

### Mod n and equivalence Relations

Def: Let S be a nonempty set. A relation  $\sim$  on S is an **equivalence relation** if

- (1) **reflexive**,  $\forall x \in S$  we have  $x \sim x$ .
- (2) **symmetric**,  $\forall x, y \in S$ , if  $x \sim y$ , then  $y \sim x$ .
- (3) **transitive**,  $\forall x, y, z \in S$  if  $x \sim y$  and  $y \sim z$  then  $x \sim z$

Recall:  $\mathbb{Z} = \{\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  is the set of integers

Def: Let  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , s.t.  $n \geq 2$   
 we say a and b are **congruent modulo n** if  
 n divides  $a-b$  (n divides the distance between a & b)  
 written as  $n | a-b$ , and we write  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$   
 otherwise we write  $a \not\equiv b \pmod{n}$

notation

example:  $n=3$

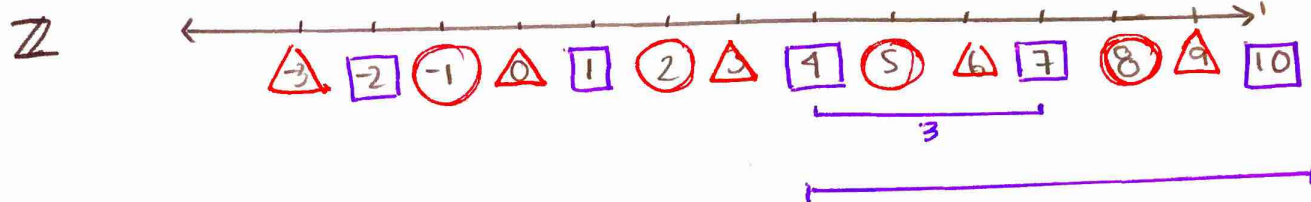
$a=5$   
 $b=7$  }  $5-7 = -2$  which is not divisible by 3.  
 $5 \not\equiv 7 \pmod{3}$

Recall

**def:** let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{Z}$  we say that  $\alpha$  **divides**  
 $\beta$  if  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $\alpha k = \beta$  and we  
 write  $\alpha | \beta$

**ex:**  $3 | 15$  since  $3(5) = 15$   
 $\alpha k = \beta$

example ( $n=3$ )



•  $7 - 4 = 3 \leftarrow$  divisible by 3

$$7 \equiv 4 \pmod{3}$$

•  $10 - 4 = 6 \leftarrow$  is divisible by 3

$$10 \equiv 4 \pmod{3}$$

$$6 = 3(2)$$

•  $-6 - (9) = -15 = 3(-5) \leftarrow$  multiple of 3

$$-6 \equiv 9 \pmod{3}$$

**Theorem**  $\text{mod } n$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .  
and let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $n \geq 2$

Proof

(reflexive) let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

note that  $x - x = 0 = n(0)$  so  $n \mid x - x$

thus  $x \equiv x \pmod{n}$

(symmetric) let  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ , suppose  $x \equiv y \pmod{n}$

then  $n \mid x - y$ , hence  $n \mid y - x$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Ergo  $n \mid (y - x) = y - x$  so  $n \mid y - x$  therefore  $y \equiv x \pmod{n}$

(transitive) let  $x, y, z \in \mathbb{Z}$ , suppose  $x \equiv y \pmod{n}$  and

$y \equiv z \pmod{n}$

so  $n \mid x - y$  and  $n \mid y - z$ , it follows that  $n \mid (x - y)$  and

$n \mid (y - z)$  for some  $t, l \in \mathbb{Z}$

adding gives  $n(t + l) = x - z$  so  $n \mid x - z \therefore x \equiv z \pmod{n}$

therefore since  $\text{mod } n$  is reflexive, symmetric and transitive on  $\mathbb{Z}$ ,  $\text{mod } n$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

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Last time

$$\mathbb{Z} = \{0, 1, -1, 2, -2, \dots\}$$

$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  means  $n \mid (a-b)$

• Last we showed that this was an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

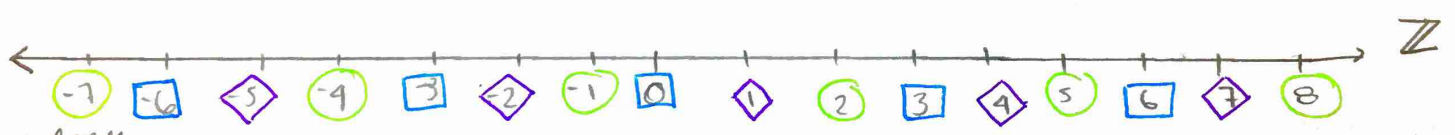
Def Let  $\sim$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $S$   
let  $x \in S$ . The equivalence class of  $x$  is

Sometimes written  $[x]$   $\rightarrow \bar{x} = \{y \in S \mid x \sim y\}$

Fact If  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on a set  $S$ , then the equivalence classes of the elements of  $S$  partition  $S$  into disjoint pieces.

Example ( $n=3$ )  $\sim$  is mod 3.

$a \sim b$  is  $a \equiv b \pmod{3}$  on  $S = \mathbb{Z}$



equivalence class of  $\mathbb{Z}$  under mod 3  $\rightarrow \bar{2} = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \underbrace{2 \equiv y \pmod{3}}_{\text{means: } 3 \mid (2-y)}\} = \{\dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, \dots\}$

$\bar{1} = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \underbrace{1 \equiv y \pmod{3}}\} = \{\dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots\}$

$\bar{0} = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid \underbrace{0 \equiv y \pmod{3}}\} = \{\dots, -6, -3, 0, 3, 6, \dots\}$

$\bar{4} = \{y \in \mathbb{Z} \mid 4 \equiv y \pmod{3}\} = \{\dots, -5, -2, 1, 4, 7, \dots\} = \bar{1}$

Facts Let  $\sim$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $S$ . Let  $x, y \in S$ . Let  $\bar{x}$  and  $\bar{y}$  be the equivalence classes of  $x$  and  $y$  then:

(1)  $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$  iff  $x \sim y$

(2)  $\bar{x} \cap \bar{y} = \emptyset$  iff  $x \not\sim y$

(3)  $\bar{x} = \bar{y}$  iff  $y \in \bar{x}$

ex  $4 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

$\bar{4} = \bar{1}$

$1 \in \bar{4}$

Def Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer

Let  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  be the set of equivalence classes modulo  $n$

$\mathbb{Z}_n$  is called the set of integers modulo  $n$ .

Ex  $\mathbb{Z}_3 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}\}$

Theorem Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer, then

$\mathbb{Z}_n = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \dots, \bar{n-1}\}$  and  $\bar{x} \neq \bar{y}$  when  $0 \leq x < y < n$

• none of these guys are equal to each other.

notation

$\bar{x} = \bar{y}$
$x \equiv y \pmod{n}$

Example  $\mathbb{Z}_2 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}\}$

$\bar{0} = \bar{2} = \bar{4} = \bar{6} = \bar{8} = \dots$

$\bar{1} = \bar{3} = \bar{5} = \bar{7} = \dots$

Notice in  $\mathbb{Z}_2$   $\bar{0} = \{\dots, \bar{-4}, \bar{-2}, \bar{0}, \bar{2}, \bar{4}, \dots\}$

in  $\mathbb{Z}_3$   $\bar{0} = \{\dots, \bar{-9}, \bar{-6}, \bar{-3}, \bar{0}, \bar{3}, \bar{6}, \bar{9}, \dots\}$

Example  $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}\}$

$\bar{2} = \bar{6} = \bar{10} = \bar{14} = \dots$

Is  $\bar{3} = \overline{10278}$  ?

check

$10278 - 3 = 10275$

$2568 \cdot 3 = 7704$

$3 \overline{)10275}$

no 4 does not divide  $10278 - 3$

• what if we define + and  $\cdot$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  as follows?

$\bar{a} + \bar{b} = \overline{a+b}$

$\bar{a} \cdot \bar{b} = \overline{a \cdot b}$

• does this make sense?

is it well defined?



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For example consider  $\mathbb{Z}_4 = \{\bar{0}, \bar{1}, \bar{2}, \bar{3}\}$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \bar{2} + \bar{3} = \overline{2+3} = \bar{5} = \bar{1} \\ \parallel \quad \parallel \\ \bar{6} + \bar{7} = \overline{6+7} = \bar{13} = \bar{1} \end{array} \right\} \text{equal in } \mathbb{Z}_4$$

lets do multiplication

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \bar{2} \cdot \bar{3} = \overline{2 \cdot 3} = \bar{6} = \bar{2} \\ \parallel \\ -\bar{2} \cdot -\bar{1} = \overline{-2 \cdot -1} = \bar{2} \end{array} \right\} \text{equal in } \mathbb{Z}_4$$

**Proposition** Let  $n \geq 2$  be an integer

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

if  $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$  and  $\bar{c} = \bar{d}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

then  $\overline{a+c} = \overline{b+d}$  and  $\overline{a \cdot c} = \overline{b \cdot d}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

**proof** Suppose  $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$  and  $\bar{c} = \bar{d}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$

So  $\bar{a} = \bar{b}$  means  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$

Thus  $n \mid a-b$  and  $n \mid c-d$

So  $\exists k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $a-b = nk$  and  $c-d = nl$

Scratchwork

$$\begin{array}{l} a+c = \overline{b+d} \\ a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{n} \\ n \mid [(a+c) - (b+d)] \end{array}$$

Hence,  $(a+c) - (b+d) = (a-b) + (c-d)$   
 $= nk + nl$   
 $= n(k+l)$

Thus  $n \mid [(a+c) - (b+d)]$

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

Therefore,  $\overline{a+c} = \overline{b+d}$   $\square$

The  $\overline{a \cdot c} = \overline{b \cdot d}$  proof is similar.  $\Rightarrow$

and  $ac - bd = a[d + nd] - [a - nk]d$   
 $= ad + ane - ad + nkd$   
 $= n[ad + kd]$

so  $n \mid ac - bd$

thus,  $ac \equiv bd \pmod{n}$

so  $\overline{ac} = \overline{bd} \quad \square$

Ex: Define  $+$  and  $\cdot$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  to be:

$$\overline{a} + \overline{b} = \overline{a+b}$$

$$\overline{a} \cdot \overline{b} = \overline{ab}$$

Ex: ( $n=3$ )

$\mathbb{Z}_3, +$	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{1}$	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{3}$
$\overline{0}$	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{1}$	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{3}$
$\overline{1}$	$\overline{1}$	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{3}$	$\overline{0}$
$\overline{2}$	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{3}$	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{1}$
$\overline{3}$	$\overline{3}$	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{1}$	$\overline{2}$

$\mathbb{Z}_3, \cdot$	$\overline{0}$	$\overline{1}$	$\overline{2}$	$\overline{3}$
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