





Modular Arithmetic - 2



Which is/are true ?

$$12 \equiv 8 \pmod{4}$$

✓

$$15 \equiv 12 \pmod{3}$$

✓

$$0 \equiv 12 \pmod{13}$$

✗

$$-1 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

✓

if we have

$$a = c$$

$$b = d,$$

then we can combine them in many different ways, to obtain:

$$a + b = c + d,$$

$$a - b = c - d,$$

$$a \times b = c \times d.$$



Suppose we have the following two congruence relations:

$$\begin{aligned} a &\equiv c \pmod{m} \\ b &\equiv d \pmod{m}. \end{aligned}$$

Are we able to combine these to obtain

$$\begin{aligned} a + b &\equiv c + d \pmod{m}, \\ a - b &\equiv c - d \pmod{m}, \\ a \times b &\equiv c \times d \pmod{m}? \end{aligned}$$



Theorem

If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and
 $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then
 $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}.$



Theorem

If $\begin{cases} a \equiv b \pmod{m} \\ c \equiv d \pmod{m} \end{cases}$ and
 $a \times c \equiv b \times d \pmod{m}.$



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

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

Proof:

$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ — ① $k \equiv k \pmod{m}$ — ②		Given
		$\frac{a+k}{k} \equiv b+k \pmod{m}$

$$-2 \equiv 8 \pmod{5}$$

x^2 ↴

$$0 \equiv 10 \pmod{5} \xrightarrow{\quad}$$

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

+3

$$-2 \equiv 8 \pmod{5}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} t^2 \\ 0 \end{array} \right.$$

No
 $\not\equiv$

$$0 \equiv 8 \pmod{5} \rightarrow \underline{\underline{\text{false}}}$$

$$-2 \equiv 8 \pmod{5}$$

$+5$

$$3 \equiv 8 \pmod{5}$$



Which are ALWAYS true?

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

① $a+n \equiv b \pmod{n}$ ✓

② $a+3n \equiv b+2n \pmod{n}$

③ $a+k \equiv b+n \pmod{n}$ ✗

④ $a+k+3n \equiv b+k \pmod{n}$ ✓

⑤ $a+\frac{2k}{m} \equiv b+k \pmod{n}$ ✗

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



$$\sqrt{a+2k} \equiv b+k \pmod{n} \quad \leftarrow \text{false}$$

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$$\underbrace{a+k \equiv b \pmod{n}}_{\text{false}} \quad \leftarrow \underline{\underline{\text{false}}}$$

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$n|(a-b)$ is not same as $n|(a+2k-b-k)$

THEOREM 5

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

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

Proof: We use a direct proof. Because $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, there are integers s and t with $b = a + sm$ and $d = c + tm$. Hence,

$$b + d = (a + sm) + (c + tm) = (a + c) + m(s + t)$$

and

$$bd = \underbrace{(a + sm)(c + tm)}_{= ac + m(at + cs + stm)} = ac + m(at + cs + stm).$$

Hence,

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



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

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

$$m \mid b - a \Rightarrow b - a = k_1 m \Rightarrow \frac{b = k_1 m + a}{}$$

$$m \mid d - c \Rightarrow d - c = k_2 m \Rightarrow \frac{d = k_2 m + c}{}$$

$$a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m} \quad \leftarrow \quad \underline{\underline{b + d}} = \underline{\underline{a + c + m(k_1 + k_2)}}$$



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

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \quad \Rightarrow \quad ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$$

$$m \overline{|} \quad b - a \quad \Rightarrow \quad b - a = k_1 m \Rightarrow \frac{b = k_1 m + a}{}$$

$$m \overline{|} \quad d - c \quad \Rightarrow \quad d - c = k_2 m \Rightarrow \frac{d = k_2 m + c}{}$$

$$\underline{\underline{bd}} = (k_1 m + a)(k_2 m + c) = \underline{\underline{ac + m(k)}}$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} a \quad (\text{mod } m) \\ a + km \quad (\text{mod } m) \end{array} \right.$$

$$b+d = a+c + mk$$

Remainder of $b+d$ Same as $a+c$ mod m Remainder of $a+c$
 $a+c \text{ mod } m$



$$3 \overline{) } \quad 15 \Rightarrow 15 = 3 \times 5$$

$$10 \overline{) } \quad 50 \Rightarrow 50 = 10 \times 5$$

$$a^c \bmod m$$

if

$$a \bmod m, c \bmod m$$

$$\bmod m$$

$$m \mid a-b$$

or

$$m \mid b-a$$

Example

$$3 \equiv -2 \pmod{5} \longrightarrow ①$$

$$2 \equiv -3 \pmod{5} \quad -②$$

$$6 \equiv 6 \pmod{5} \quad \checkmark$$

Example

$$-1 \equiv 7 \pmod{8}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 17 &\equiv 25 \pmod{8} \\ -17 &\equiv -25 \pmod{8} \\ -17 &\equiv 175 \pmod{8} \end{aligned}$$

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 $\Rightarrow 7 \equiv 175 \pmod{8}$

Can you cancel arbitrary number ?

$$8.2 \equiv 3.2 \pmod{10} \quad \text{true}$$

$$\cancel{8.2} \equiv \cancel{3.2} \pmod{10}$$

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$$8 \equiv 3 \pmod{10}$$

You can not divide
by arbitrary number.

Can you cancel arbitrary number ?

$$8.2 \equiv 3.2 \pmod{10}$$

~~$$8.2 \equiv 3.2 \pmod{10}$$~~

$$8 \not\equiv 3 \pmod{10}$$

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Just have to give example ← Person ♀ : in the village it does not rain everyday



$$\checkmark 8 \cdot 3 \equiv 88 \cdot 3 \mod 10$$

\downarrow
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$$\checkmark \quad 8 \cdot 3 \equiv 88 \cdot 3 \mod 10$$

$$8 \cdot 3 \not\equiv 88 \cdot 3 \mod 10$$

$$8 \equiv 88 \mod 10$$

Yes

Example 1. If we know that $a \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$ and we know that $b \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$, then we can determine that $ab \equiv 12 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$.



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

$$k \equiv k \pmod{n}$$



$$ak \equiv bk \pmod{n}$$

“ inverse modulo”



Optional Question

Example. (Solving a congruence) Solve $3x + 4 \equiv 2x + 8 \pmod{9}$.

$$3x + 4 \equiv 2x + 8 \pmod{9}$$

$$x + 4 \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$$

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$$4-9, 4, 4+9,$$

$$4+2\cdot 9$$

$$x-4 = 9k$$

$$4+nk$$

$$9 | x-4 \Rightarrow x = 4 + 9k$$

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{g}$$



$$g \mid x - 4$$

$$x - 4 = gk \Rightarrow x = 4 + gk$$

Example. (Solving a congruence) Solve $\underline{3x + 4 \equiv 2x + 8 \pmod{9}}$.

In this case, I'll solve the modular equation by adding or subtracting the same thing from both sides.

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 3x & + & 4 \equiv 2x & + & 8 \pmod{9} \\ - & & 4 & \equiv & 4 \pmod{9} \\ \hline 3x & & \equiv & 2x & + 4 \pmod{9} \\ - 2x & & \equiv & 2x & \pmod{9} \\ \hline x & & \equiv & 4 & \pmod{9} \end{array}$$

The solution is $x \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$. \square

Handwritten notes showing the derivation of the solution $x \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$. The notes show the original congruence $3x+4 \equiv 2x+8 \pmod{9}$ and the steps to simplify it to $x \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$. A large bracket groups the terms $3x+4$ and $-2x-8$, with the label "3x+4 - 2x-8". The label "9K" is written next to the bracket. Below the bracket, the equation $x = 4 + 9K$ is circled.

$$[3x+4 - (2x+8)] = 9K$$
$$x = 4 + 9K$$

True/False

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(a) $101 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

(b) $-101 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

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Example. (Reducing an expression mod n) Reduce $100^5 \pmod{7}$ to an element in the standard residue system $\{0, 1, \dots, 6\}$.

$$\begin{array}{c} 100^5 \pmod{7} \\ \downarrow \\ (100 \pmod{7})^5 \pmod{7} \\ 2^5 \pmod{7} \end{array} \Rightarrow 32 \pmod{7}$$

The diagram shows a circular arrow pointing clockwise from the first step to the second, indicating the substitution of $100 \pmod{7}$ with 2 . The third step shows $2^5 \pmod{7}$, which is then reduced to $32 \pmod{7}$.

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$$\begin{aligned} & 100^5 \pmod{7} \\ & \left(100 \pmod{7}\right)^5 \pmod{7} \\ & 2^5 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{aligned} & 4 \quad \text{Answer} \\ & 1 \cdot 4 \pmod{7} \\ & \underbrace{2^3}_{\sim} \cdot \underbrace{2^2}_{\sim} \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

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

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$$\left\{ \Rightarrow \textcircled{a^k} \equiv b^k \pmod{n} \right.$$

$$\underline{\underline{100}}^5 \pmod{7}$$

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$100 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$, so

$$100^5 \equiv 2^5 \equiv 32 = 4 \pmod{7}. \quad \square$$



Example. Simplify $994 \cdot 996 \cdot 997 \cdot 998 \pmod{1000}$ to a number in the range $\{0, 1, \dots, 999\}$.

$994 \equiv -6$

$$(994 \pmod{1000}) \cdot (996 \pmod{1000}) \cdot (997 \pmod{1000}) \cdot (998 \pmod{1000})$$

\downarrow

$$(-6 \pmod{1000}) \cdot (-4 \pmod{1000}) \cdot (-3 \pmod{1000})$$

Example. Simplify $994 \cdot 996 \cdot 997 \cdot 998 \pmod{1000}$ to a number in the range $\{0, 1, \dots, 999\}$.

$$\begin{aligned} & \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 994 \pmod{1000} \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \cdot \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 996 \pmod{1000} \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \cdot \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 997 \pmod{1000} \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \\ & \quad \downarrow \\ & \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline 998 \pmod{1000} \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-2} \left[\begin{array}{|c|} \hline -6 \pmod{1000} \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \\ & \quad \downarrow \\ & \left(\begin{array}{|c|} \hline -4 \pmod{1000} \\ \hline \end{array} \right) \xrightarrow{-3} \left[\begin{array}{|c|} \hline -1 \\ \hline \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} & (-6) \times (-4) \times (-3) \times (-2) \pmod{1000} \\ & 24 \times 4 = 144 \end{aligned}$$

$$994 \equiv \underbrace{-6}_{\downarrow +1000} \pmod{1000}$$

$$999 \equiv 994 \pmod{1000}$$

Example. Simplify $994 \cdot 996 \cdot 997 \cdot 998 \pmod{1000}$ to a number in the range $\{0, 1, \dots, 999\}$.

Rather than deal with large “positive” numbers, I’ll convert them to small “negative” numbers:

$$994 \equiv -6 \pmod{1000}, \quad 996 \equiv -4 \pmod{1000}, \quad 997 \equiv -3 \pmod{1000}, \quad 998 \equiv -2 \pmod{1000}.$$

So

$$994 \cdot 996 \cdot 997 \cdot 998 \equiv (-6)(-4)(-3)(-2) \equiv 144 \pmod{1000}. \quad \square$$



Example . Can we simplify 17^{753} in arithmetic modulo 9?

$$17^{753} \pmod{9}$$
$$(17 \pmod{9})^{753}$$
$$\underbrace{17}_{\equiv -1 \pmod{9}} \pmod{9}$$
$$8^{753} \pmod{9}$$

$$17 \equiv -1 \pmod{9}$$
$$\downarrow$$
$$\underline{\underline{17}}$$



option 1

$$17 \equiv 8^3 \pmod{9}$$

①

$$(-1) \equiv 8^3 \pmod{9}$$

②

$$\equiv -1 \pmod{9}$$

③

$$\equiv \underline{\underline{8}}$$

option 2

$$17 \equiv 8^3 \pmod{9}$$

$$8 \equiv 2 \pmod{9}$$

$$17 \equiv -1 \pmod{9}$$

$$8 \cdot 8^2 \equiv 2^2 \pmod{9}$$

$$8 \cdot (8^2)^3 \equiv 2^6 \pmod{9}$$

$$8 \cdot 64^3 \equiv 1^3 \pmod{9}$$

$$8 \cdot 1^3 \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$



17 ⁷⁸³

mod 9

(-1) ⁷⁸³

mod 9

16 ⁵²³

mod 9

↓

(-2) ⁵²³

mod 9

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instead of 17 there if we have
16 as -2
15 as -3
14 as -4
can we write like this?

Example. Can we simplify 17^{753} in arithmetic modulo 9? We first note that $17 \equiv -1 \pmod{9}$, because 17 and -1 differ by a multiple of 9. Theorem 16 allows us to then combine this congruence relation as many times as we would like. In particular, by combining 753 copies, we obtain $17^{753} \equiv (-1)^{753} \pmod{9}$. Since $(-1)^n = -1$ for any odd integer n , we have $17^{753} \equiv -1 \pmod{9}$. Finally, if we would like to have a simple, positive answer, then we can add 9 to obtain a final answer of 8.



GATE CSE 2016

The value of the expression $13^{99} \pmod{17}$ in the range 0 to 16, is _____.

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modular-arithmetic

normal

numerical-answers

$$\begin{aligned} (-4)^{99} \pmod{17} &\Rightarrow -4 \cdot (-4)^{98} \pmod{17} \\ &= -4 \cdot ((-4)^2)^{49} \pmod{17} \\ &\Rightarrow -4 \cdot 16^{49} \pmod{17} \\ &= -4 \cdot (-1)^{49} \pmod{17} \\ &= -4 \pmod{17} \\ &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

<https://gateoverflow.in/39588/gate-cse-2016-set-2-question-29>

GATE CSE 2019

The value of $3^{51} \bmod 5$ is ____



The value of $3^{51} \bmod 5$ is _____

option 1

$$(-2)^{51} \bmod 5$$

$$-2 \cdot (-2)^{50} \bmod 5$$

$$-2 \cdot \underline{\underline{(4)}^{25}} \bmod 5$$

$$-2 \cdot (-1)^{25} \bmod = -2 \cdot 1 \bmod = 2$$

option 2

$$3^{51} \bmod 5$$

$$3 \cdot 3^{50} \bmod 5$$

$$3 \cdot 9^{25} \bmod 5$$

$$3 \cdot 4^{25} \bmod 5$$

$$3 \cdot 4 \cdot 4^{24} \bmod 5$$

$$12 \cdot \underline{\underline{16}^{12}} \bmod 5$$

→ 2 Answer

2 mods

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12 mods

→

$$17 \times 18 \bmod 19$$



$$-2 \times -1 \bmod 19$$

$$= \begin{matrix} 2 \\ \equiv \end{matrix}$$

Answer

$$18^{489391312} \bmod 19$$

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$$(-1)^{\text{even}}$$

$$\bmod 19$$

$$= 1$$

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Find the last digit of 7^{100}

$$\begin{aligned} & \overbrace{\quad}^{\downarrow} \\ & \left(-3 \right)^{100} \mod 10 \\ & q^{50} \mod 10 \Rightarrow 1 \ \underline{\text{Answer}} \end{aligned}$$

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Find the last digit of 7^{100}

[Solution: 1]

$$7^{100} \equiv (7^2)^{50} \equiv 49^{50} \equiv (-1)^{50} \equiv 1 \pmod{10}.$$



Compute the last digit of $\underline{2017^{2017}} \mod 10$

$$\begin{aligned} & 7^{2017} \mod 10 \\ & -3^{2017} \mod 10 \\ & -3 \cdot \underline{\underline{(-3)^{2016}}} \mod 10 \end{aligned}$$
$$\begin{aligned} & -3 \cdot \underline{\underline{(-1)^{\text{even}}}} = \underline{\underline{-3}} \mod 10 \\ & \text{Answer} \end{aligned}$$

$$2017^{2018} \mod 10$$

↓


$$\begin{matrix} 2017 & 2017 \\ 2017 & \end{matrix}$$

$$\mod 10$$

⇒  9 Answer.

2. On this page **only the answer will be graded**. Circle your answer.

- (a) Compute the last digit of 2017^{2017} .

Solution: $2017 \equiv 7 \pmod{10}$. And $7^4 \equiv (7^2)^2 \equiv 9^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{10}$. So we write $2017 = 4 \cdot 504 + 1$ and we get

$$7^{2017} \equiv (7^4)^{504} \cdot 7^1 \equiv 1^{504} \cdot 7^1 \equiv 7 \pmod{10}.$$



(a) $7 \cdot 9 \pmod{36}$.

(b) $8 - 21 \pmod{31}$.

(c) $68 \cdot 69 \cdot 71 \pmod{72}$.

(d) $108! \pmod{83}$.

(e) $60^{59} \pmod{61}$.



Solⁿ on the next page.
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5. Do the following calculations. As always, when working mod n , leave your answer in the range $0, 1, \dots, n - 1$.

(a) $7 \cdot 9 \pmod{36}$.

This is straight-forward: $7 \cdot 9 \equiv 63 \equiv \boxed{27} \pmod{36}$.

(b) $8 - 21 \pmod{31}$.

Again, this is an easy computation: $8 - 21 \equiv -13 \equiv \boxed{18} \pmod{31}$.

(c) $68 \cdot 69 \cdot 71 \pmod{72}$.

If we note that $68 \equiv -4$, $69 \equiv -3$, and $71 \equiv -1$ (all of these are taken $\pmod{72}$), then we get

$$68 \cdot 69 \cdot 71 \equiv -4 \cdot -3 \cdot -1 \equiv -12 \equiv \boxed{60} \pmod{72}.$$

(d) $108! \pmod{83}$.

Note that 83 divides $108!$. Therefore, $108! \equiv \boxed{0} \pmod{83}$.

(e) $60^{59} \pmod{61}$.

Observe that $60 \equiv -1 \pmod{61}$. Thus

$$60^{59} \equiv (-1)^{59} \equiv -1 \equiv \boxed{60} \pmod{61}$$



What is the remainder when 7^{2015} is divided by 48?

7. 7^{2014}

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7. 49^{1007}

7. 1 something \Rightarrow 7 answer

Example 4. What is the remainder when 7^{2015} is divided by 48?

Solution. At first, it seems that even modular arithmetic can't prevent this problem from becoming messy. However, upon further inspection, we can see that $7^2 = 49$, which leaves a remainder of 1 when divided by 48! Hence, we can write

$$7^{2015} \equiv 7 \cdot (7^2)^{1007} \equiv 7 \cdot 1^{1007} \equiv \boxed{7} \pmod{48}.$$



Example 2. How can we simplify 20×21 in arithmetic modulo 19?

Example 3. Can we simplify 17^{753} in arithmetic modulo 9?

Example 2. How can we simplify 20×21 in arithmetic modulo 19? We first note that $20 \equiv 1 \pmod{19}$ and also that $21 \equiv 2 \pmod{19}$. Theorem 16 tells us that we can combine these equations to obtain $20 \times 21 \equiv 1 \times 2 \equiv 2 \pmod{19}$.

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Theorems 15 and 16 show us that we can treat all numbers that are congruent modulo m as the same, in addition and in multiplication operations. Division is much more complicated, and will not be discussed.



T/F

$$5776 \mod 9 \Rightarrow 0$$

A number is divisible by 9 if and only if the sum of its digits (written in base 10) is divisible by 9.

$$\begin{aligned}
 5\overbrace{776}^{\text{sum}} &= 5000 + 700 + 70 + 6 \\
 &= (5 \times 10^3 + 7 \times 10^2 + 7 \times 10^1 + 6) \mod 9 \\
 &\quad \cancel{(5+7+7+6)} \mod 9
 \end{aligned}$$

$$5776 \mod 9$$

←
remainders of 5776
divided by 9

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$$5 + 7 + 7 + 6 \mod 9$$

$$\left(5776 \mod 11 \right)$$

Does it also hold for 11?

$$\begin{aligned}
 5776 &= 5 \times \overline{1}^3 + 7 \times \overline{0}^2 + 7 \times \overline{0}^1 + 6 \\
 &\stackrel{\text{Rightmost}}{\downarrow} \quad \downarrow \quad \downarrow \\
 &= 5 \times (-1)^3 + 7 \times (-1)^2 + 7 \times (-1)^1 + 6
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 5(-1) + 7 - 7 + 6 = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

ii) $\frac{5776}{55} (525)$

$$\begin{array}{r} 27 \\ \overline{) 5776} \\ 55 \\ \hline 27 \\ 22 \\ \hline 56 \\ 55 \\ \hline 1 \end{array}$$

$$-5 + \cancel{7} - \cancel{7} + 6 = 1$$

$$5776 = 5 \times 10^3 + 7 \times 10^2 + 7 \times 10^1 + 6$$

↓ ↓ ↓

$$5 \times 1^3 + 7 \times 1^2 + 7 \times 1 + 6$$

$$= \underbrace{5 + 7 + 7 + 6} \mod 3$$

$$a = 15$$

$$b = 10$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} 150 & \equiv & 12 \\ \hline & & \end{array} \mod 6 \quad \equiv$$

$$(15 \text{ mod } 6 \times 10 \text{ mod } 6) \text{ mod } 6$$

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$$= 12$$

Theorem 19. *A number is divisible by 9 if and only if the sum of its digits (written in base 10) is divisible by 9.*

Proof. In base 10, every number can be written as a sum of ones, tens, hundreds, thousands, and so forth. For example, $5776 = 5000 + 700 + 70 + 6$. More generally, we can write this as $n = c_0 + c_1 10^1 + c_2 10^2 + c_3 10^3 + \dots$, where the c_i variables



Example. Reduce $497 \cdot 498 \cdot 499 \pmod{500}$ to a number in the range $\{0, 1, \dots, 499\}$, *doing the computation by hand*.



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Note that

$$497 = -3 \pmod{500}, \quad 498 = -2 \pmod{500}, \quad 499 = -1 \pmod{500}.$$

So

$$497 \cdot 498 \cdot 499 = (-3)(-2)(-1) = -6 = 494 \pmod{500}. \quad \square$$



Class homework

Example 1: Find the remainder when $25^{100} + 11^{500}$ is divided by 3.

We observe that $25 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ and $11 \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$. Raising these to the appropriate powers, $25^{100} \equiv 1^{100} \pmod{3}$ and $11^{500} \equiv (-1)^{500} \pmod{3}$. That is,

$25^{100} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ and $11^{500} \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$. Adding these congruencies, we get $25^{100} + 11^{500} \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$.

Thus the remainder is 2.

Class homework

Example 2: What is the remainder when 3^{5555} is divided by 80?

We notice that $3^4 = 81 \equiv 1 \pmod{80}$. That is, we have $3^4 \equiv 1 \pmod{80}$ ----- (1)

We also know that 5555 when divided by 4, gives a quotient of 1388 and the remainder 3.

Hence, $3^{5555} = (3^4)^{1388} \cdot 3^3$. Now raising congruence (1) to the power of 1388, we have

$$(3^4)^{1388} \equiv 1 \pmod{80}.$$

Multiplying this by 3^3 we get $(3^4)^{1388} \cdot 3^3 \equiv 3^3 \pmod{80}$.

Which means, $3^{5555} \equiv 27 \pmod{80}$.

Thus the required remainder is 27. Unfortunately you cannot verify this by using your pocket calculator!

