

# Algebra Review

## Modular Arithmetic

## Boolean Algebra

### Lecture 2

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## algebraic properties\* [axioms]

properties of equality and inequality (1)

property	equality	inequality
multiplicative property of zero	$a \cdot 0 = 0 = 0 \cdot a$	
zero product	if $ab = 0$ , then $a = 0$ or $b = 0$	
reflexive	$a = a$	
symmetric	if $a = b$ , then $b = a$	
transitive	if $a = b$ and $b = c$ , then $a = c$	if $a > b$ and $b > c$ , then $a > c$ if $a < b$ and $b < c$ , then $a < c$
addition	if $a = b$ , then $a + c = b + c$	if $a < b$ , then $a + c < b + c$ if $a > b$ , then $a + c > b + c$
subtraction	if $a = b$ , then $a - c = b - c$	if $a < b$ , then $a - c < b - c$ if $a > b$ , then $a - c > b - c$

\*given a, b, and c are real numbers



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## algebraic properties\* [axioms]

### field properties

property	addition	multiplication
associative	$(a+b)+c = a+(b+c)$	$(ab)c = a(bc)$
commutative	$a+b = b+a$	$ab = ba$
identity	$a+0 = a = 0+a$	$a \cdot 1 = a = 1 \cdot a$
inverse	$a+(-a) = 0 = (-a)+a$	$a \cdot a^{-1} = 1 = a^{-1} \cdot a$ if $a \neq 0$
distributive	$a(b+c) = ab + ac$	and $ab + ac = a(b+c)$

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## algebraic properties\* [axioms]

properties of equality and inequality (2)

property	equality	inequality
multiplication	if $a = b$ , then $ac = bc$	if $a < b$ and $c > 0$ , then $ac < bc$ if $a < b$ and $c < 0$ , then $ac > bc$ if $a > b$ and $c > 0$ , then $ac > bc$ if $a > b$ and $c < 0$ , then $ac < bc$
division	if $a = b$ and $c \neq 0$ , then $a/c = b/c$	if $a < b$ and $c > 0$ , then $a/c < b/c$ if $a < b$ and $c < 0$ , then $a/c > b/c$ if $a > b$ and $c > 0$ , then $a/c > b/c$ if $a > b$ and $c < 0$ , then $a/c < b/c$
substitution	if $a = b$ , then $b$ can be substituted for $a$ in any equation or inequality	

\*given a, b, and c are real numbers

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## FOIL and PEMDAS

FOIL → First Outer Inner Last

$$\begin{aligned}
 (3y - 4)(5 + 2y) &= 3y \cdot 5 = 15y \\
 (3y - 4)(5 + 2y) &= 3y \cdot 2y = 6y^2 \\
 (3y - 4)(5 + 2y) &= (-4) \cdot 5 = (-20) \\
 (3y - 4)(5 + 2y) &= (-4) \cdot 2y = (-8y) \\
 &= 15y + 6y^2 - 20 - 8y \\
 &= 6y^2 + 7y - 20
 \end{aligned}$$

PEMDAS → Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally

- 1) Parentheses
- 2) Exponents
- 3) Multiplication
- 4) Division
- 5) Addition
- 6) Subtraction

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## fractions (or pizza math)

addition and subtraction: Least Common Denominator (LCD)

$$\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{6} = ?$$



$$\frac{6}{18} + \frac{3}{18} = \frac{9}{18}$$

generally

$$\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a \cdot d}{b \cdot d} + \frac{c \cdot b}{d \cdot b}$$

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## fractions (or pizza math)

division

$$\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{1}{6}$$

is actually asking how many  
 $\frac{1}{6}$  in  $\frac{1}{2} = 3$



generally

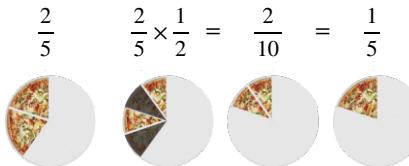
$$\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \times \frac{d}{c}$$

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## fractions (or pizza math)

multiplication

solving  $\frac{2}{5} \times \frac{1}{2}$



generally

$$\frac{a}{b} \times \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$$

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## fractions

### Addition

Same denominator:  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{b} = \frac{a+c}{b}$

Different denominator:  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a \cdot d}{b \cdot d} + \frac{c \cdot b}{d \cdot b} = \frac{ad + cb}{bd}$

### Subtraction

Same denominator:  $\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{b} = \frac{a-c}{b}$

Different denominator:  $\frac{a}{b} - \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a \cdot d}{b \cdot d} - \frac{c \cdot b}{d \cdot b} = \frac{ad - cb}{bd}$

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## fractions

### Multiplication

$$\frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{c}{d} = \frac{ac}{bd}$$

### Division

$$\frac{a}{b} \div \frac{c}{d} = \frac{a}{b} \cdot \frac{d}{c} = \frac{ad}{bc}$$

### Double fractions

$$\frac{\frac{a}{b}}{c} = \frac{\frac{a}{b} \cdot b}{c \cdot b} = \frac{a}{cb} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{\frac{a}{b}}{1} = \frac{a \cdot 1}{c \cdot b} = \frac{a}{cb}$$

### Simplifying fractions ("building bridges")

$$\frac{a}{c} = \frac{a \cdot d}{b \cdot c}$$

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## factoring

writing a polynomial as a product of polynomials

- The greatest common factor (GCF): largest quantity that is a factor of all the integers or polynomials involved

**Example:** 6, 8 and 46

$$6 = 2 \cdot 3$$

$$8 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2$$

$$46 = 2 \cdot 23$$

$\implies$  GCF is 2

**Example:**  $6x^5$  and  $4x^3$

$$6x^5 = 2 \cdot 3 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x$$

$$4x^3 = 2 \cdot 2 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x$$

$\implies$  GCF is  $2 \cdot x \cdot x \cdot x$

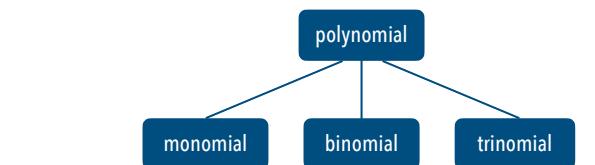
**Exercise 1.**  $a^3b^2$ ,  $a^2b^5$  and  $a^4b^7$

$\implies$  GCF is  $a^2b^2$

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## factoring

writing a polynomial as a product of polynomials



examples:

$28x$	$5x + 8xy$	$15xy - 25y + 18$
$5a^3b$	$b^3/2 + c/3$	$2a^2 + 5a + 7$
$2ax/3y$	$5m^2n^2 + 1/7$	$x^2/3 + ay - 6bz$

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## factoring

### algorithm

1. Look for **common** factors and "factor them out"
2. Check if a **binomial/identity** applies
3. **Repeat** steps 1 and 2 until completion

#### Binomial identities and formulas

$$\begin{aligned}
 (a+b)(a-b) &= (a-b)^2 \\
 (a+b)(a+b) &= a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \\
 (a-b)(a-b) &= a^2 - 2ab + b^2 \\
 (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2) &= a^3 + b^3 \\
 (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2) &= a^3 - b^3 \\
 a^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + b^3 &= (a+b)^3 \\
 a^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2 - b^3 &= (a-b)^3
 \end{aligned}$$

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## factoring

### Example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 4z^2 + 20z &= 4(z^2 + 5z) \\
 &= 4z(z + 5)
 \end{aligned}$$

Both of these are correct, but we often choose the version without exponent

### Example:

$$\begin{aligned}
 9z^2 - 36 &= (9z)^2 - 6^2 \\
 &= (3z + 6)(3z - 6)
 \end{aligned}$$

why it's handy to know certain factor identities and (quadratic) binomials:  $(a+b)(a-b) = (a-b)^2$

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## quadratic polynomials

Typically of the form

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0, \text{ where } a \neq 0$$

Quadratic formula:

$$x_{1,2} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

p/q formula:

$$x_{1,2} = -\frac{p}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{p}{2}\right)^2 - q}$$

(think  $a = 1$ )

we will look at two ways of solving the square →

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## 1. solving the square

### Example.

$$25x^2 + 20x + 4$$

- possible factors of  $25x^2$  are  $\{x, 25x\}$  or  $\{5x, 5x\}$  and possible factors of 4 are  $\{1, 4\}$  or  $\{2, 2\}$
- try each pair of factors until we find a combination that works (or exhausts all possible pairs)
- look for a combination that gives sum of the products of the outside terms and the inside terms equal to 20x

Factors of $25x^2$	Factors of 4	Resulting Binomials	Product of Outside Terms	Product of Inside Terms	Sum of Products
$\{x, 25x\}$	$\{1, 4\}$	$(x+1)(25x+4)$ $(x+4)(25x+1)$	$4x$ $x$	$25x$ $100x$	$29x$ $101x$
$\{x, 25x\}$	$\{2, 2\}$	$(x+2)(25x+2)$	$2x$	$50x$	$52x$
$\{5x, 5x\}$	$\{2, 2\}$	$(5x+2)(5x+2)$	$10x$	$10x$	$20x$

- Answer:  $(5x+2)(5x+2)$  (check via FOIL)

**Exercise 2.** Factor the polynomial  $21x^2 - 41x + 10$

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## solving quadratic equations by factoring algorithm

step by step for solving a quadratic equation by factoring

1. write the equation in standard form.
2. factor the quadratic completely
3. set each factor containing a variable equal to 0
4. solve the resulting equations
5. check each solution in the original equation

**example:** solve  $x^2 - 5x = 24$

$$x^2 - 5x - 24 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 24 = (x - 8)(x + 3) = 0$$

$$x - 8 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 8 \quad \text{and} \quad \Rightarrow x = -3$$

$$\begin{aligned} 8^2 - 5(8) &= 64 - 40 = 24 \Rightarrow \text{true} \\ (-3)^2 - 5(-3) &= 9 - (-15) = 24 \Rightarrow \text{true} \end{aligned}$$

**Exercise 3.**  $4x(8x + 9) = 5$

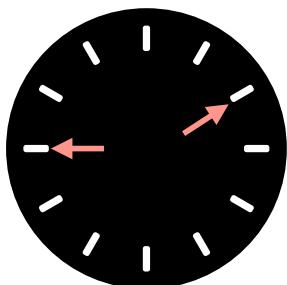
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## modular arithmetic

a fundamental tool in number theory ("the study of integers")

we are not interested in fractions/decimal numbers as a result of division

deals with repetitive cycles of numbers and remainders



mod 12 arithmetic

If it's 9 o'clock and you add 5 hours, what time is it then?

That's modular arithmetic with mod 12:

$$9 + 5 \equiv 2 \pmod{12}$$

We read this as "9 plus 5 is **congruent to 2 modulo 12**".

**What is modulo?**

The modulus is the number at which you "wrap around" and keeping track of the remainder when dividing.

What is congruence? →

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## 2. solving the square algorithm

**Example.**  $4x^2 + 18x + 8$

$$4x^2 + 18x + 8 = 0 \quad | \div 4$$

$$x^2 + \frac{18}{4}x + 2 = 0 \quad | - 2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{18}{4}x = -2 \quad | + \left(\frac{\frac{18}{4}}{2}\right)^2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{18}{4}x + \left(\frac{18}{8}\right)^2 = -2 + \left(\frac{18}{8}\right)^2$$

$$(x + 2.25)^2 = 3.0625 \quad | \sqrt{ }$$

$$x + 2.25 = \pm 1.75 \quad | - 2.25$$

$$x_1 = -0.5$$

$$x_2 = -4$$

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## congruence modulo

### Definition Congruence

We say that  $a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$  if and only if  $m$  divides  $a - b$

- Whether two integers  $a$  and  $b$  have the same remainder when divided by  $n$
- Notation:  $a \equiv b \pmod{m} \leftrightarrow a$  is congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$   
 $a \not\equiv b \pmod{m} \leftrightarrow a$  is not congruent to  $b$  modulo  $m$
- A congruence modulo asks whether or not  $a$  and  $b$  are in the same **equivalence class**

**Example.**

The numbers 31 and 46 are congruent mod 3 because they differ by a multiple of 3.

We can write this as  $31 \equiv 46 \pmod{3}$

Since the difference between 31 and 46 is 15, then these numbers also differ by a multiple of 5; i.e.,  
 $31 \equiv 46 \pmod{5}$

**Exercise 4.**

Find the equivalence classes of  $\pmod{3}$

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## rules of modular arithmetic

### Addition (and subtraction)

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

### Example.

$87 \equiv 2 \pmod{17}$  and  
 $222 \equiv 1 \pmod{17}$   
 $\Rightarrow 87 + 222 \pmod{17} \equiv 2 + 1 \pmod{17} \equiv 3 \pmod{17}$

### Multiplication

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

### Example.

$9876 \equiv 6 \pmod{10}$  and  
 $17642 \equiv 2 \pmod{10}$   
 $\Rightarrow 9876 \times 17642 \pmod{10} \equiv 6 \times 2 \pmod{10} \equiv 2 \pmod{10}$

### Division

A number is always congruent to its remainder (mod the divisor).

### Example.

What is the remainder of  $17 \times 18$  when it is divided by 19?  
We know that  $17 \equiv -2 \pmod{19}$  and  $18 \equiv -1 \pmod{19}$   
 $\Rightarrow 17 \times 18 \equiv (-2) \times (-1) = 2 \pmod{19}$

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## modular arithmetic in the real world

Modular arithmetic is math for things that loop, repeat, or cycle whether it's time, data, computations or patterns.

- Computers use modular arithmetic constantly:
  - Memory addresses "wrap around" at a maximum size.
  - CPUs use mod operations to manage overflows.
  - Hashing functions in data storage use mod to assign data to buckets:  
 $\text{index} = (\text{hash value}) \bmod (\text{number of slots})$
- Modern encryption (like RSA) is built on modular arithmetic and relies on operations like:  $a^b \pmod{n}$   
These are easy to compute in one direction but very hard to reverse (which keeps your data safe) which implies secure messaging, online payments, and digital signatures.
- Credit cards, ISBNs, and barcodes use modular arithmetic to detect typing errors.  
For example, a credit card's last digit (the check digit) is computed using mod 10 arithmetic on the other digits  
Implies error detection in identification numbers.

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## Boolean algebra

- consider the following statements that can be either TRUE or FALSE:
  - Today is Monday AND it is raining
  - Today is Monday OR today is NOT Monday
  - Today is Monday AND today is NOT Monday
- Boolean algebra allows us to formalize this sort of reasoning
- Boolean variables may take one of only two possible values: TRUE, FALSE
- there are three fundamental Boolean operators: AND, OR, NOT
- an exhaustive approach to describing when some statement is true (or false): TRUTH TABLES
- the = in Boolean algebra indicates equivalence

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## Boolean algebra

The three fundamental Boolean operators

1. Logical conjunction: AND  $\wedge$

True only when both A and B are true.

A	B	A AND B
F	F	F
F	T	F
T	F	F
T	T	T

$A \text{ AND } B = A \wedge B = AB$

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## Boolean algebra

The three fundamental Boolean operators

1. Logical disjunction: **OR**  $\vee$

True unless both A and B are false.

A	B	A OR B
F	F	F
F	T	T
T	F	T
T	T	T

$$A \text{ OR } B = A \vee B = A+B$$

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## Boolean algebra

The three fundamental Boolean operators

1. Logical negation: **NOT**  $\neg$

True when A is false

False when A is true.

A	NOT A
F	T
T	F

$$\text{NOT } A = \neg A = A'$$

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## Boolean algebra

Truth table

A	B	A'	B'	AB	A+B
F	F				
F	T				
T	F				
T	T				

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## Boolean algebra

Truth table

A	B	A'	B'	AB	A+B
F	F	T	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	T
T	T	F	F	T	T

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## Boolean algebra

**Exercise 5.** write the truth table for  $(A+B)B$

A	B	$A+B$	$(A+B)B$
F	F		
F	T		
T	F		
T	T		

Truth tables can be used to prove equivalencies.

What have we proved in this table?