

NUMBER THEORY

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Divisibility and Modular

Arithmetic



DIVISION ALGORITHM

- The **quotient remainder theorem** states that when an **integer** is **divided** by an **integer** we get one **remainder** and **quotient**.
- The value of **remainder** will either be **0** or **less** than to number we are divided with.

THEOREM (Quotient-Remainder Theorem)

- Given any integer n and a positive integer d , there exist unique integers q and r such that

$$n = d \cdot q + r$$

where

$$0 \leq r < d.$$

EXAMPLE

- What is the **quotient** and **remainder** when **54** is divided by **4**?
- $n = 54$ and we divide it with 4 i.e. $d = 4$

$$n = d \cdot q + r$$

$$54 = 4 \cdot 13 + 2;$$

Hence,

Quotient = 13 and Remainder = 2

EXAMPLE

- What is the **quotient** and **remainder** when **- 11** is divided by **3**?
- **$n = - 11$** and we divide it with 1 i.e. **$d = 3$**

$$n = d \cdot q + r$$
$$- 11 = 3 \cdot (- 4) + 1;$$

Hence,

Quotient = - 4 and **Remainder = 1**

EXAMPLE

- What is the **quotient** and **remainder** when **- 54** is divided by **4**?
- $n = - 54$ and we divide it with **4** i.e. $d = 4$

$$n = d \cdot q + r$$
$$- 54 = 4 \cdot (- 14) + 2;$$

Hence,

Quotient = - 14 and Remainder = 2

EXAMPLE

- What is the **quotient** and **remainder** when **54** is divided by **70**?
- If we take $n = 54$ and we divide it with 70 i.e. $d = 70$
Here,

divisor > number

$$n = d \cdot q + r$$

$$54 = 70 \cdot (0) + 54;$$

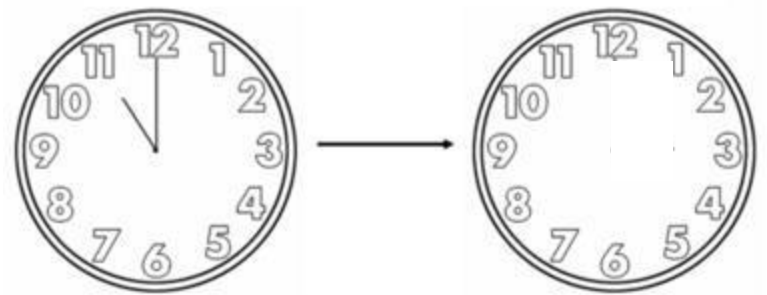
Hence,

Quotient = 0 and Remainder = 54

Divisibility and modular arithmetic

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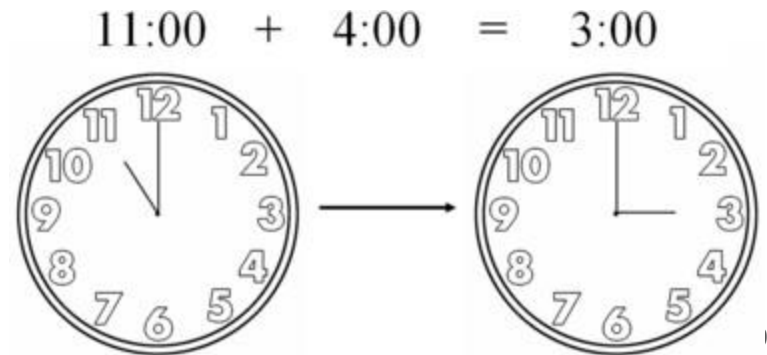
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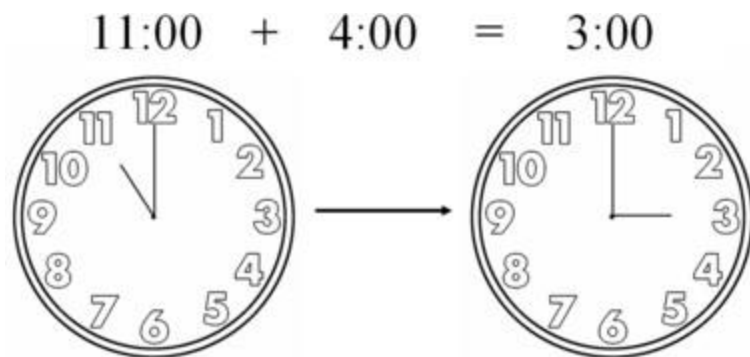
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Answer: $100 \bmod 7 = 2$



Congruence Relation

Definition: If a and b are integers and m is a positive integer, then a is *congruent to b modulo m* if m divides $a - b$.

- The notation $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ says that a is congruent to b modulo m .
- We say that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ is a *congruence* and that m is its *modulus*.
- Two integers are congruent mod m if and only if they have the same remainder when divided by m .
- If a is not congruent to b modulo m , we write
$$a \not\equiv b \pmod{m}$$



Congruence Relation

Example: Determine whether 17 is congruent to 5 modulo 6 and whether 24 and 14 are congruent modulo 6.

Solution:

- $17 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ because 6 divides $17 - 5 = 12$.
- $24 \not\equiv 14 \pmod{6}$ since 6 divides $24 - 14 = 10$ is not divisible by 6.

Examine that $38 \bmod 5 = 3$ and $13 \bmod 5 = 3$,
then it can be written that $38 \equiv 13 \pmod{5}$.

Pronounce: 38 is congruent with 13 in modulo 5.



Congruence examples

Example:

■ $17 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

→ 3 divides $17 - 2 = 15$ without remainder

■ $-7 \equiv 15 \pmod{11}$

→ 11 divides $-7 - 15 = -22$ without remainder

■ $12 \not\equiv 2 \pmod{7}$

→ 7 cannot divide $12 - 2 = 10$

■ $-7 \not\equiv 15 \pmod{3}$

→ 3 cannot divide $-7 - 15 = -22$



Congruence Theorem 1 & 2

1- Congruence and Divisibility

Suppose a and b are integers and $m > 0$.

If m divides $a - b$ without remainder, then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.

OR

$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if and only if $n \mid a - b$

2- Theorem 2: Congruence and Equality

$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ can be written as $a = b + km$ (k integer).



$$1- 3x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$3x = 5 + 7k$$

theorem2: $a = b + kn$ for some integer k

divide with 3 on both sides

$$x = (5 + 7K) / 3$$

find min value of k of 3 multiple

$$= (5 + 7 \cdot 1) / 3$$

$$= 12 / 3$$

$$x = 4$$



Solve the following linear congruence equations.

(a) $3x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$

Answer: $x = 4$ since $3 \cdot 4 = 12 = 5 \pmod{7}$.

(b) $5x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$

Answer: $x = 5$ since $5 \cdot 5 = 25 = 4 \pmod{7}$.

(c) $2x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$

Answer: $x = 4$ since $2 \cdot 4 = 8 = 1 \pmod{7}$.

(d) $6x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

Answer: $x = 4$ since $6 \cdot 4 = 24 = 3 \pmod{7}$.



Theorem:3

$a \bmod m = r$ can also be written as $a \equiv r \pmod{m}$.

Example:

$$\blacksquare 23 \bmod 5 = 3 \quad \rightarrow 23 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$\blacksquare 14 \bmod 8 = 6 \quad \rightarrow 14 \equiv 6 \pmod{8}$$

$$\blacksquare -41 \bmod 9 = 4 \quad \rightarrow -41 \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$$

$$\blacksquare -39 \bmod 13 = 0 \quad \rightarrow -39 \equiv 0 \pmod{13}$$



Theorem:4 & 5

Congruence and Arithmetic:

Suppose m is a positive integer.

If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and c is an arbitrary integer, then

- $(a + c) \equiv (b + c) \pmod{m}$
- $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$
- $a^p \equiv b^p \pmod{m}$, p non-negative

If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then

- $(a + c) \equiv (b + d) \pmod{m}$
- $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$



Therorem:4 & 5 Example

Example:

Suppose $17 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ and $10 \equiv 4 \pmod{3}$, then according to the Congruence Theorem,

$$\blacksquare 17 + 5 \equiv 2 + 5 \pmod{3} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 22 \equiv 7 \pmod{3}$$

$$\blacksquare 17 \cdot 5 \equiv 2 \cdot 5 \pmod{3} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 85 \equiv 10 \pmod{3}$$

$$\blacksquare 17 + 10 \equiv 2 + 4 \pmod{3} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 27 \equiv 6 \pmod{3}$$

$$\blacksquare 17 \cdot 10 \equiv 2 \cdot 4 \pmod{3} \quad \Leftrightarrow \quad 170 \equiv 8 \pmod{3}$$

Example: Because $7 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$ and $11 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$, it follows from Theorem 5 that

$$18 = 7 + 11 \equiv 2 + 1 = 3 \pmod{5}$$

$$77 = 7 \cdot 11 \equiv 2 \cdot 1 = 2 \pmod{5}$$

NOTE:

Dividing a congruence by an integer does *not* always produce a valid congruence.

Example: The congruence $14 \equiv 8 \pmod{6}$ holds. But dividing both sides by 2 does not produce a valid congruence since $14/2 = 7$ and $8/2 = 4$, but $7 \not\equiv 4 \pmod{6}$.



Arithmetic Modulo m

Definitions: Let \mathbf{Z}_m be the set of nonnegative integers less than m : $\{0, 1, \dots, m-1\}$

- The operation $+_m$ is defined as $a +_m b = (a + b) \bmod m$. This is *addition modulo m* .
- The operation \cdot_m is defined as $a \cdot_m b = (ab) \bmod m$. This is *multiplication modulo m* .
- Using these operations is said to be doing *arithmetic modulo m* .

Example: Find $7 +_{11} 9$ and $7 \cdot_{11} 9$.

Solution: Using the definitions above:

- $7 +_{11} 9 = (7 + 9) \bmod 11 = 16 \bmod 11 = 5$
- $7 \cdot_{11} 9 = (7 \cdot 9) \bmod 11 = 63 \bmod 11 = 8$

4.3

**Primes and Greatest Common
Divisor**



Primes Numbers

A positive integer p ($p > 1$) is called a **prime number** if its divisors are only 1 and p .

For example, 23 is a prime number, because it can only be divided by 1 and 23 to get no remainder.

Numbers which are not prime numbers are called **composite numbers**.

For example, 20 is a composite number, because 20 is divisible by 2, 4, 5, and 10, besides by 1 and 20 itself.



Relatively Prime

Two integers a and b are said to be **relatively prime** if they do not have any common factors other than 1, or, $\text{GCD}(a,b) = 1$.

Example:

- 20 and 3 are relatively prime, since $\text{GCD}(20,3) = 1$.
- 7 and 11 are relatively prime, since $\text{GCD}(7,11) = 1$.
- 20 and 5 are not relatively prime, since $\text{GCD}(20,5) = 5 \neq 1$.

If a and b are relatively prime, then there exist integers m and n such that $ma + nb = 1$.

Example:

- 20 and 3 are relatively prime because $\text{GCD}(20,3) = 1$, so that it can be written that $2 \cdot 20 + (-13) \cdot 3 = 1$ ($m = 2, n = -13$).
- 20 and 5 are not relatively prime because $\text{GCD}(20,5) \neq 1$, and thus 20 and 5 cannot be written in the form of $m \cdot 20 + n \cdot 5 = 1$.



Greatest Common Divisor

Suppose a and b are non-zero integers. The **Greatest Common Divisor (GCD)** of a and b is the greatest possible integer d such that $d \mid a$ and $d \mid b$. In this case, it can be written as $\text{GCD}(a,b) = d$.

Example: Determine $\text{GCD}(45,36)$!

Divisors of 45: 1, 3, 5, 9, 15, 45.

Divisors of 36: 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 9, 12, 18, 36.

Common divisors of 45 and 36 are 1, 3, 9.

For the enumeration above, it can be concluded that $\text{GCD}(45,36) = 9$.



Greatest Common Divisor and Least Common Multiple GCD, LCM

BY USING PRIME FACTORIZATION:

$$\gcd(a, b) = p_1^{\min(a_1, b_1)} p_2^{\min(a_2, b_2)} \dots p_n^{\min(a_n, b_n)}$$

$$\text{lcm}(a, b) = p_1^{\max(a_1, b_1)} p_2^{\max(a_2, b_2)} \dots p_n^{\max(a_n, b_n)}$$

Example: $120 = 2^3 \cdot 3 \cdot 5$ $500 = 2^2 \cdot 5^3$

$$\gcd(120, 500) = 2^{\min(3, 2)} \cdot 3^{\min(1, 0)} \cdot 5^{\min(1, 3)} = 2^2 \cdot 3^0 \cdot 5^1 = 20$$

Example: $\text{lcm}(2^3 3^5 7^2, 2^4 3^3) = 2^{\max(3, 4)} 3^{\max(5, 3)} 7^{\max(2, 0)} = 2^4 3^5 7^2$

The greatest common divisor and the least common multiple of two integers are related by:

Theorem 5: Let a and b be positive integers. Then

$$ab = \gcd(a, b) \cdot \text{lcm}(a, b)$$

Greatest Common Divisor

Suppose m and n are integer, $n > 0$, such that $m = nq + r$, $0 \leq r < n$. Then $\text{GCD}(m,n) = \text{GCD}(n,r)$.

Example:

Take the value $m = 66$, $n = 18$,

$$66 = 18 \cdot 3 + 12$$

then $\text{GCD}(66,18) = \text{GCD}(18,12) = 6$.



Linear Congruence

The linear congruence is in the form of:

$$ax \equiv b \pmod{m},$$

where $m > 0$, a and b are arbitrary integers, and x is any integer.

The solution can be found in the way:

$$ax = b + km \rightarrow x = (b + km) / a$$

Try each value of $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ and $k = -1, -2, \dots$ that delivers integer value for x .



Linear Congruence example

Example:

Determine the solutions for $4x \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$!

$$4x \equiv 3 \pmod{9} \rightarrow x = (3 + k \cdot 9) / 4$$

$$k = 0 \rightarrow x = (3 + 0 \cdot 9) / 4 = 3/4 \rightarrow \text{not a solution}$$

$$k = 1 \rightarrow x = (3 + 1 \cdot 9) / 4 = 3 \rightarrow \text{a solution}$$

$$k = 2 \rightarrow x = (3 + 2 \cdot 9) / 4 = 21/4 \rightarrow \text{not a solution}$$

$$k = 3, k = 4 \rightarrow \text{no solution}$$

$$k = 5 \rightarrow x = (3 + 5 \cdot 9) / 4 = 12 \rightarrow \text{a solution}$$

...

$$k = -1 \rightarrow x = (3 - 1 \cdot 9) / 4 = -6/4 \rightarrow \text{not a solution}$$

$$k = -2 \rightarrow x = (3 - 2 \cdot 9) / 4 = -15/4 \rightarrow \text{not a solution}$$

$$k = -3 \rightarrow x = (3 - 3 \cdot 9) / 4 = -6 \rightarrow \text{a solution}$$

...

$$k = -7 \rightarrow x = (3 - 7 \cdot 9) / 4 = -15 \rightarrow \text{a solution}$$

...

The set of solutions is: $\{3, 12, \dots, -6, -15, \dots\}$.

Linear Congruence cont..

Example:

Determine the solutions for $2x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$!

$$2x \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \rightarrow x = (3 + k \cdot 4) / 2$$

Because $k \cdot 4$ is always an even number, then $3 + k \cdot 4$ will always be an odd number.

If an odd number is divided by 2, then the result will be a decimal number (never be an integer).

Thus, there is **no value** of x that can be the solution of $2x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.



Euclidean Algorithm

- The Euclidean algorithm expressed in pseudocode is:

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procedure gcd(a, b: positive integers)
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x := a
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y := b
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while y ≠ 0
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    r := x mod y
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    x := y
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    y := r
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return x {gcd(a, b) is x}
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Assignment: Implement this algorithm.



Euclidean algorithm

The Euclidean algorithm is an **efficient** method for computing the greatest common divisor of two integers. It is based on the idea that $\gcd(a, b)$ is equal to $\gcd(a, c)$ when $a > b$ and c is the remainder when a is divided by b .

Example: Find $\gcd(287, 91)$:

- $287 = 91 \cdot 3 + 14$

Divide 287 by 91

- $91 = 14 \cdot 6 + 7$

Divide 91 by 14

- $14 = 7 \cdot 2 + 0$

Divide 14 by 7

Stopping
condition

$$\gcd(287, 91) = \gcd(91, 14) = \gcd(14, 7) = 7$$



Euclidean algorithm

Example:

Take $m = 80$, $n = 12$, so the condition that $m \geq n$ is fulfilled.

$$80 = 12 \cdot 6 + 8$$

$$12 = 8 \cdot 1 + 4$$

$$8 = 4 \cdot 2 + 0$$

$n = 0 \rightarrow m = 4$ is the last non-zero remainder

$\text{GCD}(80, 12) = 4$; **Finish.**



EUCLIDEAN ALGORITHM

- Use the Euclidean algorithm to find $\gcd(330, 156)$
- Divide 330 by 156: (By Quotient-Remainder Theorem)
This gives $330 = 156 \cdot 2 + 18$
- Divide 156 by 18:
This gives $156 = 18 \cdot 8 + 12$
- Divide 18 by 12:
This gives $18 = 12 \cdot 1 + 6$
- Divide 12 by 6:
This gives $12 = 6 \cdot 2 + 0$

Hence $\gcd(330, 156) = 6$ because 6 is last nonzero remainder

STEPS INVOLVING IN FINDING OUT $\gcd(330, 156)$

- Note that:
 - Step 1: we divide 330 by 156
 - Step 2: we divide 156 by 18
 - Step 3: we divide 18 by 12
 - Step 4: we divide 12 by 6

LEMMA

- If a and b are any integers with $b \neq 0$ and q and r are nonnegative integers such that

$$a = q \cdot b + r$$

then

$$\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$$

EXAMPLE

- Find the **greatest common divisor** of **414** and **662** using the **Euclidean algorithm**.

Successive uses of the **division algorithm** give:

$$662 = 414 \cdot 1 + 248$$

$$414 = 248 \cdot 1 + 166$$

$$248 = 166 \cdot 1 + 82$$

$$166 = 82 \cdot 2 + 2$$

$$82 = 2 \cdot 41 + 0$$

- Hence, **gcd(414, 662) = 2**, because 2 is last nonzero remainder

EXAMPLE

- Find the greatest common divisor of 252 and 198 using the Euclidean algorithm.

Successive uses of the division algorithm give:

$$252 = 198 \cdot 1 + 54$$

$$198 = 54 \cdot 3 + 36$$

$$54 = 36 \cdot 1 + 18$$

$$36 = 18 \cdot 2 + 0$$

- ▮ Hence, $\gcd(252, 198) = 18$, because 18 is last nonzero remainder

Linear Combination

$\text{GCD}(a,b)$ can be expressed as a *linear combination* of a and b with the multiplying coefficients that can be freely chosen.

Example:

$\text{GCD}(80,12) = 4$, then $4 = (-1) \cdot 80 + (7) \cdot 12$, where -1 and 7 are coefficients that can be freely chosen.

Suppose a and b are positive integers, then there exist integers m and n such that $\text{GCD}(a,b) = ma + nb$.



Linear Combinations Example: 1

Example:

Express $\text{GCD}(312, 70) = 2$ as the linear combination of 312 and 70!

Applying Euclidean Algorithm:

$$312 = 4 \cdot 70 + 32 \quad (1)$$

$$70 = 2 \cdot 32 + 6 \quad (2)$$

$$32 = 5 \cdot 6 + 2 \quad (3)$$

$$6 = 3 \cdot 2 + 0 \quad (4)$$

Thus, $\text{GDC}(312, 70) = 2$

Rearrange (3) to

$$2 = 32 - 5 \cdot 6 \quad (5)$$

Rearrange (2) to

$$6 = 70 - 2 \cdot 32 \quad (6)$$

Insert (6) to (5) so that

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= 32 - 5 \cdot (70 - 2 \cdot 32) \\ &= 1 \cdot 32 - 5 \cdot 70 + 10 \cdot 32 \\ &= 11 \cdot 32 - 5 \cdot 70 \end{aligned} \quad (7)$$

Rearrange (1) to

$$32 = 312 - 4 \cdot 70 \quad (8)$$

Insert(8) to (7) so that

$$\begin{aligned} 2 &= 11 \cdot 32 - 5 \cdot 70 \\ &= 11 \cdot (312 - 4 \cdot 70) - 5 \cdot 70 \\ &= 11 \cdot 312 - 49 \cdot 70 \end{aligned}$$

Thus, $\text{GCD}(312, 70) = 2$

$$= 11 \cdot 312 - 49 \cdot 70$$

Linear Combinations Example: 2

Finding gcds as Linear Combinations

Example: Express $\gcd(252, 198) = 18$ as a linear combination of 252 and 198.

Solution: First use the Euclidean algorithm to show $\gcd(252, 198) = 18$

i. $252 = 1 \cdot 198 + 54$

ii. $198 = 3 \cdot 54 + 36$

iii. $54 = 1 \cdot 36 + 18$

iv. $36 = 2 \cdot 18$

- Now working backwards, from iii and i above
 - $18 = 54 - 1 \cdot 36$
 - $36 = 198 - 3 \cdot 54$
- Substituting the 2nd equation into the 1st yields:
 - $18 = 54 - 1 \cdot (198 - 3 \cdot 54) = 4 \cdot 54 - 1 \cdot 198$
- Substituting $54 = 252 - 1 \cdot 198$ (from i)) yields:
 - $18 = 4 \cdot (252 - 1 \cdot 198) - 1 \cdot 198 = 4 \cdot 252 - 5 \cdot 198$