

Warm-Up: Find integers x and y such that

$$51x - 13y = 1$$

Last time: $m \in \mathbb{N}$, $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \iff$ a and b leave the same remainder when divided by m .

$\hookrightarrow m \mid (b-a)$

Cor: Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

(a) There is a unique integer r such that $0 \leq r < m$ and $a \equiv r \pmod{m}$. Specifically, r is the remainder left upon dividing a by m .

(b) $a \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$ if and only if $m \mid a$.

Properties

Thm: Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$.

(a) For all $a \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a \equiv a \pmod{m}$ [Reflexive]

(b) For all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$,
then $b \equiv a \pmod{m}$. [Symmetric]

(c) For all $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$, if $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$
and $b \equiv c \pmod{m}$, then $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$ [Transitive]

Proof: HW 15.

Together, these properties say that congruence mod m is an equivalence relation.

Equivalence relations give a notion of "sameness."

Other examples:

- Equality (of integers, real numbers, functions, ...)
- Congruence of triangles
- Similarity of triangles

Thm: Let $m \in \mathbb{N}$ and $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Suppose $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$.
Then

(a) $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$.

(b) $a - c \equiv b - d \pmod{m}$.

(c) $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$.

Proof: HW 15.

Ex: When $m=2$, every $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ satisfies exactly one of

• $a \equiv 0 \pmod{2} \iff a$ is even

• $a \equiv 1 \pmod{2} \iff a$ is odd

So when we do arithmetic mod 2, we can replace every integer by 0 or 1.

We have

$$0 + 0 = 0$$

$$0 + 1 = 1$$

$$1 + 0 = 1$$

$$1 + 1 = 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

$$0 \cdot 0 = 0$$

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$$1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

So we have the following $+$ and \cdot tables:

$\begin{matrix} + \\ \text{mod } 2 \end{matrix}$	0	1
0	0	1
1	1	0

$\text{mod } 2$	0	1
0	0	0
1	0	1

This recovers

$+$	even	odd
even	even	odd
odd	odd	even

\cdot	even	odd
even	even	even
odd	even	odd

Ex: What is the remainder when $22 \cdot 19$ is divided by 3?

Recall: Remainder is the unique $r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $0 \leq r < 3$ and $22 \cdot 19 \equiv r \pmod{3}$.

$$22 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \quad 19 \equiv 1 \pmod{3},$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } 22 \cdot 19 &\equiv 1 \cdot 1 \pmod{3} \\ &\equiv 1 \pmod{3}, \end{aligned}$$

meaning $22 \cdot 19$ leaves a remainder of 1 when divided by 3.

Ex: What is the remainder when

$$(754 + 1083) \cdot 17$$

is divided by 5?

$$\begin{aligned} (754 + 1083) \cdot 17 &\equiv (4 + 3) \cdot 2 \pmod{5} \\ &\equiv 7 \cdot 2 \pmod{5} \\ &\equiv 2 \cdot 2 \pmod{5} \\ &\equiv 4 \pmod{5} \end{aligned}$$

So the remainder is 4.