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# Division

# Divisors

All the numbers that go into a given number are called the number's **divisors**.

We use the symbol  $|$  to write that one number goes into another number, i.e. that it is a divisor of that number.

Examples:

The divisors of 12 are 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 and 12:  $1|12$ ,  $2|12$ ,  $3|12$ ,  $4|12$ ,  $6|12$ ,  $12|12$ .

The divisors of 13 are 1 and 13:  $1|13$ ,  $13|13$ .

# Primes

## Definition:

A number is a **prime** if its only divisors are 1 and the number itself.

Example:        5 is prime, because its only divisors are 1 and 5.  
                    9 is not prime, because 3 is one of its divisors.

# Prime factorization

The fundamental theorem of arithmetic:

“Every positive integer can be written in a unique way as a product of primes”

This product is called the number's **prime factorization**.

For example, we can write the number 45 as  $45 = 5 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$ .

Prime factorization of 45.

# Remainders

If you try to divide a number,  $a$ , by another number,  $b$ , which is **not** one of  $a$ 's divisors, you are left with a non-zero **remainder**.

Ex:      Let's try to divide 30 by 12.

12 goes into 30 two whole times, so there is a remainder of 6:

$$30 = 2 \cdot 12 + 6$$

# The division “algorithm”

NOTE: it is not an algorithm!!

Given integers  $a$  and  $b$ , we can always find a “quotient”  $q$  and a “remainder”  $rem(a, b)$  such that

$$a = q \cdot b + rem(a, b),$$

where  $0 \leq rem(a, b) < b$ .

Example:

If  $a = 14$  and  $b = 5$ , then the equation becomes

$$14 = 2 \cdot 5 + 4,$$

so  $q = 2$  and  $rem(14, 5) = 4$ .

# The greatest common divisor

The largest number that is a divisor of two integers  $a$  and  $b$  is called the **greatest common divisor** of  $a$  and  $b$ :  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

We can find  $\gcd(a, b)$  by using the **Euclidean algorithm**.

## Example

Find the greatest common divisor of 10 and 25 – that is, find  $\gcd(10, 25)$ :

The divisors of 10 are 1, 2, 5 and 10.

The divisors of 25 are 1, 5, 25.

→ The greatest (i.e. largest) divisors they have in common is 5, so

$$\gcd(10, 25) = 5$$

# The Euclidean algorithm

We can use remainders to find the gcd between two numbers by using the **Euclidean algorithm**:

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, \text{rem}(a, b))$$

Example: Find the greatest common divisor between 93 and 62:

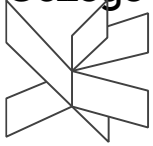
$$\begin{aligned}\gcd(93, 62) &= \gcd(62, \text{rem}(93, 62)) \\ &= \gcd(62, 31) = \gcd(31, \text{rem}(62, 31)) \\ &= \gcd(31, 0) = 31\end{aligned}$$

Reading from the first to the last line, we see that  $\gcd(93, 62) = 31$



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# The Extended Euclidean Algorithm

# Bézout's theorem

"It is always possible to find integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that

$$\gcd(a, b) = s \cdot a + t \cdot b."$$



Linear combination of  $a$  and  $b$ .

Example:

$$\gcd(55, 14) = 1. \text{ In this case, } s = -1 \text{ and } t = 4, \text{ since}$$
$$1 = (-1) \cdot 55 + 4 \cdot 14.$$

In general, we can find  $s$  and  $t$  using **the extended Euclidean algorithm**.

# The Extended Euclidean Algorithm

$$\gcd(78, 21) = \gcd(21, \text{rem}(78, 21))$$

$$= \gcd(21, 15) = \gcd(15, \text{rem}(21, 15))$$

$$= \gcd(15, 6) = \gcd(6, \text{rem}(15, 6))$$

$$= \gcd(6, 3) = \gcd(3, \text{rem}(6, 3))$$

$$= \gcd(3, 0) = 3$$

$$15 = 1 \cdot 78 - 3 \cdot 21$$

$$\begin{aligned} 6 &= 1 \cdot 21 - 1 \cdot 15 \\ &= 1 \cdot 21 - 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 78 - 3 \cdot 21) \\ &= -1 \cdot 78 + 4 \cdot 21 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3 &= 1 \cdot 15 - 2 \cdot 6 \\ &= 1 \cdot (1 \cdot 78 - 3 \cdot 21) - 2 \cdot (-1 \cdot 78 + 4 \cdot 21) \\ &= 3 \cdot 78 - 11 \cdot 21 \end{aligned}$$



$$\gcd(78, 21) = 3 = 3 \cdot 78 - 11 \cdot 21$$

# Relatively prime numbers

If two numbers have a greatest common divisor of 1, they are called **relatively prime**:

## Definition:

Two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are called **relatively prime** if  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ .

For example,

- 3 and 4 are relatively prime because  $\gcd(3, 4) = 1$ .
- 2 and 4 are not relatively prime because  $\gcd(2, 4) = 2$ .

# Euler's $\varphi$ -function

## Question:

How many numbers between 1 and 11 are relatively prime to 12?

Lets check each number:

$$\begin{array}{llll} \gcd(1,12) = 1, & \gcd(\cancel{2},12) = 2, & \gcd(\cancel{3},12) = 3, & \gcd(\cancel{4},12) = 4, \\ \gcd(5,12) = 1, & \gcd(\cancel{6},12) = 6, & \gcd(7,12) = 1, & \gcd(\cancel{8},12) = 4, \\ \gcd(\cancel{9},12) = 3, & \gcd(\cancel{10},12) = 2, & \gcd(11,12) = 1 & \end{array}$$

This number is denoted by “**Euler’s phi-function**”,  $\varphi(12)$ . That is  $\varphi(12) = 4$ .

In general: **The number of numbers between 1 and  $n - 1$  that are relatively prime to  $n$  is denoted by  $\varphi(n)$ .**

# How to calculate $\varphi(n)$

Instead of counting, there are some useful rules for how to calculate  $\varphi(n)$ :

1. If  $n$  is a prime, then  $\varphi(n) = n - 1$ .
2. If  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime, then  $\varphi(mn) = \varphi(m) \cdot \varphi(n)$ .
3. If  $n$  is a prime, then  $\varphi(n^k) = n^k - n^{k-1}$

## Examples:

Use the above rules to calculate  $\varphi(11)$ ,  $\varphi(6)$ ,  $\varphi(9)$  and  $\varphi(18)$ :

$$\varphi(11) = 11 - 1 = 10.$$

$$\varphi(6) = \varphi(2 \cdot 3) = \varphi(2) \cdot \varphi(3) = (2 - 1) \cdot (3 - 1) = 2$$

$$\varphi(9) = \varphi(3^2) = 3^2 - 3^1 = 6.$$

$$\varphi(18) = \varphi(2 \cdot 3^2) = \varphi(2) \cdot \varphi(3^2) = (2 - 1) \cdot (3^2 - 3^1) = 6.$$


# Introduction to modular arithmetic

The following slides contains a short introduction to modular arithmetic. We will continue this topic next week!

# Intro to modular arithmetic

We'll start with an example:

Remember that we can e.g. write the remainder of 10 after division by 3 as  $\text{rem}(10,3) = 1$ . Let's consider what happens when we take the remainder of increasing numbers after division by 3:



$\text{rem}(0,3) = 0$	The number we are taking the remainder with respect to is called the <b>modulus</b>
$\text{rem}(1,3) = 1$	
$\text{rem}(2,3) = 2$	
$\text{rem}(3,3) = 0$	
$\text{rem}(4,3) = 1$	
$\text{rem}(5,3) = 2$	
$\text{rem}(6,3) = 0$	
$\vdots$	

Notice that only 3 different numbers occur (0, 1, and 2), and that there is a clear pattern: as the number on the left increases by 1 in each line, the remainders run through 0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2 and so on.



# Intro to modular arithmetic

In modular arithmetic, we **only** care about the remainder of numbers after division by some number, called the **modulus**. When the modulus is 3 (as in the last slide), any two numbers which have the same remainder after division by 3 are called **congruent** to each other. For example, 1 and 10 are congruent when the modulo is 3 because

$$\text{rem}(10,3) = \text{rem}(1,3).$$

Remainders can also be written using the modulus notation, e.g.:

$$\text{rem}(10,3) = 10 \bmod 3$$

# Calculation rules in modular arithmetic

Consider the following expressions. Which are true?

- $(2 + 5) \bmod 4 = ((2 \bmod 4) + (5 \bmod 4)) \bmod 4$

Left hand side:  $(2 + 5) \bmod 4 = 7 \bmod 4 = 3$

Right hand side:  $((2 \bmod 4) + (5 \bmod 4)) \bmod 4 = (2 + 1) \bmod 4 = 3$



- $(2 \cdot 5) \bmod 4 = ((2 \bmod 4) \cdot (5 \bmod 4)) \bmod 4$

Left hand side:  $(2 \cdot 5) \bmod 4 = 10 \bmod 4 = 2$

Right hand side:  $((2 \bmod 4) \cdot (5 \bmod 4)) \bmod 4 = (2 \cdot 1) \bmod 4 = 2$



- $2^5 \bmod 4 = (2^{5 \bmod 4}) \bmod 4$

Left hand side:  $(2^5) \bmod 4 = 32 \bmod 4 = 0$

Right hand side:  $(2^{5 \bmod 4}) \bmod 4 = (2^1) \bmod 4 = 2$



# Calculation rules in modular arithmetic

The first two “experiments” in the last slide generalizes to the following calculation rules:

- $(a + b) \bmod m = ((a \bmod m) + (b \bmod m)) \bmod m$

In words: If you have to add two numbers modulo  $m$ , you can start by finding the modulo of each number and then add these instead

- $(a \cdot b) \bmod m = ((a \bmod m) \cdot (b \bmod m)) \bmod m$

In words: If you have to multiply two numbers modulo  $m$ , you can start by finding the modulo of each number and then multiply these instead

However, the last experiment showed that, in general:

- $a^b \bmod m \neq (a^{b \bmod m}) \bmod m$

In words: If you have to do an exponentiation modulo  $m$ , it is **not** generally true that you can start by finding the modulo of the exponent and then carry out the exponentiation!