

Lecture 7 Outline.

1. Modular Arithmetic.
Clock Math!!!
2. Inverses for Modular Arithmetic: Greatest Common Divisor (GCD).
3. Euclid's GCD Algorithm

Clock Math

If it is 4:00 now.

What time is it in 5 hours? 9:00!

What time is it in 15 hours? 19:00!

Actually 7:00.

19 is the “same as 7” with respect to a 12 hour clock system.

Clock time equivalent up to addition/subtraction of 12.

What time is it in 100 hours? 104:00! or 8:00.

8 is the same as 104 for a 12 hour clock system.

Clock time equivalent up to addition of any integer multiple of 12.

Custom is only to use the representative in $\{1, \dots, 11, 12\}$

Day of the week.

Today is Tuesday.

What day is it a year from now? on February 6, 2025?

Number days.

0 for Sunday, 1 for Monday, . . . , 6 for Saturday.

Today: day 2.

4 days from now. day 6 or Saturday.

24 days from now. day 26 or day 5, which is Friday!

two days are equivalent up to addition/subtraction of multiple of 7.

10 days from now is day 5 again, Friday!

What day is it a year from now?

This year is a leap year! So 366 days from now.

Day $2+366$ or day 368.

Smallest representation:

subtract 7 until smaller than 7.

divide and get remainder.

$368/7$ leaves quotient of 52 and remainder 4.

or February 6, 2025 is Day 4, a Thursday.

Years and years...

80 years from now? February 6, 2104

20 leap years. 366×20 days

60 regular years. 365×60 days

It is day $2 + 366 \times 20 + 365 \times 60$. Equivalent to?

Hmm.

What is remainder of 366 when dividing by 7? 2.

What is remainder of 365 when dividing by 7? 1

Today is day 2.

Get Day: $2 + 20 \times 2 + 60 \times 1 = 102$

Remainder when dividing by 7? 4.

Or February 6, 2104 is Thursday!

Further Simplify Calculation:

20 has remainder 6 when divided by 7.

60 has remainder 4 when divided by 7.

Get Day: $2 + 6 \times 2 + 4 \times 1 = 18$.

Or Day 4. February 6, 2104 is Thursday.

“Reduce” at any time in calculation!

Modular Arithmetic: Basics.

x is congruent to y modulo m or “ $x \equiv y \pmod{m}$ ”

if and only if $(x - y)$ is divisible by m .

...or $x = y + km$ for some integer k .

...or x and y have the same remainder w.r.t. m .

Mod 7 equivalence classes:

$\{\dots, -7, 0, 7, 14, \dots\}$ $\{\dots, -6, 1, 8, 15, \dots\}$...

Useful Fact: Addition, subtraction, multiplication can be done with any equivalent x and y .

or “ $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$ and $b \equiv d \pmod{m}$ ”

$\implies a + b \equiv c + d \pmod{m}$ and $a \cdot b \equiv c \cdot d \pmod{m}$ ”

Proof: If $a \equiv c \pmod{m}$, then $a = c + km$ for some integer k .

If $b \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then $b = d + jm$ for some integer j .

Therefore, $a + b = c + d + (k + j)m$ and since $k + j$ is integer.

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



Can calculate with representative in $\{0, \dots, m - 1\}$.

Notation

$x \pmod{m}$ or $\text{mod}(x, m)$ - remainder of x divided by m in $\{0, \dots, m-1\}$.

$$\text{mod}(x, m) = x - \lfloor \frac{x}{m} \rfloor m$$

$\lfloor \frac{x}{m} \rfloor$ is quotient.

$$\text{mod}(29, 12) = 29 - (\lfloor \frac{29}{12} \rfloor) * 12 = 29 - (2) * 12 = 5$$

Recap:

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m}.$$

Says two integers a and b are equivalent modulo m .

Modulus is m

Inverses and Factors.

Division: multiply by multiplicative inverse.

$$2x = 3 \implies (1/2) \cdot 2x = (1/2)3 \implies x = 3/2.$$

**Multiplicative inverse of x is y where $xy = 1$;
1 is multiplicative identity element.**

In modular arithmetic, 1 is the multiplicative identity element.

Multiplicative inverse of $x \bmod m$ is y with $xy = 1 \pmod{m}$.

For 4 modulo 7 inverse is 2: $2 \cdot 4 \equiv 8 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$.

Can solve $4x = 5 \pmod{7}$.

~~$x = 4 \pmod{7}$~~ Check! $4(3) = 12 = 5 \pmod{7}$.

For 8 modulo 12: no multiplicative inverse!

$x = 3 \pmod{7}$

“Common factor of 4”
Check! $4(3) = 12 = 0 \pmod{7}$.

$8k - 12\ell$ is a multiple of four for any ℓ and $k \implies$

$$8k \not\equiv 1 \pmod{12} \text{ for any } k.$$

Greatest Common Divisor and Inverses.

Thm:

If greatest common divisor of x and m , $\gcd(x, m)$, is 1, then x has a multiplicative inverse modulo m .

Proof \implies : The set $S = \{0x, 1x, \dots, (m-1)x\}$ contains $y \equiv 1 \pmod m$ if all distinct modulo m .

Pigeonhole principle: Each of m numbers in S correspond to different one of m equivalence classes modulo m .

\implies One must correspond to 1 modulo m .

If not distinct, then $a, b \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$, where

$$(ax \equiv bx \pmod m) \implies (a-b)x \equiv 0 \pmod m$$

Or $(a-b)x = km$ for some integer k .

$$\gcd(x, m) = 1$$

\implies Prime factorization of m and x do not contain common primes.

\implies $(a-b)$ factorization contains all primes in m 's factorization.

So $(a-b)$ has to be multiple of m .

\implies $(a-b) \geq m$. But $a, b \in \{0, \dots, m-1\}$. Contradiction. □

Proof review. Consequence.

Thm: If $\gcd(x, m) = 1$, then x has a multiplicative inverse modulo m .

Proof Sketch: The set $S = \{0x, 1x, \dots, (m-1)x\}$ contains $y \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ if all distinct modulo m .

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For $x = 4$ and $m = 6$. All products of 4...

$S = \{0(4), 1(4), 2(4), 3(4), 4(4), 5(4)\} = \{0, 4, 8, 12, 16, 20\}$
reducing $\pmod{6}$

$$S = \{0, 4, 2, 0, 4, 2\}$$

Not distinct. Common factor 2.

For $x = 5$ and $m = 6$.

$$S = \{0(5), 1(5), 2(5), 3(5), 4(5), 5(5)\} = \{0, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1\}$$

All distinct, contains 1! 5 is multiplicative inverse of 5 $\pmod{6}$.

$5x = 3 \pmod{6}$ What is x ? Multiply both sides by 5.

$$x = 15 = 3 \pmod{6}$$

$4x = 3 \pmod{6}$ No solutions. Can't get an odd.

$4x = 2 \pmod{6}$ Two solutions! $x = 2, 5 \pmod{6}$

Very different for elements with inverses.



Finding inverses.

How to find the inverse?

How to find **if** x has an inverse modulo m ?

Find $\gcd(x, m)$.

Greater than 1? No multiplicative inverse.

Equal to 1? Multiplicative inverse.

Algorithm: Try all numbers up to x to see if it divides both x and m .

Very slow.

Next: A Faster algorithm.