

Modular Arithmetic

ex. prove for integers  $a, b, c, d, k$  with  $k > 0$ , if  $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{k}$ , then  $ac \equiv bd \pmod{k}$

proof: Let  $a, b, c, d, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $k > 0$ . Suppose  $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{k}$ .

By definition of congruence, we know  $k \mid (a-b)$  and  $k \mid (c-d)$ . If  $k \mid (a-b)$ ,

$k \mid c(a-b) = k \mid (ac-bc)$  because  $c \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Also, if  $k \mid (c-d)$ , then  $k \mid b(c-d) = k \mid (bc-bd)$

because  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then we know  $k \mid ((ac-bc) + (bc-bd)) = k \mid (ac-bd) \therefore ac \equiv bd \pmod{k}$   
QED

Equivalence/Congruence Classes

ex.  $5 \equiv 17 \pmod{12}$   $17 \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$   $29 \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$   $41 \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$  ...

In  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$  means we have 12 different congruent classes

$[0]$  = all integers congruent to 0 (mod 12)  
congruent class =  $\{0, 12, 24, \dots\}$

$[1]$  = all integers congruent to 1 (mod 12)  
 $= \{1, 13, -11, \dots\}$

$\vdots$

$[11]$  = all integers congruent to 11 (mod 12)  
 $= \{11, 23, -1, \dots\}$

all 12 congruent classes  
cover every possible integer

each integer falls under exactly  
one congruence/equivalence class

ex. Compute  $41 \times 34$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$   
 $\overset{24+5}{41} \times \overset{24+10}{34}$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $[5] \cdot [10] = [50]$   
 $= [2]$

Rules:  $[x] \cdot [y] = [x \cdot y]$

$[x] + [y] = [x + y]$

ex. In  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$ , find value of  $[8]^{21}$

$$[8]^2 = [8] \cdot [8] = [64] = [9]$$

$$[8]^4 = ([8]^2)^2 = ([9])^2 = [81] = [4]$$

$$[8]^8 = ([8]^4)^2 = ([4])^2 = [16] = [5]$$

$$[8]^{16} = ([8]^8)^2 = [5]^2 = [25] = [3]$$

$$[8]^{21} = [8]^{16} \cdot [8]^4 \cdot [8] = [3] \cdot [4] \cdot [8] = [96] = [8]$$

ex. Prove or disprove that  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $(k-1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$

$$[x] \cdot [y] = [x \cdot y]$$
$$(k-1) \equiv -1 \pmod{k}$$

what conditions  
satisfy this?

$$\text{then } (k-1)(k-1) \equiv (-1)^2 \pmod{k}$$
$$\equiv 1 \pmod{k}$$

$$k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$$

$$\downarrow$$
$$k \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$$

$$[x] + [y] \equiv [x+y]$$

$$[k] + [-1] \equiv [k-1]$$

$$\downarrow \quad \downarrow$$
$$[0] + [-1] \equiv [k-1]$$

$$[-1] \equiv [k-1]$$

lets us do:

$$k \equiv 0 \pmod{k} \rightarrow (k-1) \equiv -1 \pmod{k}$$

Proof: Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Due to the definition of congruence,  $k \equiv 0 \pmod{k}$ , and due to modular arithmetic,  $k-1 \equiv -1 \pmod{k}$  and also  $(k-1)^2 \equiv (-1)^2 \pmod{k}$  which is the same as  $(k-1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{k}$  QED

## 2.1 Modular arithmetic

When doing computations in modular arithmetic, organize your work so that intermediate results are kept small. If you're working in base  $k$ , your final result should be in the form  $[n]$  where  $0 \leq n < k$ .

- (a) In  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$ , what are some values in the congruence class of  $[14]$ .
- (b) In  $\mathbb{Z}_{15}$ , find the value of  $[7] + [14] * [3]$ .
- (c) Find the first six powers of  $[5]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ . That is compute  $[5]^1$ ,  $[5]^2$ , and so on up to  $[5]^6$ .
- (d) Calculate the value of  $[9]^{12}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$ . (Hint: try repeated squaring.)

a) basically saying  $14 \equiv n \pmod{15}$

$$n = \{14, 29, -1, 44, -16, \dots\}$$

b)  $[7] + [14] \cdot [3] = [7] + [42] = [7] + [12] = [19] = [4]$

c)  $[5]^1 = [5]$

$$[5]^2 = [25] = [4]$$

$$[5]^3 = [5]^2 \cdot [5] = [4] \cdot [5] = [20] = [6]$$

$$[5]^4 = ([5]^2)^2 = [4]^2 = [16] = [2]$$

$$[5]^5 = [5]^4 \cdot [5] = [2] \cdot [5] = [10] = [3]$$

$$[5]^6 = [5]^5 \cdot [5] = [3] \cdot [5] = [15] = [1]$$

d)  $[9]^{12}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{11}$

$$[9]^2 = [81] = [4]$$

$$[9]^4 = ([9]^2)^2 = [4]^2 = [16] = [5]$$

$$[9]^8 = ([9]^4)^2 = [5]^2 = [25] = [3]$$

$$[9]^{12} = [9]^8 \cdot [9]^4 = [3] \cdot [5] = [15] = [4]$$