

Background:

Set: collection of objects (often numbers)  
can be finite or infinite

$\mathbb{N} = \{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$  set of natural  
numbers

$\mathbb{Z}$  = set of integers

$\mathbb{Q}$  = set of rational numbers

$\mathbb{R}$  = set of real numbers

$\mathbb{C}$  = set of complex numbers

Remark:  $\mathbb{N}: n, m \in \mathbb{N} \Rightarrow n+m \in \mathbb{N}$

but if we subtract, the result  
is not necessarily in  $\mathbb{N}$

$\mathbb{Z}$ : We can add and subtract and multiply, but not necessarily divide

$\mathbb{Q}$ :

- We can divide as well!
- $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$
- countable

$\mathbb{R}$ :

- includes all the numbers that are "missing" in  $\mathbb{Q}$

$\mathbb{R}$  is not countable.

Proof that  $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable:

Assume we could list all numbers in  $(0,1)$ .

1.  $0. a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots = r_1$  Define  $\xi = 0. x_1 x_2 x_3 \dots$
  2.  $0. b_1 b_2 b_3 \dots = r_2$
  3.  $0. c_1 c_2 c_3 \dots = r_3$
  4.  $0. d_1 d_2 d_3 \dots = r_4$
- $x_k = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if the } k\text{-th digit} \\ & \text{of } r_k \text{ is not 1} \\ 2 & \text{if the } k\text{-th digit} \\ & \text{of } r_k \text{ is 1} \end{cases}$
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$\Rightarrow \xi$  differs from all  $r_n$  on the list in at least one digit.

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Divisibility: (integers)

(Def)

$t \neq 0$  is a divisor of an integer  $s$  if there is an integer  $u$  such that

$$s = tu$$

we write  $t | s$  ("t divides s")

When  $t$  is not a divisor of  $s$ , we write  $t \nmid s$ .

(Def)

A prime is a positive integer greater than 1 whose only positive divisors are 1 and itself.

Ex:  $4 | 20$ ,  $13 | 169$ ,  $12 \nmid 169$

primes: 2, 3, 5, 7, 11, 13, ...

Finding primes: Sieve of Eratosthenes

(Eratosthenes of Cyrene,  
276 B.C. - 195 B.C.)

Note: While it is easy to show that there are infinitely many prime numbers, many prime-number related questions are difficult to answer.

(Th)

Division algorithm:

Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers,  $b > 0$ .

Then there exist unique integers

$q$  and  $r$  such that  $a = bq + r$

where  $0 \leq r < b$ .

Example:  $a = 17, b = 5 : 17 = 5 \cdot 3 + 2$

(Def)

Greatest Common Divisor: gcd

largest divisor of two nonzero integers

$$\gcd(4, 15) = 1, \quad \gcd(4, 10) = 2$$

When  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ , we say  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime.

Euclid's Lemma:  $p \mid ab \Rightarrow p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$   
 (Euclid ~ 300 BC.) if  $p$  is a prime.

We can use this to prove  $\sqrt{2} \notin \mathbb{Q}$ .

Proof: Assume  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$ , fully reduced.

$$\Rightarrow 2q^2 = p^2 \text{ so } 2 \mid p^2 \Rightarrow 2 \mid p$$

(Euclid's Lemma)

$$\Rightarrow \text{we can write } p = 2n \Rightarrow 2q^2 = 4n^2$$

$$\text{or } q^2 = 2n^2 \Rightarrow 2 \mid q^2 \Rightarrow 2 \mid q$$

(Euclid's Lemma)

$$\Rightarrow 2 \mid p \text{ and } 2 \mid q,$$

so  $\frac{p}{q}$  is not fully reduced



(Th) Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic:

Every integer greater than 1 is a prime or a product of primes. This product is unique (except for order).

$$\text{Ex: } 48 = 2^4 \cdot 3^1$$

$$\begin{array}{c} / \backslash \\ 8 \quad 6 \\ / \backslash \quad / \backslash \\ 4 \quad 2 \quad 2 \quad 3 \\ / \backslash \\ 2 \quad 2 \end{array}$$

(Def)

The least common multiple of two non-zero integers  $a$  and  $b$  is the smallest positive integer that is a multiple of both  $a$  and  $b$ .

$$\text{Ex: } \text{lcm}(10, 12) = 60$$

Modular Arithmetic:

(Def)

 $a \bmod n$ 

Let  $n$  be a fixed positive integer.

For any integer  $a$ ,  $a \bmod n$

(" $a$  mod  $n$ ") is the remainder upon dividing  $a$  by  $n$ .

Ex:

$$8 \bmod 3 = 2 \quad (8 = 3 \cdot 2 + 2)$$

$$-8 \bmod 3 = 1 \quad (-8 = -3 \cdot 3 + 1)$$

$$23 \bmod 6 = 5 \quad (23 = 3 \cdot 6 + 5)$$

$$-23 \bmod 6 = 1 \quad (-23 = -4 \cdot 6 + 1)$$

$$(7+4) \bmod 3 = 2 \quad (11 = 3 \cdot 3 + 2)$$

$$(10 \cdot 5) \bmod 6 = 2 \quad (50 = 8 \cdot 6 + 2)$$

(Def)

Modular Equation

If  $a$  and  $b$  are integers and  $n$  is a positive integer, we write  $a = b \bmod n$  when  $n$  divides  $a - b$ .

Example:

$13 = 3 \text{ mod } 5$	$(5 \mid 13-3)$
$22 = 10 \text{ mod } 6$	$(6 \mid 22-10)$
$-10 = 4 \text{ mod } 7$	$(7 \mid -14)$

Example:

(a)  $x = 1 \text{ mod } 5$

Solution:  $5 \mid x-1 \Rightarrow x-1 = 5k$  for integer  $k$ .

$$\Rightarrow x-1 = 0, \pm 5, \pm 10, \dots$$

$$x \in \{ \dots -9, -4, 1, 6, 11, \dots \}$$

(b)  $x = 3 \text{ mod } 5$

$$\Rightarrow x-3 = 0, \pm 5, \pm 10, \dots$$

$$x \in \{ \dots -7, -2, 3, 8, 13, \dots \}$$

(c)  $2x = 5 \text{ mod } 6$

no solution. IF  $6 \mid 2x-5$  is means  
 $6k = 2x-5$ , but left side is even,  
right side is odd.

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1. /  $655 \bmod 3$

$$x = 2 \bmod 10$$

2. / Find the prime factorization of 480.

3. / Determine  $\gcd(2^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 11, 2^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7)$   
and  $\text{lcm}(2^3 \cdot 5^2 \cdot 11, 2^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7)$ .

MTH 339-HW

1./ For  $n = 25$  find all integers less than  $n$  and relatively prime to  $n$ .

Solution:  $\mathbb{N}^{<24} \setminus \{5, 10, 15\}$

2./ (a) Calculate  $(15+4) \bmod 7 = 19 \bmod 7 = 5$

Solution:  $19 \bmod 7 = 5$

3./ (b) Calculate  $(7 \cdot 3) \bmod 5$

Solution:  $21 \bmod 5 = 1$

3./ Find the prime factorization of 2520.

4./ Prove that  $\sqrt{7}$  is irrational

5./ Determine  $\gcd(2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5 \cdot 7^2, 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11)$  and  $\text{lcm}(2^3 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5, 2 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11)$

Solution:  $\gcd(,) = 2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 7$     $\text{lcm}(,) = 2^3 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 7 \cdot 11$

6./ Prove: If  $n$  is an odd integer,  $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

$$n^2 - 1 = (n+1)(n-1) = (2k+2)2k = 4k(k+1)$$

$$\frac{4}{2k+1} \quad \text{and } 8 \mid 4k(k+1)$$

7. / Prove:

- (a) If a number ends in an even number, it is divisible by 2
- (b) If the sum of the digits is divisible by 3, the number is divisible by 3.
- (c) If the sum of the digits is divisible by 9, the number is divisible by 9.