

# The Division Algorithm

**Theorem 2.9** (Division Algorithm). Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers, with  $b > 0$ . Then there exist unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that

$$a = bq + r$$

where  $0 \leq r < b$ .

Proof:

Must show both existence and uniqueness

Existence

$$\text{Let } S = \{ a - bk \mid k \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } a - bk \geq 0 \}$$

•  $0 \in S \Rightarrow b$  divides  $a \quad \therefore q = \frac{a}{b}$  and  $r = 0$

•  $0 \notin S$  To use well-ordering we need  $S$  non-empty

• If  $a < 0$  then  $a - b(2a) = a \cdot (1 - 2b) \in S$

since  $b > 0$  and  $a < 0$

• If  $a > 0 \Rightarrow a - b \cdot 0 \in S$

$\therefore S$  is non-empty

$\therefore$  By the well-ordering principle  $S$  must have a smallest element

$$\text{say } r = a - bq$$

show that  $r < b$

Suppose that  $r \geq b$ , then

$$a - b(q+1) = a - bq - b = r - b \geq 0$$

But this  $\Rightarrow a - b(q+1) \in S$  but  $a - b(q+1) \leq a - bq = r$

but  $r$  is least element  $\therefore$  contradiction.

Show Uniqueness:

$$\text{Suppose } r, r', q, q' \text{ s.t. } a = bq + r \quad 0 \leq r < b$$

$$\text{and } a = bq' + r' \quad 0 \leq r' < b$$

$$\Rightarrow bq + r = bq' + r'$$

we may assume  $r' \geq r$



$$b(q - q') = r' - r$$

$$\therefore b \text{ divides } r' - r \quad \text{and } 0 \leq r' - r \leq r' < b$$

$$\Rightarrow r' - r < b$$

and  $b$  divides  $r' - r$

$$\Rightarrow r' - r = 0$$

$$r' = r$$

$$\therefore q = q'$$

$\therefore$  unique.

□

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

$d$  is a common divisor of  $a, b$  if  $d|a$  and  $d|b$

$\downarrow$  greatest common divisor  
 $\downarrow$   $\text{gcd}(a, b) = d$  s.t.

all other common divisors of  $a, b$  also divide  $d$

- if  $\text{gcd}(a, b) = 1 \Leftrightarrow a, b$  are relatively prime

**Theorem 2.10.** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be nonzero integers. Then there exist integers  $r$  and  $s$  such that

$$\gcd(a, b) = ar + bs.$$

Furthermore, the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  is unique.

Corr If  $a, b$  relatively prime then  $\exists r, s$  s.t

$$1 = ar + bs$$

This gives Euclidean Alg.

Primes

-  $p$  is a prime number if only  $1|p$  and  $p|p$ .

Lemma

Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$   $p$  prime If  $p|ab$  then either  $p|a$  or  $p|b$ .

Theorem:

$\exists$  infinite number of primes

Theorem 2.15 (Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic)

$a = p_1 \cdots p_n$  for  $p_1, \dots, p_n$  prime  $\leftarrow$  can be repetition of  $p_j$ 's

and this is unique.

# Groups

In formal Definition :

A Group is a set which is closed under an associative operation s.t.  $\exists$  an identity element and inverse

f.e. if  $a, b, c \in G$  <sup>← Group</sup>  $a \cdot (b \cdot c) = (a \cdot b) \cdot c$

## The Integers mod n

Recall that  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  iff  $a - b = k \cdot n$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

- Integers mod n partition  $\mathbb{Z}$  into n different eq. classes

-  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  or  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  (Additive group)

- i.e.  $\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \text{integers mod } 12$

$$[0] = \{ \dots, -12, 0, 12, 24, \dots \}$$

$$\vdots$$
$$[1] = \{ \dots, -1, 1, 13, 25, \dots \}$$

by convention  $\mathbb{Z}_{12} = \{ 0, \dots, 11 \}$

- Note addition and multiplication are defined mod n

$$(a+b) \pmod{n}$$

$$(a \cdot b) \pmod{n}$$

Ex 1

$$7 + 4 = 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$7 \cdot 3 = 1 \pmod{5}$$

$$3 \times 5 = 0 \pmod{8}$$

$$3 \cdot 4 = 0 \pmod{12}$$

↑  
Note product of non-zero things can be zero

·	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
2	0	2	4	6	0	2	4	6
3	0	3	6	1	4	7	2	5
4	0	4	0	4	0	4	0	4
5	0	5	2	7	4	1	6	3
6	0	6	4	2	0	6	4	2
7	0	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

1 is multiplicative identity

**Table 3.3:** Multiplication table for  $\mathbb{Z}_8$

$\mathbb{Z}_8$  is a Group under addition but not multiplication

**Proposition 3.4.** Let  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  be the set of equivalence classes of the integers mod  $n$  and  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}_n$ .

1. Addition and multiplication are commutative:

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

$$ab \equiv ba \pmod{n}.$$

2. Addition and multiplication are associative:

$$(a + b) + c \equiv a + (b + c) \pmod{n}$$

$$(ab)c \equiv a(bc) \pmod{n}.$$

3. There are both additive and multiplicative identities:

$$a + 0 \equiv a \pmod{n}$$

$$a \cdot 1 \equiv a \pmod{n}.$$

4. Multiplication distributes over addition:

$$a(b + c) \equiv ab + ac \pmod{n}.$$

5. For every integer  $a$  there is an additive inverse  $-a$ :

$$a + (-a) \equiv 0 \pmod{n}.$$

6. Let  $a$  be a nonzero integer. Then  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$  if and only if there exists a multiplicative inverse  $b$  for  $a \pmod{n}$ ; that is, a nonzero integer  $b$  such that

$$ab \equiv 1 \pmod{n}.$$