

## MODULE I

- Number Theory:  $(\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Z})$

Divisors, quotient, remainder, divisibility:

Well-ordering Principle

Any subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{N}$  has a minimum element

### THEOREM 1.1

If  $a \neq b$  are integers and  $b > 0$ , then there is a unique pair of integers  $q, r$  s.t.  $a = qb + r$  and  $0 \leq r < b$

Ex:  $a = 5$   $b = 3$   $5 = q \cdot 3 + r$   $0 \leq r < 3$   $r = 0, 1, 2$

$q \Rightarrow$  quotient  $\rightarrow 1 \cdot 3 + 2$   
 $r \Rightarrow$  remainder.

Proof: There is a pair  $(q, r)$  which satisfies the condition  
have to prove  $a = qb + r$  and  $0 \leq r < b$ .

It is a unique pair.  $(q_1, r_1) \neq (q_2, r_2)$  which satisfy  
 $a = q_1 b + r_1 = q_2 b + r_2$   $0 \leq r_1, r_2 < b$  then  
 $q_1 = q_2$  &  $r_1 = r_2$

Define  $S = \{a - ub \mid u \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \{a, a \pm b, a \pm 2b, \dots, a \pm ib, \dots\}$

Existence of the pair  
 $S$  contains +ve integers. Therefore  $S \cap \mathbb{N}$  is non-empty and obviously a subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ . By Well Ordering property  $S \cap \mathbb{N}$  has a minimum element,  $r$ . Since  $r \in S$ ,  $0 \leq r$ . and  $r \in S$ ,  $r = a - qb$  for some  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $r < b$ , for if  $r > b$  then  $0 \leq r - b = a - qb - b = a - (q+1)b \in S \cap \mathbb{N}$  and  $r - b < r$  contradicting the fact that  $r$  is the minimum element of  $S \cap \mathbb{N}$ .  
Now  $a = qb + r$  and  $0 \leq r < b$ .

Uniqueness  
Let us say there are two pairs  $(q_1, r_1) \neq (q_2, r_2)$  which satisfy  $a = qb + r$  &  $0 \leq r < b$ .

$$a = q_1 b + r_1 = q_2 b + r_2$$

$$\therefore (q_1 - q_2)b = (r_2 - r_1) \quad \text{Since both } r_1 \neq r_2$$

satisfy  $0 \leq r < b$ , the magnitude of the difference

$|r_2 - r_1| < b$ . Hence  $r_2 - r_1$  cannot be a multiple of  $b$ .

Therefore  $r_1 = r_2$  and hence  $q_1 = q_2$



Eg: Any square  $n$  produces a remainder 0 or 1 with 4.

Proof:  $n = a^2$ ;  $a \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Case 1:  $a$  is even: i.e.  $a = 2k$   $k \in \mathbb{N}$

$$n = a^2 = 4k^2 = 4q + r \quad \begin{matrix} r=0 \\ q=k^2 \end{matrix}$$

Case 2:  $a$  is odd i.e.  $a = 2k+1$

$$n = (2k+1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 4\left(k^2 + k\right) + 1 = 4q + r$$

$$\begin{matrix} r=1 \\ q=k^2+k \end{matrix}$$

Case: when  $b < 0$

Since  $b < 0$ , we have  $-b > 0$ . and hence Theorem 1.1 applies to  $-b$  and  $a = q_x(-b) + r$   $0 \leq r < -b = |b|$ . Therefore  $a$  can be written as  $a = (-q) \times b + r$  which is unique because  $(q, r)$  is unique by Theorem 1.1.

## Divisors

→  $a$  is a divisor of  $b$  if  $b = qa$  for some integer  $q$  ( $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ )  
 $a$  is referred to as a multiple of  $b$

Eg: 3 is a divisor of 6 ( $6 = 2 \times 3$ )

3 is a divisor of  $-6$  ( $-6 = -2 \times 3$ )

→ Notation:  $a|b \Rightarrow a$  divides  $b$   
( $a$  is a divisor of  $b$ )

↳  $a$

(★) PROVE THE FOLLOWING (Home work)

(a) if  $a|b$  and  $b|c$  then  $a|c$ ;

(b) if  $a|b$  and  $c|d$  then  $ac|bd$ ;

(c) if  $m \neq 0$ , then  $a|b$  if and only if  $ma|mb$ ;

(d) if  $d|a$  and  $a \neq 0$  then  $|d| \leq |a|$ .

### Theorem 1.3

(a) If  $c$  divides  $a_1, \dots, a_k$ , then  $c$  divides  $\underline{a_1u_1 + \dots + a_ku_k}$  for all integers  $u_1, \dots, u_k$ .

(b)  $a|b$  and  $b|a$  if and only if  $a = \pm b$ .

Eg:  $c=3$      $a_1=6$      $a_2=18$      $a_3=9$      $6u_1 + 18u_2 + 9u_3$   
 $u_1, u_2, u_3 \in \mathbb{Z}$

PROOF:

(a)  $c|a_1, c|a_2, \dots, c|a_k \Rightarrow$  Therefore  $a_i = q_i c$   $i=1 \dots k$

Hence  $a_1u_1 + a_2u_2 + a_3u_3 + \dots + a_ku_k$

$$= c(q_1u_1 + q_2u_2 + \dots + q_ku_k) = c\hat{q} \quad \hat{q} = \sum_{i=1}^k q_i u_i \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

$\therefore c|(a_1u_1 + a_2u_2 + \dots + a_ku_k)$  by the definition of divisibility

(b)  $\frac{?}{\text{if } a \neq 0 \text{ and } b \neq 0}$   
 $a|b \Rightarrow b = q_1 a \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$  Similarly  $b|a \Rightarrow a = q_2 b \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$

Plugging  $\textcircled{2}$  into  $\textcircled{1}$  we get  $b = q_1 q_2 b$ .

$q_1 q_2 = 1$  which is possible only if  $q_1$  and  $q_2$  satisfy  $\pm 1$ .

On the other hand if  $a=b=0$  then obviously  $a=\pm b$

## GREATEST COMMON DIVISOR

If  $d|a$  &  $d|b$  then  $d$  is called a common divisor.

The greatest common divisor (GCD) of  $a$  and  $b$  denoted by  $(a, b)$  is a number  $d$  which satisfies:

- (i) If  $c$  is a common divisor of  $a$  &  $b$  then  $c \leq d$
- (ii)  $d$  is a common divisor ( $d|a$  &  $d|b$ )

$$\text{Eg } (6, 4) = 2$$

$$(100, 75) = 25$$

$$(21, 18) = 3$$

$$0 = 0 \cdot 9 + 0 \cdot 1$$

Theorem (1) (Euclid's Algorithm)

If  $a = qb + r$  then  $\text{gcd}(a, b) = \text{gcd}(b, r)$ .

$$\Rightarrow \text{Eg: } \begin{matrix} a & b & r=9 \\ (27, 18) & = & (18, 9) \\ 9 & & = (9, 0) \Rightarrow \underline{9} \checkmark \end{matrix}$$

Proof:

Let  $c$  be any divisor of  $a$  &  $b$ . Now  $r = a - qb$

By Theorem 1.3,  $c | a - qb = r$ . That is any common divisor of  $a$  &  $b$  is also a divisor of  $r$ . Hence  $c$  is a common divisor of  $b$  &  $r$ . GCD is also a divisor of  $a$  &  $b$  and hence of  $b$  &  $r$ . Hence  $(a, b) = (b, r)$

$$a = 54 \quad b = 36$$

$$(a, b) = (54, 36) = (36, 18) = (18, 0) = \underline{18}$$

$$\begin{matrix} q_1 & r_1 \\ 54 = 36 \cdot 1 & + 18 \\ 36 = 18 \cdot 2 & + 0 \\ q_2 & r_2 \end{matrix}$$

(a, b)  $\rightarrow$  Euclid's Algorithm steps:

$$a = q_1 b + r_1 \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \quad (b, r_1)$$

$$b = q_2 r_1 + r_2 \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \quad (r_1, r_2)$$

$$r_1 = q_3 r_2 + r_3 \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \quad (r_2, r_3)$$

$$\vdots$$

$$r_{n-2} = q_{n-1} r_{n-1} + r_n \rightarrow \textcircled{n} \quad \begin{matrix} (r_{n-1}, r_n) = (r_{n-1}, 0) \\ (r_n = 0) \end{matrix} = \underline{r_{n-1}}$$

## THEOREM

In the above procedure  $d = (a, b) = r_{n-1}$ .

PROOF:

From Theorem ① applied on eq. ①,  $(a, b) = (b, r_1)$ . Similarly applying it on ②,  $(b, r_1) = (r_1, r_2)$ . Progressively applying on the rest of the equations we get  $d = (a, b) = (r_1, r_2) = (r_2, r_3) = \dots = (r_{n-1}, r_n) = (r_{n-1}, 0) = r_{n-1}$   $\square$

## Bezout's Identity

If  $a$  and  $b$  are integers (not both 0), then there exist integers  $u$  and  $v$  such that

$$\gcd(a, b) = au + bv.$$

Ex:

54

36

$$18 = 54 \cdot 1 + 36 \cdot (-1)$$

$$u = 1$$

$$v = -1$$

$$(54, 37) = 1$$

$$1 = 54u + 37v$$

Euclid's Alg:

$$54 - 37 = (2 \cdot 54 + 3 \cdot 37) \cdot 5 + 2$$

$$= -10 \cdot 54 + 15 \cdot 37 + 2$$

$$\boxed{11 \cdot 54 - 16 \cdot 37 = 2} \quad \checkmark$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} b & r_1 & r_2 \\ 54 & = 37 \cdot 1 & + 17 \rightarrow 17 = 54 - 37 \quad \checkmark \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} b & r_1 & r_2 \\ 37 & = 17 \cdot 2 & + 3 \rightarrow 37 = (54 - 37) \cdot 2 + 3 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} r_1 & r_2 & r_3 \\ 17 & = 3 \cdot 5 & + 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} r_2 & r_3 & r_4 \\ 3 & = 2 \cdot 1 & + 1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} r_3 & r_4 & r_5 \\ 2 & = 2 \cdot 1 & + 0 \end{array}$$

$$\boxed{-2 \cdot 54 + 3 \cdot 37 = 3} \quad \checkmark$$

$$-2 \cdot 54 + 3 \cdot 37 = (11 \cdot 54 - 16 \cdot 37) \cdot 1 + 1$$

$$\boxed{-13 \cdot 54 + 19 \cdot 37 = 1}$$

$$u = -13$$

$$v = 19$$

Every intermediate  $r_i$  was expressed as  $au_i + bv_i$ .  
Therefore  $r_{n-1} = d = au_{n-1} + bv_{n-1} = au + bv$ .

PROOF:

writing the Euclid's Alg step by step:

$$a = bq_1 + r_1 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$$

$$b = r_1q_2 + r_2 \rightarrow \textcircled{2}$$

$$r_1 = r_2q_3 + r_3 \rightarrow \textcircled{3}$$

$$\vdots$$

$$r_{n-2} = r_{n-1} q_n + r_n \rightarrow \textcircled{n} \quad (r_n = 0)$$

From ① we get  $r_1 = a - bq_1 = au_1 + bv_1$  where  $u_1 = 1 \neq 0$   
 $v_1 = -q_1$ . Now plugging this into ② we get  $b = q_1(au_1 + bv_1) + r_2$   
 Rearranging  $r_2 = au_2 + bv_2$ . ( $u_2 = -q_1 u_1$ ,  $v_2 = 1 - q_1 v_1$ ). Proceeding  
 Similarly we can express every  $r_i$  as  $au_i + bv_i$ .  
 Hence  $d = r_{n-1} = au_{n-1} + bv_{n-1} = au + bv$  ( $u = u_{n-1}$ ,  $v = v_{n-1}$ )

Corollary:  $d = (a, b)$  is the smallest positive integer that  
 can be written as  $au + bv$  where  $u, v \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  
 at least one of  $a \neq b$  is non-zero.

eg:  $(105, 45) = 15$

$$\begin{array}{r} 105u + 45v \\ \underline{0 - 14 \times} \end{array}$$

→ Think it over.

## (★) Extended Euclid's Algorithm (Reading assignment)

Finding out a pair  $(u, v)$  s.t.  $au + bv = (a, b)$

## Least Common Multiple (LCM)

Consider two integers  $a, b$ .

### Common Multiple (CM)

An integer  $c$  is a CM of  $a \neq b$  if  $a|c$  &  $b|c$ .

eg:  $a=3, b=4$

common multiples

$$\{12, 24, 36, 48, 60, \dots\}$$

If you take the set of all the +ve common multiples of  $a$  and  $b$   
 then by Well Ordering Principle, the set has a minimum  
element, called LCM.

eg:

+ve common multiples of  $3 \neq 4$

$$\{12, 24, 36, 48, 60, \dots\} \subseteq \mathbb{N}$$

↑  
LCM

Notation:  $[a, b] = \text{LCM}(a, b)$

Property: If  $c$  is any CM of  $a$  &  $b$ . Then  $l = [a, b] \mid c$ .

Proof:

Suppose  $l \nmid c$ . Obviously  $l \leq c$ . Since  $l \nmid c$  by division theorem we can write  $c = lq + r$  where  $0 < r < l$ .  $a \mid c$  implies  $a \mid (lq + r)$ . Now since  $a \mid l$ ,  $a$  should divide  $r$  also. Therefore  $r$  is a multiple of  $a$ . Arguing in the same way  $b \mid r$  and hence  $r$  is a CM of  $a$  &  $b$ , contradicting the fact that  $l$  is the LCM. Hence  $l \mid c$ .  $\square$

THEOREM: If  $d = (a, b)$  and  $l = [a, b]$  then  $ld = ab$ .

Ex.  $(12, 16) = 4$

$[12, 16] = 48$

$\frac{12 \times 16}{4 \times 48} = \frac{192}{192}$

Proof:

Consider  $a$  and  $b$  are non-negative.

Define  $e = a/d$  &  $f = b/d$ . Now  $\frac{ab}{d} = \frac{de \cdot df}{d} = def$

But  $def = af$  Hence  $a \mid def$ . Similarly  $def = be$  and hence  $b \mid def$ . Therefore  $def$  is a common multiple of  $a$  &  $b$ . Since  $def$  is a CM of  $a$  &  $b$  LCM  $l \mid def = \frac{ab}{d}$ . This implies that  $ld \mid ab$ .

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Establish  $ld \mid ab$

Establish  $ab \mid ld$

$d = au + bv$  by Bezout's Identity. Therefore  
 $ld = alu + blv$ . Hence  $\frac{ld}{ab} = \left(\frac{al}{ab}\right)u + \left(\frac{bl}{ab}\right)v$   
where  $\hat{u} = l/b \in \mathbb{Z}$  &  $\hat{v} = l/a \in \mathbb{Z}$   $= \hat{u}u + \hat{v}v \in \mathbb{Z}$   
Therefore  $ab \mid ld$

Since  $ld \mid ab$  and  $ab \mid ld$  we have  $ab = ld$ .  $\square$

## SOLVING DIOPHANTINE EQUATION

$$ax + by = c$$

$$a, b, c, x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Solve for  $x$  &  $y$  given  $a, b, c$ .

Ex.  $3x + 15y = 17 \rightarrow$  No Solution.

$3x + 15y = 21 \rightarrow$  Infinitely many solutions



(Brahmagupta - Around 600 AD)

Theorem: The equation  $ax+by=c$  has solution if and only if  $d=(a,b) \mid c$ . in which case there are infinitely many solutions.

Proof: Let  $d \mid c$ . Therefore  $c=dq$ , where  $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ . By Bezout's identity we have  $d=au+bv$ . Plugging this into  $c=dq$ , we get  $c=aqu+bqv=ax_0+by_0$  where  $x_0=qu$  &  $y_0=qv$ .

$(e,f)=1$

Proof:  $d=au+bv$   
Dividing both sides by  $d$ , we get

$1=eu+fv$

$(e,f)=1$   
[CO-PRIME]

Take any  $x,y$  st  $ax+by=c$ . Subtracting  $ax_0+by_0$  from  $ax+by$  we get  $a(x-x_0)+b(y-y_0)=0 \rightarrow \textcircled{1}$

Dividing  $\textcircled{1}$  by  $d$  we get  $\frac{a}{d}(x-x_0)+\frac{b}{d}(y-y_0)=0$

Denote  $a/d$  as  $e$  &  $b/d$  as  $f$  we get  $e(x-x_0)+f(y-y_0)=0$

Rearranging we get  $e(x-x_0) = -f(y-y_0)$ . Since  $(e,f)=1$   
 $e \mid (y-y_0) \Rightarrow y-y_0=eu$   $e \in \mathbb{Z}$   $u \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$y = y_0 + eu = y_0 + \frac{a}{d}u$$

$$e(x-x_0) = -f \frac{au}{d} = -feu$$

$$x = x_0 - fu = x_0 - \frac{b}{d}u$$

The General set of solutions from the particular solution  $(x_0, y_0)$  is  $(x_0 - \frac{b}{d}u, y_0 + \frac{a}{d}u)$   $u \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Converse is obvious and follows from an earlier theorem proved.

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# MODULAR ARITHMETIC

## Congruence Relations

① Given  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  we say  $x \in \mathbb{Z}, y \in \mathbb{Z}$

$x \equiv y \pmod{n}$  if both  $x$  &  $y$  produce the same remainder when divided by  $n$ .

$x$  is congruent to  $y$  modulo  $n$ .

Eg:  $8 \equiv 13 \pmod{5}$

② This is equivalent to saying that  $x \equiv y \pmod{n}$  iff  $n \mid x-y$

$$8 \equiv 13 \pmod{5} \Rightarrow 5 \mid 8-13 = -5$$

①  $\Leftrightarrow$  ②

$n \mid x-y$  iff  $x$  &  $y$  produce the same remainder modulo  $n$ .

•  $n \mid x-y \Rightarrow x-y = kn \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Let  $x = nq_x + r_x \quad 0 \leq r_x < n$

$y = nq_y + r_y \quad 0 \leq r_y < n$

$$x-y = n(q_x - q_y) + (r_x - r_y)$$

$$\Rightarrow kn = n(q_x - q_y) + (r_x - r_y)$$

$$\Rightarrow (k - q_x + q_y)n = (r_x - r_y)$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{n \mid (r_x - r_y)} \quad (n \text{ divides } r_x - r_y)$$

This is possible only if  $r_x - r_y = 0$  or  $r_x = r_y$ . Since  $|r_x - r_y| < n$

Both  $x$  and  $y$  produce the same remainder.

• Both  $x$  &  $y$  produce the same remainder wrt.  $n$ .

$$\text{ci } x = nq_x + r$$

$$y = nq_y + r$$

$$\underline{x-y = n(q_x - q_y)}$$

## Recap

- Divisibility
- Euclid's Alg.
- GCD
- LCM
- Bezout's Id.
- Diophantine (Linear) eqns.

Therefore  $n/(m-y)$

→ Addition & Subtraction.

$$\begin{array}{l} a \equiv b \pmod{n} \\ c \equiv d \pmod{n} \\ \hline a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{n} \end{array}$$

Eq:

$$\begin{array}{l} 5 \equiv 13 \pmod{8} \\ 12 \equiv 36 \pmod{8} \end{array}$$

Addition:

$$\begin{array}{l} 17 \equiv 49 \pmod{8} \\ \underline{2} \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow \text{remainder 1} \\ \text{remainder} = 1 \end{array}$$

Subtract

$$\begin{array}{l} -7 \equiv -23 \pmod{8} \\ \underline{-1} \quad \quad \quad \rightarrow \text{rem} = 1 \end{array}$$

→ Multiplication

$$\begin{array}{l} a \equiv b \pmod{n} \\ c \equiv d \pmod{n} \\ \hline ac \equiv bd \pmod{n} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} 12 \equiv 36 \pmod{8} \\ 5 \equiv 29 \pmod{8} \\ \hline 60 \equiv 1044 \pmod{8} \\ \underline{4} \quad \quad \quad \text{remainder} = 4 \end{array}$$

→ Division is not defined in modular arithmetic:

$$\begin{array}{l} 10 \equiv 16 \pmod{6} \\ \text{If you divide both sides by 2} \\ 5 \equiv 8 \pmod{6} \\ \text{You lose congruence b/w LHS \& RHS} \end{array}$$

$a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \quad n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 $c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$

PROOF

From  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  we have  $a-b = k_1 n$   
Similarly from  $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$  we have  $c-d = k_2 n$   
 $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $a-b + c-d = (a+c) - (b+d)$   
 $= (k_1 + k_2)n$   
 $= \underline{\underline{kn}}$   
 $a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{n}$   
Prove Subtraction similarly

PROOF

$$\begin{array}{l} a-b = k_1 n \rightarrow \textcircled{1} \\ c-d = k_2 n \rightarrow \textcircled{2} \\ \text{Multiplying } \textcircled{1} \text{ by } c \text{ on both sides} \\ ac - bc = ck_1 n \rightarrow \textcircled{3} \\ \text{Multiplying } \textcircled{2} \text{ by } b \text{ on both sides} \\ bc - bd = bk_2 n \rightarrow \textcircled{4} \\ \hline \textcircled{3} + \textcircled{4} \\ ac - bd = (k_1 + bk_2)n \\ = \underline{\underline{kn}} \\ ac \equiv bd \pmod{n} \end{array}$$

We define  $x/y$  ( $n, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ ) by finding another integer  $z$  s.t.  $x \equiv yz \pmod{n}$ . (This is not always defined)

Ex:  $n=7$

$\frac{5}{3} \rightarrow 4$

 $5 \equiv 3 \times 4 \pmod{7}$   
 $5 \equiv 12 \pmod{7}$

→ Congruence is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$

- (i)  $\forall x \in \mathbb{Z} \quad x \equiv y \pmod{n} \Rightarrow y \equiv x \pmod{n}$  [Symmetry]
- (ii)  $\forall x, y, z \quad \text{if } x \equiv y \pmod{n} \text{ \& } y \equiv z \pmod{n} \text{ then } x \equiv z \pmod{n}$  [Transitive]
- (iii)  $\forall x \quad x \equiv x \pmod{n}$

Therefore it divides  $\mathbb{Z}$  into  $n$  equivalence classes.

(a because division by  $n$  can produce  $n$  remainders  $0, \dots, (n-1)$ )

Ex:  $n=5$

Notation:

- $[0] \rightarrow \text{remainder } 0 \Rightarrow \{0, 5, 10, 15, 20, \dots\}$
- $[1] \rightarrow \text{remainder } 1 \Rightarrow \{\pm 1, \pm 6, \pm 11, \pm 16, \dots\}$
- $[2] \rightarrow \text{remainder } 2 \Rightarrow \{\pm 2, \pm 7, \pm 12, \pm 17, \dots\}$
- $[3] \rightarrow \text{remainder } 3 \Rightarrow \{\pm 3, \pm 8, \pm 13, \dots\}$
- $[4] \rightarrow \text{remainder } 4 \Rightarrow \{\pm 4, \pm 9, \pm 14, \pm 19, \dots\}$

$\mathbb{Z}_n \cong \{[0], [1], [2], [3], [4], \dots, [n-1]\}$

## MODULE II

### Prime Numbers

#### Prime Number: Definition

$\rightarrow p \in \mathbb{N}$  is called prime if only 1 and  $p$  divides  $p$ .

1 is not prime

2 is prime and the only even number which is a prime

#### THEOREM

Let  $p$  be prime and  $a$  and  $b$  be integers.

①  $\rightarrow$  Either  $p|a$  or  $(a,p)=1$

②  $\rightarrow$  If  $p|ab$  then  $p|a$  or  $p|b$ .

PROOF.

①  $\rightarrow$  Since  $p$  is prime, only  $1$  &  $p$  are its factors. Therefore either  $(a,p)=1$  or  $p$ . If  $(a,p)=1$  we are done. else  $(a,p)=p$ . This implies  $p|a$ .

② If  $p|a$  then it is done.

If  $p \nmid a$  then  $(a,p)=1$ . Then by Bezout's identity

$$ax + py = 1, \text{ where } x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Multiplying both sides by  $b$

$$abx + pby = b.$$

Since  $p|ab$  and  $p|pb$  the Left Hand side is a multiple of  $p$ . Hence  $p|b$ .  $\square$

#### Corollary

If  $p \mid a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n, n \geq 2$  then it  $p \mid a_i$  for at least one  $i \in 1 \dots n$ .

PROOF Use induction

Basis:  $n=2$ ; we have proved this case.

Hypothesis: The Corollary holds for  $n \leq n_0$ . consider the product  $a_1 a_2 a_3 a_4 \dots a_{n_0} a_{n_0+1}$

Define  $a = a_1 \dots a_n$ ;  $b = a_{n+1}$

Therefore  $p|t = p|ab$  and hence  $p|a_1 \dots a_n$  or  $p|a_{n+1}$ . But since  $p|a_1 \dots a_n$  by Ind. Hypothesis  $p|a_1$  or  $p|a_2 \dots p|a_n$ . Therefore  $p|a_1$  or  $p|a_2 \dots p|a_{n+1}$  (Combining all)  $\square$

Ex:  $p=5$   $10 \times 7 \times 8 \Rightarrow p|560 \Rightarrow \underline{\underline{p|10}}$

## Prime Power Factorization

### Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic

Given any integer  $n > 1$ , can be written as a product of prime-powers.

Ex:  $100 = 2^2 \times 5^2$   
 $= p_1^2 p_2^2$

$p_1, p_2 = \text{Prime Numbers}$

Prime Power Factorization

$(p^e : p \text{ is Prime})$

$$n = p_1^{e_1} \cdot p_2^{e_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{e_k} \quad e_i \geq 0$$

### Theorem

Every integer  $n > 1$  can be factorized into prime-powers and the factorization is unique.

PROOF: Use mathematical Induction to prove the theorem.

$\Rightarrow$  If  $n=2$ , then  $n=2^1$  which is of the required form.

$\Rightarrow$  Let us say every integer from 2 to  $n-1$  can be factorized into prime powers

$\Rightarrow$  Consider  $n$ , if  $n$  is prime then  $n$  satisfies the theorem

If  $n$  is Composite then  $n = ab$   $1 < a, b < n$

Since  $1 < a, b < n$  both are prime-power factorizable by induction-

Let  $a = p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} \dots p_k^{e_k} \quad e_i \geq 0$

$$b = p_1^{f_1} p_2^{f_2} \dots p_k^{f_k} \quad f_k \geq 0$$

Therefore  $n = ab = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{e_i + f_i}$  which is a prime power factorization.

Since  $n$  is arbitrary it implies any integer greater than 1 is prime factorizable.

$$\begin{aligned} 21 &= 3 \times 7 & 3, 5, 7 \\ 35 &= 5 \times 7 \\ 21 &= 3^1 \times 5^0 \times 7^1 \\ 35 &= 3^0 \times 5^1 \times 7^1 \end{aligned}$$

### Uniqueness (upto permutation of the primes)

Suppose there are two prime-power factorizations for  $n > 1$

$$\text{Say } p_1^{e_1} p_2^{e_2} p_3^{e_3} \dots p_k^{e_k} \neq q_1^{f_1} q_2^{f_2} \dots q_l^{f_l}$$

Let us denote by  $R$  the set of all the primes present in both the factorizations together  $R = \{p_1, \dots, p_k\} \cup \{q_1, \dots, q_l\}$

Let  $R = \{r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m\}$ ,  $r_i \neq r_j$ ,  $r_i$ 's are all primes

$$\text{Therefore the factorization } \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{e_i} = \prod_{j=1}^m r_j^{\hat{e}_j}, \hat{e}_j \geq 0$$

$$\text{Illy the factorization } \prod_{i=1}^l q_i^{f_i} = \prod_{j=1}^m r_j^{\hat{f}_j}, \hat{f}_j \geq 0$$

$$1 = \frac{n}{n} = \frac{\prod_{j=1}^m r_j^{\hat{e}_j}}{\prod_{j=1}^m r_j^{\hat{f}_j}} = \prod_{j=1}^m r_j^{(\hat{e}_j - \hat{f}_j)} \quad \text{which implies that } \hat{e}_j = \hat{f}_j \quad \forall j \in \{1, \dots, m\}$$

This proves that both the factorizations are the same

□

### DISTRIBUTION OF PRIMES

#### THEOREM

There are infinite no. of primes

#### Proof:

Prove it by contradiction.

Let us assume there are only finite no. of primes.

Since there are only finite no. of primes, there is a largest prime,  $P$ .

Let us define  $Q = 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 \cdot 5 \cdot \dots \cdot P + 1$ . Obviously  $Q > P$ .

If  $Q$  is prime then it contradicts the fact that  $P$  is the largest prime.

If  $Q$  is composite, then none of the primes in 1 to  $P$  divides  $Q$ . Hence this leads to contradiction with the assumption since there has to be a prime greater than  $P$  which divides  $Q$ . Hence: prime nos. have to be infinite in nos.



GCD and LCM in terms of prime factorization:

Let  $a$  &  $b$  be two natural numbers. Then  $a$  &  $b$ , by Fundamental theorem of arithmetic can be written as:

$$a = p_1^{e_1} \cdot p_2^{e_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{e_k}$$

$$b = p_1^{f_1} \cdot p_2^{f_2} \cdot \dots \cdot p_k^{f_k}$$

$$e_i, f_i \geq 0$$

$$\gcd(a, b) = (a, b) = p_1^{\min(e_1, f_1)} p_2^{\min(e_2, f_2)} \dots p_k^{\min(e_k, f_k)}$$

Ex:

$$54 = 2 \times 3^3$$

$$16 = 2^4$$

$$p_1 = 2, p_2 = 3$$

$$54 = p_1^1 \cdot p_2^3$$

$$16 = p_1^4 \cdot p_2^0$$

$$(54, 16) = 2^{\min(1, 4)} 3^{\min(3, 0)} = 2^1 3^0$$

$$= 2$$

$$\text{LCM} [a, b] = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\max(e_i, f_i)}$$

$$[54, 16] = 2^4 \cdot 3^3 = 16 \times 27 = 6^3 \times 2$$

$$= 216 \times 2 = 432$$

$$(a, b) [a, b] = \left( \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\min(e_i, f_i)} \right) \left( \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{\max(e_j, f_j)} \right)$$

Collect the terms of the same prime and write the expression as

$$\prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{\min(e_i, f_i) + \max(e_i, f_i)} = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{e_i + f_i}$$

Say  $\min(e_i, f_i) = e_i$



then  $\max(e_i, f_i) = f_i$   
 $\therefore \text{Sum is } e_i + f_i = \prod_{i=1}^k p_i^{e_i} \prod_{j=1}^k p_j^{f_j} = \underline{\underline{a \cdot b}}$

## Fermat and Mersenne Primes

$$2^m \pm 1$$

There are many small primes which are of this form

Eg: 
$$\begin{array}{ccccccc} 3 & 5 & 7 & 17 & \dots & \dots & \dots \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow & & & \\ 3 = 2^1 + 1 & 5 = 2^2 + 1 & 7 = 2^3 - 1 & 17 = 2^4 + 1 & & & \\ m=1 & m=2 & m=3 & m=4 & & & \end{array}$$

Fermat considered numbers of the  $2^m + 1$ .

Theorem If  $2^m + 1$  is a prime then  $m$  is a power of 2.

Eg: 
$$\begin{aligned} 3 &= 2^1 + 1 \Rightarrow m=1=2^0 \\ 5 &= 2^2 + 1 \Rightarrow m=2=2^1 \\ 17 &= 2^4 + 1 \Rightarrow m=4=2^2 \end{aligned}$$

Proof:

Suppose  $m$  is not a power of 2. Then  $m$  can be written as  $2^u q$ . (where  $u \geq 0$ ,  $q > 1$  and  $q$  is odd)  
 (Any no. not a pow. of 2 can be written this way. Eg:  $15 = 2^3 \times \underline{15}$ ,  $26 = 2^1 \times \underline{13}$ ,  $20 = 2^2 \times \underline{5}$ )

Consider the polynomial  $f(t) = t^q + 1$ . Since  $q$  is odd  $t = -1$  is a solution (root). Hence  $t+1$  is a factor of  $f(t)$ . Put  $t = x^{2^u}$ , then  $f(t) = f(x^{2^u}) = (x^{2^u})^q + 1 = x^{2^u q} + 1 = x^m + 1$ . This has  $t+1 = x^{2^u} + 1$  as a factor. In particular if you put  $x=2$  you get  $(2^{2^u} + 1)$  is a factor of  $2^m + 1$ . Therefore

$2^m + 1$  is Composite.  $\blacksquare$

$2^{2^n} + 1 \Rightarrow F_n$  (Fermat Number).

Fermat nos.  $F_n$  which are prime are called Fermat primes.

$n=0$	$n=1$	$n=2$	$n=3$	$n=4$
$F_0 = 3$	$F_1 = 5$	$F_2 = 17$	$F_3 = 257$	$F_4 = 65537$

All primes

Euler proved that  $F_5 = 4294967297$  is composite.

Consider nos. of the form  $a^m - 1$  (which is a generalization of  $2^m - 1$ ).

What are the conditions  $a$  &  $m$  should satisfy for  $a^m - 1$  to be a prime?

THEOREM

If  $a^m - 1$  is a prime then  $a=2$  and  $m$  is prime.

Proof

condition on  $a$  } Consider the polynomial  $f(a) = a^m - 1$ . This has 1 as a root (soln). Therefore  $a-1$  is a factor of  $f(a)$ . If  $a > 2$  then  $a-1 > 1$  and hence  $a^m - 1$  is composite. If  $a=1$  then  $f(a)=0$  is invariably 0 for every  $m$  and hence not prime for any  $m$ . Therefore  $a=2$  is the possibility for  $f(a)$  to be prime for some  $m$ .

Condition on  $m$  } Suppose  $m$  is Composite. Then  $m = pq$ , where  $1 < p, q < m$ . Therefore  $2^m - 1 = 2^{pq} - 1 = (2^p)^q - 1$ . Taking  $t = 2^p$ ,  $2^m - 1$  can be written as  $t^q - 1$ . This clearly has  $t-1$

as a factor. Resubstituting  $2^p$  for  $t$  we get  $2^p - 1$  as a factor for  $2^m - 1$ . But  $2^p - 1 > 1$  hence  $2^m - 1$  is composite. Therefore for  $2^m - 1$  to be prime  $m$  has to be prime too.

Nos. of the form  $2^p - 1$  ( $p$  is prime) are called Mersenne Numbers. If it is a prime then it is called Mersenne Prime.

