Introduction to modular arithmetic

Learning Objectives. By the end of class, students will be able to:

- Prove that $\{0, 1, \ldots, m-1\}$ is a complete residue system modulo m. .

Definition (complete residue system)**.** Let $a, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $m > 0$. We call the set of all $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ the *equivalence class of* a. A set of integers such that every integer is congruent modulo m is called a *complete residue system modulo* m.

Proposition 1. Let m be a positive integer. Then equivalence modulo m partition the integers. That is, every integer is in exactly one equivalence class modulo m.

Proof This is an immediate consequence of the fact that equivalence modulo m is an equivalence relation. ■

Notice that this arguments also simplifies the proof the $\{0, 1, \ldots, m-1\}$ is a complete residue system modulo m.

Proposition 2. The set $\{0, 1, \ldots, m-1\}$ is a complete residue system modulo m.

Proof Let $a, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $m > 0$. By the **??**, there exist unique $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $a = qm + r$ with $0 \leq r < m$. In fact, since $0 \leq r < m$, we know $r = 0, 1, \ldots, m-2$, or $m-1$. Therefore, every integer is in the equivalence class of $0, 1, \ldots, m-2$ or $m-1$ modulo m. Since every integer is in exactly one equivalence class modulo m, and the remainder from the division algorithm is unique, it is not possible for a to be equivalent to any other element of $\{0, 1, \ldots, m-1\}$. ■

In-class Problem 1 Practice: addition and multiplication tables modulo $3, 4, 5, 6, 7$. I am adding 9 to include an odd composite.

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