

Suppose  $k|n$  for some  $k, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then

$$\sum_{i=0}^n f(i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{k}} f(ki) + \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} f(ki+1) + \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} f(ki+2) + \cdots + \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} f(ki+(k-1))$$

PROOF:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n f(i) &= \\ f(0) + f(1) + f(2) + \cdots + f(n) \\ &= f(0) + f(1) + f(2) + \cdots + f(k-1) \\ &\quad + f(k) + f(k+1) + f(k+2) + \cdots + f((k+(k-1))) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + f(k(\frac{n}{k}-1)) + f(k(\frac{n}{k}-1)+1) + f(k(\frac{n}{k}-1)+2) + \cdots + f(k(\frac{n}{k}-1)+(k-1)) \\ &\quad + f(k(\frac{n}{k})) \end{aligned}$$

It's easy to see that

$$k(\frac{n}{k}-1) = n-k,$$

$$k(\frac{n}{k}-1) + (k-1) = n-k+k-1 = n-1,$$

and of course

$$k\frac{n}{k} = n$$

Rearranging:

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{i=0}^n f(i) &= \\ &\quad + f(0) + f(k) + f(2k) + \cdots + f(k(\frac{n}{k}-1)) + f(k(\frac{n}{k})) \\ &\quad + f(1) + f(k+1) + f(2k+1) + \cdots + f(k(\frac{n}{k}-1)+1) \\ &\quad + f(2) + f(k+2) + f(2k+2) + \cdots + f(k(\frac{n}{k}-1)+2) \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad + f(k-1) + f(k+(k-1)) + f(2k+(k-1)) + \cdots + f(k(\frac{n}{k}-1)+(k-1)) \end{aligned}$$

Now we can see that we have arranged the terms in such an order that they are in rows, with each row corresponding to each equivalence class modulo  $k$ .

There are  $\frac{n}{k}$  terms in the first row, due to the extra  $f(n)$  term, and there are  $\frac{n}{k}-1$  terms in each of the other rows.

We may now simply collect the terms into sums to get

$$\sum_{i=0}^n f(i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{k}} f(ki) + \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} f(ki+1) + \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} f(ki+2) + \cdots + \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} f(ki+(k-1))$$

Additionally, we can see from the algebraic manipulations that the number of rows (not including the first row representing congruence to 0 mod  $k$ ) is of course  $k - 1$ . This allows us the more compact representation

$$\sum_{i=0}^n f(i) = \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{k}} f(ki) + \sum_{q=1}^{k-1} \left[ \sum_{i=0}^{\frac{n}{k}-1} f(ki + q) \right]$$