

WEEK 6 DISCUSSION THURSDAY WORKSHEET

- (1) Prove that for any integer n , 2 divides $n(n+1)$.
- (2) Prove or disprove that if $a|bc$, where a, b , and c are positive integers and $a \neq 0$, then $a|b$ or $a|c$.
- (3) Prove that if a is a positive integer, then 4 does not divide $a^2 + 2$.
- (4) Suppose that a and b are integers, $a \equiv 11 \pmod{19}$, and $b \equiv 3 \pmod{19}$. Find the integer c with $0 \leq c \leq 18$ such that
 - (a) $c \equiv 13a \pmod{19}$
 - (b) $c \equiv 8b \pmod{19}$
 - (c) $c \equiv a - b \pmod{19}$
- (5) Evaluate these quantities
 - (a) $-17 \pmod{2}$
 - (b) $-101 \pmod{13}$
 - (c) $144 \pmod{7}$
 - (d) $199 \pmod{19}$
- (6) Show that if n is an integer then $n^2 \equiv 0$ or $1 \pmod{4}$.
- (7) Prove that if n is an odd positive integer, then $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$.
- (8) Use problem 5 to show that the equation $x^2 + y^2 = 3443$ has no integer solutions.
- (9) Given a nonzero integer a , find $\gcd(a, 0)$ and $\gcd(a, 1)$.
- (10) Find:
 - (a) Find $\gcd(4567, 91837)$ and $\text{lcm}(4567, 91837)$
 - (b) Find integers x, y such that $\gcd(4567, 91837) = 4567x + 91837y$
 - (c) Solve the congruence $91837x \equiv 1 \pmod{4567}$

3min

(1) Prove that for any integer n , 2 divides $n(n+1)$.

Proof. Want to show: $n(n+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

$$1. \quad n \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$n+1 \equiv 0+1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$n(n+1) \equiv 0 \cdot 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \checkmark$$

$$2. \quad n \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$n+1 \equiv 1+1 \equiv 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \checkmark$$

Therefore, $n(n+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$

Hence $2 \mid n(n+1)$.

$$x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

\bar{x}, \bar{y} their mod N

$$\overline{x+y} = \bar{x} + \bar{y} \pmod{N}$$

$$\overline{x \cdot y} = \bar{x} \cdot \bar{y} \pmod{N}$$

2min (2) Prove or disprove that if $a|bc$, where a, b , and c are positive integers and $a \neq 0$, then $a|b$ or $a|c$.

$$\triangleright a = 4, \quad b = 2, \quad c = 2, \quad b \cdot c = 4$$

$$a|bc, \text{ but } a \nmid b, a \nmid c.$$

\triangleright When q is a prime number, then the statement is true.

$$b = p_1^{n_1} \cdots p_s^{n_s} \quad c = q_1^{m_1} \cdots q_t^{m_t}$$

If $q|bc$, $q = p_i$ or q_j for some i, j .

$$\triangleright a = 4, \quad b = 2 \times 4567 \quad c = 2 \times 4567 \quad a \leq b, a \leq c$$
$$a|bc \text{ but } a \nmid b, a \nmid c.$$

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$$\begin{array}{r} 13 \\ \times 11 \\ \hline 13 \\ 13 \\ \hline 143 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 7 \\ 19 \overline{)143} \\ \underline{133} \\ 10 \end{array}$$

$$143 = 19 \times 7 + 10$$

$$(a) \quad c \equiv 13a \equiv 13 \cdot 11 \equiv 143 \equiv 10 \pmod{19}$$

$$\equiv 19 \times 7 + 10 \equiv 0 \times 7 + 10 \equiv 10 \pmod{19}$$

Therefore, $c = 10$.

$$(b) \quad c \equiv 8b \pmod{19} \quad b \equiv 3 \pmod{19}$$

$$c \equiv 8b \equiv 8 \times 3 \equiv 24 \pmod{19}$$

$$\equiv 19 + 5 \equiv 5 \pmod{19}$$

Therefore, $c = 5$.

$$(c) \quad c \equiv a - b \pmod{19} \quad a \equiv 11, b \equiv 3 \pmod{19}$$

$$\equiv 11 - 3 \equiv 8 \pmod{19}$$

Therefore, $c = 8$.

Discussion Activity:

Given that $5x \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$, find x .

Key point: 5 is invertible mod 8

$$5 \times 0 \equiv 0$$

$$5 \times 1 \equiv 5$$

$$5 \times 2 \equiv 2$$

$$5 \times 3 \equiv 7$$

$$5 \times 4 \equiv 4$$

$$5 \times 5 \equiv 25 \equiv 1 + 8 \times 3 \equiv 1$$

$$5 \times 5 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

$$5^{-1} \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$$

$$5x \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$$

$$30 = 8 \times 3 + 6$$

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \times 5 \times x &\equiv 5 \times 6 \pmod{8} \\ &\equiv 6 \pmod{8} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} \equiv 1 \times x &\equiv x & x \equiv 6 \pmod{8} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$5x \equiv 6$$

$$x \equiv 6/5 \equiv 6 \cdot 5^{-1} \equiv 6 \times 5 \equiv 30 \equiv 6 \pmod{8},$$

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$$497 = 91837 - 4567 \times 20$$

$$94 = 4567 - 497 \times 9$$

$$27 = 497 - 94 \times 5$$

$$13 = 94 - 27 \times 3$$

$$1 = 27 - 13 \times 2$$

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$$= 27 - (94 - 27 \times 3) \times 2$$

$$= 27 \times 7 - 94 \times 2$$

$$= 497 \times 7 - 94 \times 37$$

$$= 497 \times 340 - 4567 \times 37$$

$$= 91837 \times 340 - 4567 \times 6837$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \\
 \hline
 4567 \overline{) 91837} \\
 \underline{9134} \\
 497
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 9 \\
 \hline
 497 \overline{) 4567} \\
 \underline{4473} \\
 94
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 5 \\
 \hline
 94 \overline{) 497} \\
 \underline{470} \\
 27
 \end{array}$$

