



Mathematical Foundations of Computing

Modular Arithmetic

- Arithmetic over a finite domain
- In computing, almost all computations are over a finite domain

I'm ALIVE!

```
public class Test {
    final static int SEC_IN_YEAR = 364*24*60*60*100;
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        System.out.println(
            "I will be alive for at least " +
            SEC_IN_YEAR * 101 + " seconds."
        );
    }
}
```

```
----jGRASP exec: java Test
I will be alive for at least -186619904 seconds.
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

Divisibility

Definition: "a divides b"

For $a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $a \neq 0$:

$$a \mid b \leftrightarrow \exists(k \in \mathbb{Z}) b = ka$$

Check Your Understanding. Which of the following are true?

$$5 \mid 1$$

$$5 \mid 1 \text{ iff } 1 = 5k$$

$$25 \mid 5$$

$$25 \mid 5 \text{ iff } 5 = 25k$$

$$5 \mid 5$$

$$5 \mid 5 \text{ iff } 5 = 5k$$

$$3 \mid 2$$

$$3 \mid 2 \text{ iff } 2 = 3k$$

$$1 \mid 5$$

$$1 \mid 5 \text{ iff } 5 = 1k$$

$$5 \mid 25$$

$$5 \mid 25 \text{ iff } 25 = 5k$$

$$0 \mid 1$$

$$0 \mid 1 \text{ iff } 1 = 0k$$

$$2 \mid 3$$

$$2 \mid 3 \text{ iff } 3 = 2k$$

Division Theorem

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For $a \in \mathbb{Z}, d \in \mathbb{Z}^+$:

Then, there exists *unique* integers q, r with $0 \leq r < d$ such that $a = dq + r$.

To put it another way, if we take a/d , we get a dividend

and a remainder: $q = a \text{ div } d$ $r = a \text{ mod } d$

```
public class Test2 {
    public static void main(String args[]) {
        int a = -5;
        int d = 2;
        System.out.println(a % d);
    }
}
```

```
----jGRASP exec: java Test2
-1
----jGRASP: operation complete.
```

Note: $r \geq 0$ even if $a < 0$.
Not quite the same as $a \% d$.

Arithmetic, mod 7

$$a +_7 b = (a + b) \bmod 7$$

$$a \times_7 b = (a \times b) \bmod 7$$

+	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
2	2	3	4	5	6	0	1
3	3	4	5	6	0	1	2
4	4	5	6	0	1	2	3
5	5	6	0	1	2	3	4
6	6	0	1	2	3	4	5

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	0	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	0	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	0	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	0	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	0	6	5	4	3	2	1

Modular Arithmetic

Definition: “a is congruent to b modulo m”

For $a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z}, m \in \mathbb{Z}$:

$$a \equiv_m b \leftrightarrow m \mid (a - b)$$

**Check Your Understanding. What do each of these mean?
When are they true?**

$$A \equiv_2 0$$

This statement is the same as saying “A is even”; so, any A that is even (including negative even numbers) will work.

$$1 \equiv_4 0$$

This statement is false. If we take it mod **1** instead, then the statement is true.

$$A \equiv_{17} -1$$

If $A = 17x - 1 = 17x + 16$, then it works.

Note that $(m - 1) \bmod m = ((m \bmod m) + (-1 \bmod m)) \bmod m$
 $= (0 + -1) \bmod m = -1 \bmod m$

Modular Arithmetic: A Property

Let a and b be integers, and let m be a positive integer. Then, $a \equiv_m b$ if and only if $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$.

Suppose that $a \equiv_m b$.

Suppose that $a \bmod m = b \bmod m$.

Modular Arithmetic: Another Property

Let m be a positive integer. If $a \equiv_m b$ and $c \equiv_m d$,
then **$a + c \equiv_m b + d$**

Modular Arithmetic: Another-nother Property

Let m be a positive integer.

If $a \equiv_m b$ and $c \equiv_m d$, then **$ac \equiv_m bd$**