

# Math 312, Lecture 7, 24/5/2018

Last times Congruence:  $4+5 \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$   
+ arithmetic  $5+7 \equiv 2 \pmod{10}$   
 $5+7 \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$

Application:  $10 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$

$$10 \cdot 10 \equiv 1 \cdot 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

Ex: By induction on  $k$ ,  $10^k \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 0}$ .

$\Rightarrow$  If we write  $n \in \mathbb{Z}_{\geq 1}$  in decimal notation:

$$n = \sum_{k=0}^d a_k \cdot 10^k$$

Then  $n \equiv \sum_{k=0}^d a_k \cdot 1 \equiv \sum_{k=0}^d a_k \pmod{9}$   $\leftarrow$  Write  $S(n)$  for this  
call it "digit sum" of  $n$ .

Conclusion:  $n \equiv S(n) \pmod{9}$

(also this means  $n \equiv S(S(n))$ ,  $n \equiv S(S(S(n)))$  ...)

Use 1: To compute the class of  $n \pmod{9}$ , repeatedly replace  $n$  with  $S(n)$  until the number is between 1 and 9.

Eq. 001 (final result is the "digit root")

Eg. can tell if  $9|n$   $\left(9|n \iff n \equiv 0 \equiv 9 \pmod{9}\right)$

Use 2: Check arithmetic!

Note that if  $a \equiv a' \pmod{9}$  and  $b \equiv b' \pmod{9}$  then

$$\begin{aligned} ab &\equiv a'b' \\ a \pm b &\equiv a' \pm b' \end{aligned} \pmod{9}$$

Whatever the answer to  $786 \cdot 1,534$  is, its class mod 9 is:

$$s(786) = 7+8+6 = 21, \text{ so } s(s(786)) = 2+1 = 3$$

$$\text{i.e. } 786 \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$$

$$s(1,534) = 13, \text{ so } s(s(1,534)) = 4$$

$$\text{so } 786 \cdot 1,534 \equiv 3 \cdot 4 \equiv 12 \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$$

HW: Develop test for divisibility by 11.

Observe:  $3|9$  so if  $a \equiv b \pmod{9}$   $3|9|a-b$  so

$$\text{e.g. } 15 \equiv 6 \pmod{9} \text{ so } 15 \equiv 6 \pmod{3} \quad a \equiv b \pmod{3}$$

$$\text{but } 3 \equiv 6 \pmod{3} \text{ but } 3 \not\equiv 6 \pmod{9}$$

The class of  $a \pmod{9}$  determines its class mod 3:

classes mod 9: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8

classes mod 3: 0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2, 0, 1, 2

(can just reduce each  $0 \leq r < 9 \pmod{3}$ )

POV 1: Finding class mod 3 helps test divisibility by 3

POV 2: Each class mod 3 splits up as 3 classes

mod 9:

$$a \equiv 1 (3) \Leftrightarrow a \equiv 1 \text{ or } 4 \text{ or } 7 \pmod{9}$$

both sides represent set  $\{1, 4, 7, 10, 13, \dots\}$   
 $\{-2, -5, -8, \dots\}$

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Equations: negatives and inverses

Paradigms: To solve  $ax + b = c$  need to subtract  $b$ ,  
divide by  $a$   
Now what about  $ax + b \equiv c \pmod{m}$ ?

Eg. ~~10x~~  $x + 5 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$

$$10x \equiv 33 \pmod{7}$$

(1) Subtraction

Instead of "subtract  $b$ " think of "add  $-b$ ".

$-b$  is the number s.t.  $b + (-b) = 0$

Always, if  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b + (-b) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$

But what about reduced residues? if  $0 \leq b < m$

then  $-b$  may not be in  $[0, m-1]$ , but if  $b \geq 1$  then

$m-b$  is. Eg.:  $5 + 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$





Lemma: The inverse is unique, if it exists.

Pf: say  $b \cdot c \equiv b \cdot c' \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$

so  $c \cdot (b \cdot c') \equiv c \cdot 1 \equiv c \pmod{m}$

but  $c \cdot (b \cdot c') \equiv (c \cdot b) \cdot c' \equiv 1 \cdot c' \equiv c' \pmod{m}$ .

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### Finding Inverses

Example: find inverse of  $5 \pmod{73}$ .

Means solving  $5x \equiv 1 \pmod{73}$

with implicit variable, need to solve  $5x + 73y = 1$

~~8~~  $\Rightarrow$  need  $\gcd(5, 73) = 1$  for this to work

$\Rightarrow$  if  $\gcd(5, 73)$  can find  $x$  using Euclid's algorithm.

$$3 = \overset{73}{73} - 70 = 73 - 14 \cdot 5$$

$$1 = 6 - 5 = 2 \cdot 3 - 5 = 2 \cdot 73 - 29 \cdot 5$$

so  $5 \cdot (-29) \equiv 1 \pmod{73}$  or  $5 \cdot 44 \equiv 1 \pmod{73}$

Prop: If  $(a, m) = 1$  then  $a$  is invertible.

Pf: By Bezout's thm there are  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  $ax + my = 1$   
then  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ .

Prop: If  $d = \gcd(a, m) > 1$  then  $a$  is a zero-divisor  
(hence not invertible).

Pf:  $d \cdot \frac{m}{d} = m \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$

$\uparrow$   
 $\frac{m}{d} \in \mathbb{Z}$ , and  $1 \leq \frac{m}{d} < m$  since  $d > 1$ .

mult by  $\frac{a}{d} \in \mathbb{Z}$  get:

$$a \cdot \frac{m}{d} = \frac{a}{d} \cdot d \cdot \frac{m}{d} \equiv \frac{a}{d} \cdot 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$$

so  $a \cdot \frac{m}{d} \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  but  $\frac{m}{d} \not\equiv 0 \pmod{m}$

If there was  $\bar{a}$  st.  $\bar{a} \cdot a \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  we'd also have

$$0 \equiv \bar{a} \cdot \left(a \cdot \frac{m}{d}\right) \equiv (\bar{a} \cdot a) \cdot \frac{m}{d} \equiv \frac{m}{d} \pmod{m} \text{ contradiction.}$$

Bottom line:  $a$  is invertible mod  $m$  iff  $(a, m) = 1$

("invertible" and "prime to  $m$ " are equivalent)



Auto Example:

$-1 \pmod{641}$

$5 \cdot 128 = 10 \cdot 64 = 640$  i.e.  $2^7 \cdot (-5) \equiv 1 \pmod{641}$

Also  $641 = 625 + 16$  i.e.  $2^4 \equiv -5^4 \pmod{641}$

So  $2^{2^5} \rightarrow 2^{32} = 2^{28+4} = (2^7)^4 \cdot 2^4 \equiv (2^7)^4 \cdot (-5^4)$   
 $\equiv -(2^7 \cdot 5)^4 \equiv -(-1)^4 \equiv -1 \pmod{641}$

So  $2^{2^5} + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{641}$ , i.e.  $641 \mid 2^{2^5} + 1$

not prime!

Solving Equations

Eg:  $x + 5 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$  add 2 to both sides get:

$x \equiv 2 + 2 \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  ( $5 + 2 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ )

Conversely,  $4 + 5 = 9 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$

(or:  $x + 5 \equiv 2 \pmod{7} \Leftrightarrow x + 5 + 2 \equiv 2 + 2 \pmod{7}$   
 $\Leftrightarrow x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$ )

Eg:  $10x \equiv 33 \pmod{7}$

reduce coeff mod 7

$3x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$

mult by -2 :

$\Leftrightarrow -2 \cdot 3 \cdot x \equiv -10 \pmod{7}$  i.e.  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$

notice  $2 \cdot 3 = 6 \equiv -1 \pmod{7}$

So  $(-2) \cdot 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$

or  $5 \cdot 3 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$

Side Calc: find inverse of 3 mod 7

or

$$3x \equiv 5 \pmod{7} \Leftrightarrow 5-3x \equiv 5-5 \pmod{7}$$

$$\uparrow \text{ie. } x \equiv 4 \pmod{7} \leftarrow 25 = 4 + 21$$

This really is an equivalence  
since 5 is invertible (mod 7)

Aside: Back to  $10x + 7y = 33$

writing this as  $10x \equiv 33 \pmod{7}$  we found  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$

ie.  $x = 4 + 7k$

solve for  $y$ :  $10(4 + 7k) + 7y = 33$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$40 + 70k + 7y = 33$$

$$\Downarrow$$
$$7y = -7 - 70k$$

$$\Downarrow -$$
$$y = -1 - 10k$$

General solution:  $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ -10 \end{pmatrix} k, k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Bottom line: Equation  $ax + b \equiv c \pmod{m}$  has the  
unique solution  $x \equiv \bar{a}(c-b) \pmod{m}$  if  $a$  is invertible  
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What if  $(a, m) > 1$ ?

Ex.  $20x \equiv 66 \pmod{14} \Rightarrow 6x \equiv 10 \pmod{14}$

This says  $14 \mid 6x - 10$  i.e.  $2 \cdot 7 \mid 2 \cdot (3x - 5)$

note  $\frac{6x-10}{14} = \frac{3x-5}{7}$ , i.e.  $6x \equiv 10 \pmod{14}$

$$\Downarrow \\ 3x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

If we want to divide by a non-invertible number, this number must divide the modulus and we divide the modulus too:

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow ad \equiv bd \pmod{md}$$

Conclusion: The solution to  $20x \equiv 66 \pmod{14}$  seems to be  
 $x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$

But class  $x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$  splits as:  $x \equiv 4$  or  $11 \pmod{14}$   
 $\uparrow$   
 $4+7$

For general,  $x \equiv a \pmod{m}$  is same as

$$x \equiv a \text{ or } a+m \text{ or } a+2m \text{ or } \dots \text{ or } a+(d-1)m \\ \pmod{m \cdot d}$$

\* multiple solutions mod 14!

What about  $10x \equiv 65 \pmod{14}$

want to divide by  $10 = 2 \cdot 5$  5 is not a problem,

but  $2 = \gcd(10, 14)$  is: not invertible

If  $d = \gcd(a, m)$  does not divide  $b$ ,  
no solutions at all to  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$

To solve  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , let  $d = \gcd(a, m)$ .

If  $d \nmid b$ , no solutions

If  $d \mid b$ , solve  $\frac{a}{d} \cdot x \equiv \frac{b}{d} \pmod{\frac{m}{d}}$ ,

return to classes mod  $m$ .

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(c.f. sol'n to  $ax + my = b$ )