

Numb3rs

Modular Arithmetic



Congruence

- For a “modulus” m and two integers a and b , we say $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ if $m|(a-b)$

- Typically, we shall consider modulus > 0

- $a \equiv b \pmod{0} \leftrightarrow a=b$

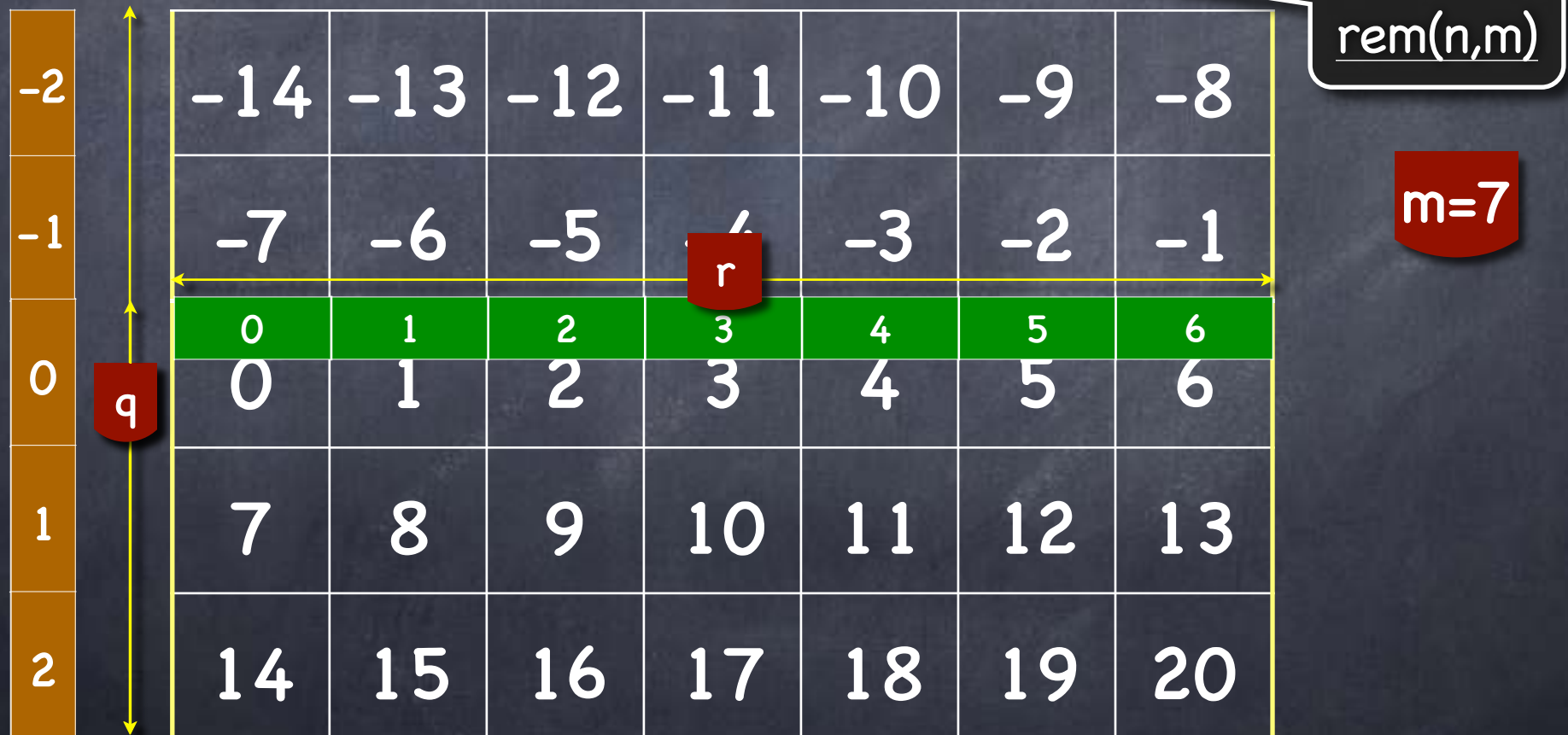
- $a \equiv b \pmod{1}$

- $a \equiv b \pmod{m} \leftrightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{|m|}$

Quotient-Remainder Theorem

For any two integers m and n , $m \neq 0$, there is a unique quotient q and remainder r (integers), such that

$$n = q \cdot m + r, \quad 0 \leq r < |m|$$



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• Claim: $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ iff $\text{rem}(a,m) = \text{rem}(b,m)$

• Proof: Let $\text{rem}(a,m) = r_1$, $\text{rem}(b,m) = r_2$.

Let $a = q_1m + r_1$ and $b = q_2m + r_2$.

Then $a - b = (q_1 - q_2)m + (r_1 - r_2)$.

▶ $a - b = qm \Rightarrow (r_1 - r_2) = q'm$. $r_1, r_2 \in [0, m) \Rightarrow |r_1 - r_2| < m \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2$

▶ $r_1 = r_2 \Rightarrow a - b = qm$ where $q = q_1 - q_2$.

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distance between a & b
is a multiple of m



a & b on same column



a & b have same
remainder w.r.t. m

13	-12	-11	-10	-9	-8
-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
1	2	3	4	5	6
8	9	10	11	1	
2	14	15	16	17	18

$m=7$

$11 \equiv 18 \pmod{7}$
 $11 \equiv -10 \pmod{7}$
 $18 \equiv -10 \pmod{7}$

Modular Arithmetic

- Fix a modulus m .
Elements of the universe: columns in the “table” for m
- Let $[a]_m$ stand for the column containing a
 - i.e., stands for all elements x , s.t. $a \equiv x \pmod{m}$
 - e.g.: $[-17]_5 = [-2]_5 = [3]_5$
- $\mathbb{Z}_m = \{ [0]_m, \dots, [m-1]_m \}$ (or simply, $\{0, \dots, m-1\}$)
- We shall define operations in \mathbb{Z}_m , i.e., among the columns

Modular Addition

- $[a]_m$: the set of all elements x , s.t. $a \equiv x \pmod{m}$
- **Modular addition:** $[a]_m +_m [b]_m \triangleq [a+b]_m$
 - Well-defined? Or, are we defining the same element to have two different values?
 - $[a]_m = [a']_m \wedge [b]_m = [b']_m \rightarrow [a+b]_m = [a'+b']_m$?
 - i.e., $m|(a-a') \wedge m|(b-b') \rightarrow m|((a+b) - (a'+b'))$?
 - $(a+b)-(a'+b') = (a-a') + (b-b')$ ✓

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Inherits various properties of standard addition:
existence of identity and inverse,
commutativity, associativity

Modular Addition

e.g. $m = 6$

Every element a has an **additive inverse** $-a$, so that $a + (-a) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$

+	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	0	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

e.g. $m = 5$

+	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	1	2	3	4	5
1	1	2	3	4	5	0
2	2	3	4	5	0	1
3	3	4	5	0	1	2
4	4	5	0	1	2	3
5	5	0	1	2	3	4

More generally,
 $a + x \equiv b \pmod{m}$ always
has a solution, $x = b - a$

Modular Multiplication

- $[a]_m$: the set of all elements x , s.t. $a \equiv x \pmod{m}$
- **Modular multiplication:** $[a]_m \times_m [b]_m \triangleq [a \cdot b]_m$
- $[a]_m = [a']_m \wedge [b]_m = [b']_m \rightarrow [a \cdot b]_m = [a' \cdot b']_m$?
 - Suppose $a - a' = pm$, $b - b' = qm$.
 - Then $a \cdot b = (pm + a')(qm + b') = (mpq + pa' + qb')m + a'b' \checkmark$

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Also
commutative,
associative

-14	-13	-12	-11	-10	-9	-8
-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1
0	1	2	3	4	5	6
0	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20

$$\begin{aligned} -6 \times -3 & \\ \equiv 18 & \\ \equiv 1 \times 4 & \\ \equiv 4 \pmod{7} & \end{aligned}$$

identity of
multiplication

Modular Multiplication

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Sometimes, the product of two non-zero numbers can be zero!

\times	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	1	3
3	0	3	1	4	2
4	0	4	3	2	1

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\times	0	1	2	3	4	5
0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5
2	0	2	4	0	2	4
3	0	3	0	3	0	3
4	0	4	2	0	4	2
5	0	5	4	3	2	1

Sometimes, a number other than 1 can have a multiplicative inverse!

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- **Modular multiplication:** $[a]_m \times_m [b]_m \triangleq [a \cdot b]_m$
- **Multiplicative Inverse!** a has a multiplicative inverse modulo m iff a is co-prime with m .
 - $\gcd(a,m)=1 \leftrightarrow \exists u,v \quad au+mv=1 \leftrightarrow \exists u \quad [a]_m \times_m [u]_m = [1]_m$
 - e.g. $[2]_9 \times_9 [5]_9 = [1]_9$ so $[2]_9^{-1} = [5]_9$ and $[5]_9^{-1} = [2]_9$
 - For a prime modulus m , all except $[0]_m$ have inverses!