

Divisibility of Integers

Def.: For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ we say that

if \exists such that (and we write \mid ($\backslash \text{mid}$))

• We write \mid ($\backslash \text{mid}$) otherwise

ex)

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Lemma: If and then

Pf) Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Suppose

Prop: If $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ that have the same parity then
 $4 \mid a^2 - b^2$

Experiment / Scratch work



Pf) Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ with the same parity. Then we
can consider

Rmk: There are many ways to prove something! Let's sketch another proof of the above.

→ First, note that $a^n - b^n = (\quad)(\quad)$

→ Remember, we showed that is even
already

→ Moreover, have = -
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⇒ We can write = for $\in \mathbb{Z}$
 = for $\in \mathbb{Z}$

\Rightarrow We have = ()()

$$= ()()$$

$$= \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$



Congruence of Integers

Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ be such that $n \geq 2$

Def: For $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ we say that

and write

(equiv) iff

For, iff $\underline{a-b} = \underline{\text{_____}}$ for some $\underline{\text{_____}} \in \mathbb{Z}$

iff $a = b + \underline{\text{_____}}$ for some $\underline{\text{_____}} \in \mathbb{Z}$

iff a and b have the
when divided by n

ex) Saying that $a \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ means

3) $\underline{\text{_____}}$

\Leftrightarrow a has when divided by 3

For example $\begin{array}{l} \underline{-} \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \\ \underline{-} \equiv 1 \pmod{3} \end{array}$ whereas

Rmk:

Note that

1) $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \Leftrightarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

$\Leftrightarrow a - b = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{\hspace{2cm}} n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} a - b$$

$$= -n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$\Rightarrow n \mid$

\Rightarrow

Ie, if $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ then

↑ We call such a property symmetric ↴

2) For all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a \equiv \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \pmod{n}$

↑ We call such a property reflexive ↴

3) If $a \stackrel{(1)}{\equiv} b \text{ mod } n$ and $b \stackrel{(2)}{\equiv} c \text{ mod } n$ then

Pf) (1) \Leftrightarrow

(2) \Leftrightarrow

Prop: (Arithmetic Properties of Congruence)

Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$. Then

1) $\underline{\quad} \equiv \underline{\quad} \pmod{n}$

2) $\underline{\quad} \equiv \underline{\quad} \pmod{n}$

Pf) Let $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$. Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$

Prop: For $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $n^2 \not\equiv n \pmod{3}$ then $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

What method of proof looks promising here?

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Pf)

ex) let $n \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $|n|$ is even, then n is odd

Pf) We prove this before using _____
We can give an alternate direct proof using congruence
First note that we are trying to show

$$\underline{\quad} \equiv \underline{\quad} \pmod{2}$$

Note we have

$$\bullet \quad \underline{\quad} \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$\bullet \quad \underline{\quad} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

So we get that $\underline{\quad} \equiv \underline{\quad} \pmod{2}$.

Now we note that $\underline{\quad} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$.

so $\frac{\underline{\quad}}{\star} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

Finally we see that

- $\underline{\quad} \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$

- $\underline{\quad} \equiv \underline{\quad} \pmod{2}$

so $\underline{\quad} \equiv \frac{\underline{\quad}}{\star\#} \pmod{2}$.

Combining \star and $\star\#$ we see that

$$\underline{\quad} \equiv \underline{\quad} \pmod{2} \text{ as desired}$$



ex) For all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ we have $n^3 \equiv n \pmod{3}$.

<u>Pf:</u>	n	0	1	2	3	4	5
$n \pmod{3}$	0	1	2	3	4	5	
n^3	0	1	8	27	64	125	
$n^3 \pmod{3}$	0	1	2	0	1	2	0



Pf)

Cool general fact: For p a prime #, $n^p \equiv \underline{\quad} \pmod{p}$

Inequalities of Real #'s

Some basic strategies

1) For every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x^2 \geq \underline{\quad}$

2) To show $LHS \geq RHS \Leftrightarrow \underline{\quad} \geq 0$

(Show $\geq \underline{\quad}$ can sometimes show that
 $\underline{\quad} = (\underline{\square})^2$)

ex) For $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ show that $\frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 \geq xy$

Pf) Let $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. We will show $\frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{3}{4}y^2 - xy \geq 0$

Prop: (Arithmetic Mean \geq Geometric Mean)

Given $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n \in \mathbb{R}_{\geq 0}$ (non-negative real #'s) we have

$$\underbrace{\frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n}}_{\text{arithmetic mean}} \geq \sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 \dots x_n} \quad (\text{geometric mean})$$

with equality iff $x_1 = x_2 = \dots = x_n$

Pf) We will prove the $n=2$ case. The more general version can be proved when we learn induction.

Ex) Back to showing the first example

$$\frac{1}{3}x^2 + \frac{3}{7}y^2 = xy$$

Pf) We have

$$z \sqrt{() ()}$$

