



CS 212

Mathematical Foundations of Computer Science

Modular arithmetic



Announcements



- A practice exam will be posted.
- Solutions will be posted later in the week.
- Eric will hold office hours on Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Tech L158.

$$x^2 + y^2 = z^2$$

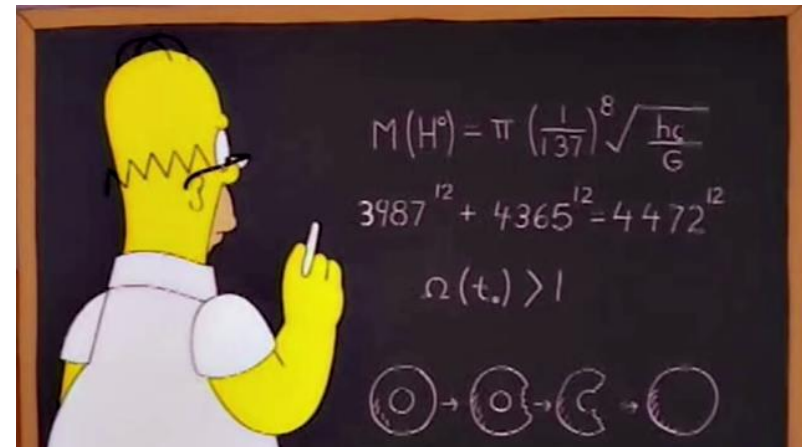
$$x=3, y=4, z=5$$

Number Theory

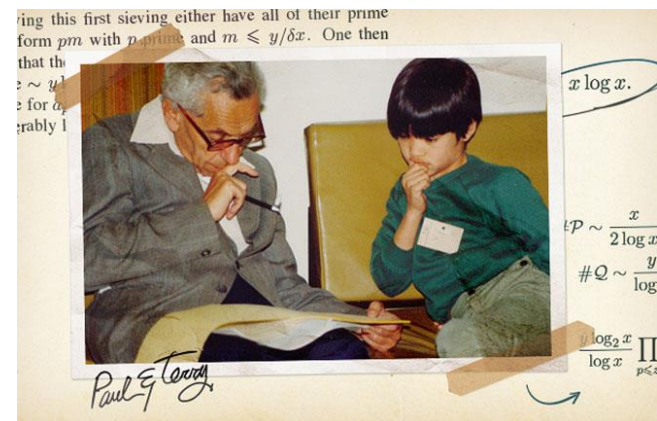
- Study of the structure in numbers.
- Long history (first area of math)
- Many Open Problems.

Twin prime conjecture

Collatz Conjecture



Fermat's equation:
 $x^n + y^n = z^n$
 This equation has no
 solutions in integers
 for $n \geq 3$.



Basics

- Notation: $a|b$ means “ a divides b ” $ma=b$ for some $m \in \mathbb{Z}$

Fact: Given natural number n , natural number $d > 0$, then $n = qd + r$ such that $r \in \{0, 1, \dots, d - 1\}$.

- q : quotient, r : remainder.

Simple Facts:

- $ma=b$ $(km)a=kb$
If $a|b$ then $a|kb$ for any integer k
- If $a|b$ and $a|c$ then $a|(b + c)$ and $a|(kb + \ell c)$ for integers k, ℓ
 $ma=b$ $na=c$ $(m+n)a=b+c$

Prime numbers



Prime Numbers: p is a prime number iff
 $a \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a|p$ implies $a = p$ or $a = 1$.

Prime Numbers: special role in number theory.

Facts/ Theorems proved in class:

Thm 1: There are infinite prime numbers (contradiction proof)

Thm 2: Every natural number can be written as a product of primes and prime powers. (proved using Strong Induction)

GCD

Greatest Common Divisor: $\gcd(12, 30) = 6$

$GCD(a, b)$ = greatest $k \geq 1$ s.t. $k|a$ and $k|b$.

$$12 = \underline{2} \cdot \underline{2} \cdot \underline{3}$$

$$6 = 2 \cdot 3$$

$$30 = \underline{2} \cdot \underline{3} \cdot 5$$

Least Common Multiple: $LCM(12, 30) = 60$

$LCM(a, b)$ = smallest $k \geq 1$ s.t. $a|k$ and $b|k$.

$$60 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$$

Fact: $LCM(a, b) \times GCD(a, b) = a \times b$

$$12 \cdot 30 = 360 = 6 \cdot 60$$

$$a, b = 2, 3$$

$$\gcd = 1 = 3 - 2$$

Properties of $\gcd(a, b)$

$\{sa + tb : s, t \text{ are integers}\}$ is set of all integer combinations of a, b

Thm. $\gcd(a, b)$ is the smallest integer comb. of a, b that is positive

Proof. Let $m = sa + tb$ be the smallest integer combination

$$1) \gcd(a, b) \leq m: \quad m = s(l \gcd(a, b)) + t(k \gcd(a, b)) = (sl + kt) \gcd(a, b)$$

also $m > 0$

2) $m \leq \gcd(a, b)$: Will show $m \mid a$ and $m \mid b$. Let $a = qm + r$ with $r \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$. Hence $a = q(sa + tb) + r$

$$r = (1 - qs)a - qtb$$

Recall $q, t \in \mathbb{Z} \Rightarrow qt \in \mathbb{Z}$

r is integer combo of a and b

So $r = 0$ | So m divides both a and $b \Rightarrow m \leq \gcd(a, b)$

Properties of $\gcd(a,b)$

- $\gcd(a, b)$ is smallest +ve integer combination of a, b (Thm)
- Every common divisor of a, b divides $\gcd(a, b)$
- $\gcd(ka, kb) = k \times \gcd(a, b)$

Relatively prime numbers a and b : $\gcd(a,b)=1$. *e.g. 4 and 15 are rel. prime $\gcd(4,15)=1$*

- $\gcd(a, b) = 1, \gcd(a, c) = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(a, bc) = 1$
- $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, \text{remainder}(a, b))$

(can be proven using Thm in last slide)

Euclid's Algorithm to find $\gcd(a, b)$

- The first algorithm (300 BC)

$GCD(a, b)$

o. If $a=b$, then return a

1. If $a < b$, swap a, b *So we have $b < a$*

2. $a' \leftarrow b$

3. $b' \leftarrow \text{remainder}(a, b)$

4. Return $GCD(a', b')$

Small modification: returns s, t satisfying $\gcd(a, b) = sa + tb$



$$5 \bmod 3 = 2$$

Modulo Arithmetic

$(a \bmod n)$ means the remainder when a is divided by n .

$$a \bmod n = r \Leftrightarrow a = dn + r \text{ for some integer } d$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 42 \\ 31 \overline{) 1331} \\ \underline{- 124} \\ 91 \\ \underline{- 62} \\ 29 \end{array}$$

Congruence modulo n :

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \text{ iff } n \mid (a - b)$$

a and b have the same remainder when divided by n

$$a = dn + r \quad b = qn + r$$

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \text{ denoted by } a \equiv_n b$$

Modulo Arithmetic is an equivalence relation

- Reflexive: $a \equiv_n a$
- Symmetric: $(a \equiv_n b) \Rightarrow (b \equiv_n a)$
- Transitive: $(a \equiv_n b \text{ and } b \equiv_n c) \Rightarrow (a \equiv_n c)$

Hence it is an equivalence relation (this defines residue classes).

$$\{\dots, \underline{-3}, \underline{-2}, \underline{-1}, \underline{0}, \underline{1}, \underline{2}, \underline{3}, \underline{4}, \underline{5}, \dots\} \text{ mod } 3$$

$$C_0 = \{\dots, -3, 0, 3, \dots\}$$

$$C_1 = \{\dots, -2, 1, 4, \dots\}$$

$$C_2 = \{\dots, -1, 2, 5, \dots\}$$

Properties of Modular Arithmetic

- $a \equiv b \pmod{n}, c \equiv d \pmod{n} \Rightarrow a + c \equiv \overset{b \pmod{n} + d \pmod{n}}{b + d} \pmod{n}$
- $a \equiv b \pmod{n}, c \equiv d \pmod{n} \Rightarrow ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$

This lets us do algebra with equivalence classes!

E.g. Integers mod 2 Even and odd

Even + Even = Even

Even + Odd = Odd

Odd + Odd = Even

A Sample Proof

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

$$\Rightarrow a = q_1 n + r$$

$$b = q_2 n + r$$

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

$$\Rightarrow c = q_3 n + r'$$

$$d = q_4 n + r'$$

$$\text{So } a + c \pmod{n} \equiv (q_1 + q_3)n + r + r' \pmod{n} \equiv r + r' \pmod{n}$$

$$b + d \pmod{n} \equiv (q_2 + q_4)n + r + r' \pmod{n} \equiv r + r' \pmod{n}$$

Advantages of Residue Classes

$$-2 \equiv 249 \pmod{251}$$

$$-2 = (-1)251 + 249$$

Why do we care about these residue classes?

Because we can replace any member of a residue class with another member when doing addition or multiplication mod n and the answer will not change

$$504 = \overline{2} \cdot \overline{251} + \underbrace{(2)}_{\text{remainder}}$$

Calculate: Does 251 divide $249 * 504$? What is remainder?

$$249 \cdot 504 \pmod{251} \equiv (249 \pmod{251})(504 \pmod{251})$$

$$\equiv (-2 \pmod{251})(2 \pmod{251})$$

$$\equiv (-2)2 \pmod{251}$$

$$\equiv -4 \pmod{251} \equiv 247 \pmod{251}$$

An example of power of modulo arithmetic

$$2^5 - 1 = 31 \quad 2^5 = 31 + 1$$

$$2^5 \bmod 31 \equiv 1 \bmod 31$$

Calculate: What is remainder when 2^{1985} is divided by 31?

$$(2^{1985}) \bmod 31 \equiv (2^{5 \times 397}) \bmod 31$$

$$\equiv (2^5)^{397} \bmod 31$$

$$\equiv (2^5 \bmod 31)^{397}$$

$$\equiv (1 \bmod 31)^{397} \equiv 1 \bmod 31$$

Thus remainder
is 1

Inverse Modulo Primes

Thm. For any prime p , any $k \neq 0$ s.t. $p \nmid k$ i.e. p does not divide k , there exists unique inverse called $k^{-1}(\text{mod } p)$ i.e., $0 < k' < p$ such that $k' \cdot k \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$

Pf. $\gcd(k, p) = 1$, hence there exists s, t satisfying $sk + tp = 1$