

Modular Arithmetic

Modular Arithmetic is a system for dealing with restricted ranges of Integers. $x \bmod n$ is the remainder when x is divided by n . So if

$$x = qn + r$$

then

$$x \bmod n = r$$

Two numbers are said to be *conguent modulo n* if they differ by a multiple of n , that is

$$x \equiv y \bmod n \iff n \text{ divides } (x - y)$$