad \text{so, } =$$

so, as $7 \nmid 30$, we conclude

$$37 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

b. $66 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

$$7 \mid 66-3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{66-3}{7} \Rightarrow \frac{63}{7} = 9 \quad (\text{or } 63 \pmod{7} = 0)$$

so, as $7 \mid 63$

$66 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$ i.e. 66 is congruent to 3 with modulo 7.

c. $-17 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

$$7 \mid -17-3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-17-3}{7} \Rightarrow \frac{-20}{7}, \text{ so } 7 \nmid -20 \quad (-20 \pmod{7} \neq 0)$$

so $-17 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

Another way:

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -17 & \equiv & 3 \pmod{7} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ a & r & d \\ \text{Div. Alg.} & & 7 \mid -17 \\ a = d_2 + r & & \frac{-3}{-21} \\ -17 = 7 \cdot -3 + 4 & & \downarrow \\ r & & \end{array}$$

r does not match, so
 $-17 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

d. $-67 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

$$7 \mid -67-3 \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{-70}{7} \quad \text{or} \quad -70 \pmod{7} = 0$$

so, $7 \mid -70$

and we can say that

$$-67 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} -66 & \equiv & 3 \pmod{7} \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ a & r & d \\ \text{Div. Alg.} & & 7 \mid -67 \\ a = d_2 + r & & \frac{-10}{-70} \\ -67 = 7 \cdot -10 + 3 & & \downarrow \\ r & & \end{array}$$

r matches, so
 $-66 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

ARITHMETIC MODULO m

We can define arithmetic operations on \mathbb{Z}_m ,

where \mathbb{Z}_m : the set of nonnegative integers less than m
 $= \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$

We can define addition of these integers i.e. $\{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$, denoted by $+_m$ by :

$$a +_m b = (a + b) \text{ mod } m$$

and

We can define multiplication of these integers denoted by \cdot_m as
 $a \cdot_m b = (ab) \text{ mod } m$

The operations

$+_m$ and \cdot_m are called addition & multiplication modulo m

Example :

Use Definition of addition and multiplication in \mathbb{Z}_m

to find

$$\textcircled{O} \quad 7 +_{11} 9$$

$$\textcircled{O} \quad 7 \cdot_{11} 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} 7 +_{11} 9 &= (7 + 9) \text{ mod } 11 \\ &= 16 \text{ mod } 11 = 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$7 \cdot_{11} 9 = (7 \cdot 9) \text{ mod } 11 = 63 \text{ mod } 11 = 8$$

The operations $+_m$ and \cdot_m Satisfy the properties :

- Closure properties
- Associativity
- Commutativity
- Identity elements
- Additive inverse
- Distributivity