

Modular Arithmetic

Previously, we defined

Def (Divisibility). We say that a *divides* b if there is an integer k such that

$$b = a \cdot k.$$

We write $a \mid b$ if a divides b . Otherwise, we write $a \nmid b$.

Theorem (The Division Algorithm). Let a be an integer and d a positive integer. Then there are *unique* integers q and r , such that $0 \leq r < d$ and

$$a = dq + r.$$

Def (GCD).

Def (Prime numbers).

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Theorem (Bezout's Theorem). If a and b are positive integers, then there exist integers s and t such that

$$\gcd(a, b) = sa + tb.$$

Exmample: $\gcd(52, 44) = 4$

$$6 \cdot 52 + (-7) \cdot 44 = 4$$

So called Extended Euclid's algorithm constructs such s and t , and so proves the theorem. The algorithm is described in the last section of this lecture.

Relative primes (co-primes)

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Def. a and b are *relative primes* if

$$\gcd(a, b) = 1.$$

By Bezout's theorem, a and b are co-primes if and only if there exist s and t such that

$$sa + tb = 1$$

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Theorem (Fundamental theorem of arithmetic). Every positive integer n can be written in a unique way as a product of primes

$$n = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdot \dots \cdot p_j \quad (p_1 \leq p_2 \leq \dots \leq p_j)$$

This product is called prime factorization.

See Lehman and Leighton (p. 67) for the proof.

Congruence

Def. For a positive integer n , a is *congruent* to b modulo n if

$$n \mid (a - b).$$

This is denoted

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n}.$$

Example:

$$22 \equiv 15 \pmod{7}$$

$$29 \equiv 15 \pmod{7}$$

$$36 \equiv 15 \pmod{7}$$

because

$$7 \mid \underbrace{(22 - 15)}_{=7}, 7 \mid \underbrace{(29 - 15)}_{=14}, 7 \mid \underbrace{(36 - 15)}_{=21}.$$

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14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30

The distance between 15, 22, 29, 36, etc. is a multiple of 7.

Lemma. If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, then exists $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ s.t. $a = b + kn$.

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Two numbers are congruent modulo n if and only if they have the same remainder when divided by n .

Lemma.

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \quad \text{if and only if} \quad a \bmod n = b \bmod n.$$

Proof:

By the division algorithm,

$$a = q_1n + r_1, \quad b = q_2n + r_2.$$

$$a - b = (q_1 - q_2)n + (r_1 - r_2)$$

“ \Rightarrow ”: If $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ then $n \mid (a - b)$. So $r_1 - r_2 = 0$, the remainders are equal.

“ \Leftarrow ”: If $r_1 = r_2$, then $n \mid (a - b)$, so $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$. □

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x	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
$x \bmod 3$	0	1	2	0	1	2	0	1	2
$x \bmod 3 = 0$	9			12			15		
$x \bmod 3 = 1$		10			13			16	
$x \bmod 3 = 2$			11			14			17

Integers are divided into 3 congruence classes:

..., 9, 12, 15, 18, 21, ... are congruent modulo 3.

..., 10, 13, 16, 19, 22, ... are congruent modulo 3.

..., 11, 14, 17, 20, 23, ... are congruent modulo 3.

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Congruence classes

Modulo 3:

$\{\dots, 0, 3, 6, 9, 12, \dots\}$ is the congruence class of 0 modulo 3.

$\{\dots, 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, \dots\}$ is the congruence class of 1 modulo 3.

$\{\dots, 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, \dots\}$ is the congruence class of 2 modulo 3.

Theorem.

$$a \bmod n \equiv a \pmod{n}.$$

Modulo 7:

Similarly, the days of the week:

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday define congruence classes modulo 7.

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Addition, subtraction, and multiplication preserve congruence.

Theorem. if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$, then

$$a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{n}.$$

Theorem. if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$, then

$$ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}.$$

Proof.

Exist $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a - b = xn$ and $c - d = yn$.

$$ac - bd = (b + xn)(d + yn) - bd = n(xd + by + xny)$$

Thus $ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$.



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What about division?

Theorem. if a and n are relative primes, i.e. $\gcd(a, n) = 1$, then exists integer a^{-1} called *multiplicative inverse*, such that

$$aa^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Proof.

Exist s and t , such that $sa + tn = 1$. Therefore,

$$sa - 1 = tn$$

$$sa \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Therefore, $a^{-1} = s$.



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Corollary. If a and n are relative primes, then there exists a *unique* multiplicative inverse $a^{-1} \in \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ such that

$$aa^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}.$$

Ok, uniqueness is great, but we need a procedure for finding multiplicative inverses.

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Find inverse of 101 modulo 4620, x such that

$$101 \cdot x \equiv 1 \pmod{4620}$$

They are relative primes:

$$\gcd(101, 4620) = 1.$$

By Bezout's theorem:

$$101 \cdot s + 4620 \cdot t = 1$$

$$101 \cdot s \equiv 1 \pmod{4620}$$

We have to find Bezout coefficients s and t . Then s is the inverse.

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$$101 \cdot s + 4620 \cdot t = 1$$

Run Euclid's algorithm:

$$a_0 = 4620 = 45 \cdot 101 + 75$$

$$a_1 = 101 = 1 \cdot 75 + 26$$

$$a_2 = 75 = 2 \cdot 26 + 23$$

$$a_3 = 26 = 1 \cdot 23 + 3$$

$$a_4 = 23 = 7 \cdot 3 + 2$$

$$a_5 = 3 = 1 \cdot 2 + 1$$

$$a_6 = 2 = 2 \cdot 1$$

$$a_7 = 1$$

Work backwards, to express GCD in terms of $a_1 = 101$ and $a_0 = 4620$:

$$1 = 3 - 1 \cdot 2$$

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$$= 8 \cdot 26 - 9(75 - 2 \cdot 26) = -9 \cdot 75 + 26 \cdot 26$$

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$$= -9 \cdot 75 + 26 \cdot (101 - 1 \cdot 75) = 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot 75$$

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$$= -9 \cdot 75 + 26 \cdot (101 - 1 \cdot 75) = 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot 75$$

$$= 26 \cdot 101 - 35 \cdot (4620 - 45 \cdot 101)$$

$$= -35 \cdot 4620 + 1601 \cdot 101$$

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$$-35 \cdot 4620 + 1601 \cdot 101 = 1$$

Bezout coefficients are $s = 1601$ and $t = -35$.

Therefore, $s = 1601$ is the multiplicative inverse:

$$101 \cdot 1601 \equiv 1 \pmod{4620}$$

It works, but it's confusing. Let's describe the extended Euclid's algorithm more systematically.

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Normally, when computing $\gcd(a_0, a_1)$, we produce the sequence of remainders

$$a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_k,$$

where the last $a_k = \gcd(a_0, a_1)$.

Our ultimate goal is to compute coefficients x_k and y_k such that

$$a_k = x_k \cdot a_0 + y_k \cdot a_1$$

Along the way, for every term a_i from the sequence, we compute x_i and y_i

$$a_i = x_i \cdot a_0 + y_i \cdot a_1$$

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First term:

$$a_0 = 1 \cdot a_0 + 0 \cdot a_1$$

Second term:

$$a_1 = 0 \cdot a_0 + 1 \cdot a_1$$

i^{th} term:

$$a_{i-2} = q_{i-1} \cdot a_{i-1} + a_i$$

$$a_i = a_{i-2} - q_{i-1} \cdot a_{i-1}$$

$$= x_{i-2} \cdot a_0 + y_{i-2} \cdot a_1 - q_{i-1}(x_{i-1} \cdot a_0 + y_{i-1} \cdot a_1)$$

$$= (x_{i-2} - q_{i-1}x_{i-1}) \cdot a_0 + (y_{i-2} - q_{i-1}y_{i-1}) \cdot a_1$$

$$= \underbrace{\left(x_{i-2} - \frac{a_{i-2} - a_i}{a_{i-1}} x_{i-1} \right)}_{=x_i} \cdot a_0 + \underbrace{\left(y_{i-2} - \frac{a_{i-2} - a_i}{a_{i-1}} y_{i-1} \right)}_{=y_i} \cdot a_1$$

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This is how we compute all x_i and y_i up to x_k and y_k :

$$x_0 = 1$$

$$y_0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$y_1 = 1$$

$$\dots$$

$$\dots$$

$$x_i = x_{i-2} - \frac{a_{i-2} - a_i}{a_{i-1}} x_{i-1}$$

$$y_i = y_{i-2} - \frac{a_{i-2} - a_i}{a_{i-1}} y_{i-1}$$

$$\dots$$

$$\dots$$

In the end, we get two numbers x_k and y_k , so we can express the GCD as a linear combination of a_0 and a_1 :

$$\gcd(a_0, a_1) = a_k = x_k \cdot a_0 + y_k \cdot a_1$$

In addition, if $\gcd(a_0, a_1) = 1$, then y_k is the multiplicative inverse of a_1 modulo a_0 .

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$$a_7 = 1$$

Compute coefficients:

$$x_0 = 1$$

$$y_0 = 0$$

$$x_1 = 0$$

$$y_1 = 1$$

$$\frac{4620-75}{101} = 45$$

$$x_2 = 1 - 45 \cdot 0 = 1 \quad y_2 = 0 - 45 \cdot 1 = -45$$

$$\frac{101-26}{75} = 1$$

$$x_3 = 0 - 1 \cdot 1 = -1 \quad y_3 = 1 - 1 \cdot (-45) = 46$$

$$\frac{75-23}{26} = 2$$

$$x_4 = 1 - 2 \cdot (-1) = 3 \quad y_4 = -45 - 2 \cdot 46 = -137$$

$$\frac{26-3}{23} = 1$$

$$x_5 = -1 - 1 \cdot 3 = -4 \quad y_5 = 46 - 1 \cdot (-137) = 183$$

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$$x_3 = -1 \quad y_3 = 46$$

$$x_4 = 3 \quad y_4 = -137$$

$$x_5 = -4 \quad y_5 = 183$$

$$\frac{23-2}{3} = 7$$

$$x_6 = 31 \quad y_6 = -1418$$

$$\frac{3-1}{2} = 1$$

$$x_7 = -35 \quad y_7 = 1601 \leftarrow \text{is the inverse}$$

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By construction, x_7 and y_7 are such that

$$\gcd(a_0, a_1) = a_7 = x_7 \cdot a_0 + y_7 \cdot a_1$$
$$1 = \underbrace{-35}_{=x_7} \cdot \underbrace{4620}_{=a_0} + \underbrace{1601}_{=y_7} \cdot \underbrace{101}_{=a_1}$$

$$1601 \cdot 101 - 1 = 35 \cdot 4620$$

Therefore, by definition of congruence,

$$101 \cdot 1601 \equiv 1 \pmod{4620}.$$

So, 1601 is a multiplicative inverse of 101 modulo 4620.

In fact, you can verify x_i and y_i at every step, the following equality should hold

$$a_i = x_i \cdot \underbrace{4620}_{=a_0} + y_i \cdot \underbrace{101}_{=a_1}$$