

Quiz Friday on equiv. relations, equivalence classes...  
HW #3 posted.

Last time existence of gcd's, computing of gcd's.

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If  $p$  is prime and  $p | (ab)$  then either  $p | a$  or  $p | b$ .

Every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n > 1$  is a prime or a product of primes

Thm 1.6.21 Factorization into primes is unique (up to order)

Proof Suppose not; suppose there are integers  $\geq 2$  with a nonunique factorization into primes. By well-ordering there is the smallest one such integer, call it  $m$ .

Then  $\exists r, s \in \mathbb{N}$  and primes  $p_1, \dots, p_r, q_1, \dots, q_s$  s.t.

$$m = p_1 \cdots p_r = q_1 \cdots q_s.$$

Since  $p_1 | (p_1 \cdots p_r)$ ,  $p_1 | (q_1 \cdots q_s)$

Homework (#1.6.9)  $\Rightarrow p_1 | q_j$  for some  $j$ . After renumbering we may assume:  $j=1$ . Since  $q_1$  is prime and  $p_1 | q_1$ ,  $p_1 = q_1$ .

$$\Rightarrow p_1 (p_2 \cdots p_r) = p_1 (q_2 \cdots q_s).$$

$$\Rightarrow p_2 \cdots p_r = q_2 \cdots q_s$$

But  $p_2 \cdots p_r = m/p_1 < m$ .  $\Rightarrow$  Factorization of  $m/p_1$  into primes is unique up to order, so  $r = s$  and

after renumbering  $q_j$ 's we may assume  $p_2 = q_2, p_3 = q_3, \dots, p_r = q_r$

$\Rightarrow$  factorization of  $m$  into primes is also unique (up to order). Contradiction.

$\therefore$  all integers  $\geq 2$  have a unique factorization into primes.  $\square$

Integers modulo  $n$  ( $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 1$ )

Definition Two integers  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  are congruent modulo  $n$  if  $n | (b-a)$ . We write  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  or  $a \equiv_n b$ .

$\equiv_n$  is a relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$

Recall A relation on a set  $X$  is a subset  $R$  of  $X \times X$ ,

i.e.  $R = \{(x_1, x_2) \mid \text{set of ordered pairs of the form } (x_1, x_2) \text{ with } x_1, x_2 \in X\}$ .

We write  $x_1 \sim x_2$  or  $x_1 \sim_R x_2$  if  $(x_1, x_2) \in R$ .

A relation  $R \subseteq X \times X$  is an equivalence relation if

- 1)  $\forall x \in X, x \sim x$  (i.e.  $(x, x) \in R$ ) (reflexivity)
- 2) if  $x \sim y$  then  $y \sim x$  (symmetry)
- 3) if  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$  then  $x \sim z$ . (transitivity)

Lemma 1.7.2 Congruence modulo  $n$  is an equivalence relation.

Proof See textbook.

Recall Given an equivalence relation  $\sim$  on a set  $X$  the equivalence class of  $x \in X$  is the set

$$[x] = \{y \in X \mid y \sim x\} = \{y \in X \mid x \sim y\}.$$

IMPORTANT FACT For two equivalence classes  $[x], [y]$ , if  $[x] \cap [y] \neq \emptyset$  then  $[x] = [y]$ .

Proof Suppose  $[x] \cap [y] \neq \emptyset$ . Then  $\exists z$  st.  $z \in [x] \cap [y]$ .

$\Rightarrow x \sim z$  and  $z \sim y$ .

Now given  $u \in [x]$ ,  $u \sim x$ .  $u \sim x$  and  $x \sim z \Rightarrow u \sim z$  by transitivity

$u \sim z$  and  $z \sim y \Rightarrow u \sim y$  by transitivity.  $\Rightarrow u \in [y]$

$\Rightarrow [x] \subseteq [y]$ .

Similarly,  $[y] \subseteq [x]$ .

$\square$

Ex (Back to  $\equiv_n$ ). Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} [a] &= \{ b \mid a \equiv b \pmod{n} \} = \{ b \mid n \mid (b-a) \} \\ &= \{ b \in \mathbb{Z} \mid b-a = qn \text{ for some } q \in \mathbb{Z} \} = \{ a + nq \mid q \in \mathbb{Z} \} \\ &= a + n\mathbb{Z} \end{aligned}$$

Notation  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  = the set of all equivalence classes modulo  $n$ .

$$\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{ [0] = 2\mathbb{Z}, [1] = 2\mathbb{Z} + 1 \}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \mathbb{Z}_3 &= \{ [0] = 3\mathbb{Z}, [1] = 3\mathbb{Z} + 1, [2] = 3\mathbb{Z} + 2, [3] = [0], [4] = [1], [5] = [2] \} \\ &= \{ [0], [1], [2] \} \end{aligned}$$

Corollary 1.7.4 For any  $n \geq 2$ ,  $\mathbb{Z}_n = \{ [0], [1], \dots, [n-1] \}$

Moreover, the classes  $[0], [1], \dots, [n-1]$  are all distinct.

Proof (i) By the division algorithm, for any  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$

there are (unique)  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  st  $a = qn + r$  and  $0 \leq r < n$ .

$$\Rightarrow a - r = qn \Rightarrow a \equiv r \pmod{n} \Rightarrow [a] = [r].$$

$$\Rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_n = \{ [0], \dots, [n-1] \}$$

Moreover,  $\forall r_1, r_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  st  $0 \leq r_1, r_2 < n$

$$[r_1] = [r_2] \Leftrightarrow n \mid (r_1 - r_2) \Leftrightarrow r_1 - r_2 = 0 \text{ since } 0 \leq |r_1 - r_2| < n \quad \square$$

Lemma (1.7.5) Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n \geq 2$ . For any  $[a], [b] \in \mathbb{Z}_n$

$$[a] + [b] := [a+b] \quad \text{and} \quad [a] \cdot [b] = [a \cdot b]$$

are well-defined:

$$\text{if } [a] = [a'], [b] = [b'] \text{ then } [a] + [b] = [a'] + [b'] \text{ and } [a] \cdot [b] = [a'] \cdot [b'].$$

Ex  $n = 5$ . Then,  $[3] = [8]$  and  $[4] = [6]$

$$[3] + [1] = [4] \quad \text{and} \quad [3] \cdot [1] = [3]$$

$$[8] + [6] = [14] \quad \text{and} \quad [8] \cdot [6] = [48]$$

But in  $\mathbb{Z}_5$   $[4] = [14]$  since  $5 \mid 14 - 4$  and  $[3] = [48]$ , since  $5 \mid 45$

Proof of Lemma Suppose  $[a] = [a']$ ,  $[b] = [b']$ .

Then  $a \equiv a' \pmod{n}$ ,  $b \equiv b' \pmod{n}$ , i.e.

$$\exists k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ st } a = kn + a', \quad b = \ell n + b'.$$

Now

$$a + b = (kn + a') + (\ell n + b') = a' + b' + (k + \ell)n$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b \equiv a' + b' \pmod{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow [a + b] = [a' + b'].$$

Similarly

$$\begin{aligned} a \cdot b &= (kn + a') \cdot (\ell n + b') = a' \cdot b' + kb'n + a'\ell n + k\ell n^2 \\ &= a' \cdot b' + (kb' + a'\ell + k\ell n) \cdot n \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \cdot b \equiv a' \cdot b' \pmod{n}$$

$$\Rightarrow [a \cdot b] = [a' \cdot b'].$$

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Ex  $4^{1237} = q \cdot 5 + r$  for some  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq r < 5$ .

What's  $r$ ?

$$[r] = [4^{1237}] \text{ in } \mathbb{Z}_5$$

Since  $[a] \cdot [b] = [ab]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ ,  $[a^k] = ([a])^k$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  for any  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$\Rightarrow [4^{1237}] = [4]^{1237}$$

Now  $[4] = [-1]$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ .  $\Rightarrow [4]^2 = [-1]^2 = [1]$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow [4]^{1237} &= [4] \cdot ([4])^{1236} = [4] \cdot ([4]^2)^{618} = [4] \cdot ([1])^{618} \\ &= [4] \cdot [1] = [4]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4^{1237} = q \cdot 5 + 4 \text{ for some } q \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Ex 122013 is divisible by 3.

Reason In  $\mathbb{Z}_3$ ,  $[10] = [1]$ ,  $\Rightarrow [10^n] = ([10])^n = [1]^n = 1 \quad \forall n$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow [122013] &= [10^5] + [10^4 \cdot 2] + [10^3 \cdot 2] + [10] + [3] \\ &= [1] + [2] + [2] + [1] + [0] = [6] = [0]. \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 122013 \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \text{ i.e.}$$

$$3 \mid 122013.$$