

4B - Modular Arithmetic

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$$-7 \equiv -57 \pmod{10}$$

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

Properties

$$\text{If } \begin{aligned} a &\equiv c \pmod{m} \\ b &\equiv d \pmod{m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Then: } a + b \equiv c + d \pmod{m} \quad - \textcircled{A}$$

$$a - b \equiv c - d \pmod{m} \quad - \textcircled{B}$$

$$a \cdot b \equiv c \cdot d \pmod{m} \quad - \textcircled{C}$$

~~Q~~ Prove given $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

$$a + k \equiv b + k \pmod{m}$$

$$\text{Proof: } a \equiv b \pmod{m} \quad - \textcircled{1}$$

$$\text{We can also say } \Rightarrow k \equiv k \pmod{m} \quad - \textcircled{2}$$

Adding $\textcircled{1}$ & $\textcircled{2}$ using $\textcircled{A}$.

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

Q Given $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$, which of these are true:

① $a+n \equiv b \pmod{n} \rightarrow \text{True}$

② $a+3n \equiv b+2n \pmod{n} \rightarrow \text{True}$

③ $a+k \equiv b+n \pmod{n} \rightarrow \text{False}$

④ $a+k+3n \equiv b+k \pmod{n} \rightarrow \text{True}$

⑤ $a+2k \equiv b+k \pmod{n} \rightarrow \text{False}$

Q $2 \equiv 7 \pmod{8} \quad - \text{ ①}$

$17 \equiv 25 \pmod{8} \quad - \text{ ②}$

$\therefore \text{ ①} \times \text{ ②}$

$= 34 \equiv 150 \pmod{8} \rightarrow \text{True}$

By $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

$c \equiv d \pmod{n}$

So, $a \cdot c \equiv b \cdot d \pmod{n}$

Does it hold for division?

$8 \cdot 2 \equiv 3 \cdot 2 \pmod{10}$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \equiv 3 \pmod{10} \rightarrow \text{False.}$$

Division by arbitrary no. is not possible.

If last digit is same for a, b, then c can be cancelled from both sides

$$8.\cancel{3} \equiv 88.\cancel{3} \pmod{10}$$

$$\Rightarrow 8 \equiv 88 \pmod{10}.$$

Solving a congruence:

$$\text{Solve } 3x + 4 \equiv 2x + 8 \pmod{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x \equiv 2x + 4 \pmod{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv 4 \pmod{9}$$

$$\therefore x = 4 + 9n, \quad n = \{-\infty, \infty\}$$

True / False

$$a) \quad 101 \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{True}}}$$

$$b) \quad -101 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\checkmark 99/3$$

$$(3 \times 34) - 101 \\ = 102 - 101$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$= 1$$

True

Q Reduce $100^5 \pmod{7}$ to an element in standard residue system $\{0, 1, \dots, 6\}$

Standard Residue System: Set of all possible remainders when dividing a number by n .

eg: $n = 7$, $r = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$

Answer: $100^5 \pmod{7}$

Step 1: Find $100 \pmod{7}$

Step 2: Give power of 5 to output of step 1.

$$\therefore 100^5 \pmod{7}$$

$$= (100 \pmod{7})^5 \pmod{7}$$

$$= (2)^5 \pmod{7}$$

$$= 28 + 4 \pmod{7}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 7 \overline{) 100} 14 \\ \underline{7} \\ 30 \\ \underline{28} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

$$= 4 \quad \underline{\underline{-An}}$$

other method

$$\rightarrow (2)^5 \pmod{7}$$

$$= 2^3 \cdot 2^2 \pmod{7}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ = & 1 \cdot & 4 \end{array}$$

$$= 4 \quad \underline{\underline{-An}}$$

Q $994, 996, 997, 998 \pmod{1000}$

$$= 994 \pmod{1000}, 996 \pmod{1000}, 997 \pmod{1000}, 998 \pmod{1000}.$$

$$= (-6 \pmod{1000}) (-4 \pmod{1000})$$

$$(-3 \pmod{1000}) (-2 \pmod{1000})$$

$$= (-6) (-4) (-3) (-2) \pmod{1000}$$

$$= 144 \pmod{1000}$$

Note: $994 \pmod{1000} = -6 \pmod{1000}$

Solve: $994 \equiv -6 \pmod{1000}$

$$\Rightarrow 996 \equiv -6 + 1000 \pmod{1000}$$

$$\Rightarrow 996 \equiv 996 \pmod{1000} \\ \sim \text{True}$$

$$\therefore 996 \pmod{1000} = -6 \pmod{1000}.$$

Q Can we simplify $17^{753} \pmod{9}$

$$17^{753} \pmod{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow (17 \pmod{9})^{753}$$

$$\Rightarrow (8 \pmod{9})^{753}$$

$$\Rightarrow (-1 \pmod{9})^{753}$$

$$\therefore 8 \equiv -1 \pmod{9} \\ \Rightarrow 8 \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$

Ans) 8 ($\because$ ans of a
should be
 $0 \leq a < n$)

Q $13^{99} \pmod{17}$

$$= (-4^{99}) \pmod{17}$$

$$= -4 (-4)^{98} \pmod{17}$$

$$= -4 \cdot ((-4)^2)^{49} \pmod{17}$$

$$= -4 \cdot (16)^{49} \pmod{17}$$

$$= -4 \cdot (-1)^{49} \pmod{17}$$

$$= 4 \pmod{17}$$

$$= 4 \quad \underline{\underline{-Ans}}$$

Q. $3^{51} \pmod{5}$

$$= 3 \cdot (3^{50}) \pmod{5}$$

$$= 3 \cdot (3^2)^{25} \pmod{5}$$

$$= 3 \cdot (9)^{25} \pmod{5}$$

$$= 3(-1) \pmod{5}$$

$$= -3 \pmod{5}$$

$$= 2 \quad \underline{\underline{-Ans}}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \overline{) 9(2} \\ \underline{10} \\ -1 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \overline{) -3(1} \\ \underline{+5} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

No negative option.

$$3 \cdot 9^{25} \pmod{5}$$

$$= 3 \cdot (9 \pmod{5})^{25} \pmod{5}$$

$$= 3 \cdot (4^{25}) \pmod{5}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \overline{) 9(1} \\ \underline{5} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 3 \cdot 4 \cdot (4^{24}) \pmod{5} \\
&= 12 \cdot (4^2)^{24} \pmod{5} \\
&= 12 \cdot (16 \pmod{5})^{24} \\
&= 12 \cdot (1^{24}) \pmod{5} \\
&= 12 \pmod{5} \\
&= 2 \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans}}}
\end{aligned}$$

Q

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
17 \times 18 & \pmod{19} \\
\downarrow & \downarrow \\
(-2)(-1) & (\pmod{19})
\end{array}$$

$$= 2 \pmod{19} \quad \underline{\underline{\text{Ans}}}$$

Q

$$\begin{aligned}
&18^{489312} \pmod{19} \\
&= (-1)^{\text{even}} \pmod{19} \\
&= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Q Find last digit of 7^{100}

To get last digit, divide num by 10
 & get remainder.

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \therefore 7^{100} \pmod{10} \\
 &= (7 \pmod{10})^{100} \\
 &= (-3)^{100} \pmod{10} \\
 &= 9^{50} \pmod{10} \\
 &= (-1)^{50} \pmod{10} \\
 &= 1 \quad \underline{\underline{-Ans.}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q Last digit of 2017^{2017}

$$\begin{aligned}
 & 2017^{2017} \pmod{10} \\
 &= 7^{2017} \pmod{10} \quad \left| \because 2017 \equiv 7 \pmod{10} \right. \\
 &= (-3)^{2017} \pmod{10} \\
 &= -3 \cdot (-3)^{2016} \pmod{10} \\
 &= -3 (9)^{1008} \pmod{10} \\
 &= -3 (-1)^{1008} \pmod{10} \\
 &= -3 \pmod{10} = 7 \quad \underline{\underline{-Ans.}}
 \end{aligned}$$

Q as $7 \cdot 9 \pmod{36}$

$$= 63 \pmod{36} \equiv 27 \pmod{36}$$

$$b) \quad 8 - 21 \pmod{31}$$

$$= -13 \pmod{31} \equiv 18 \pmod{31}$$

$$c) \quad 68 \cdot 69 \cdot 71 \pmod{72}$$

$$= -4 \cdot -3 \cdot -1 \pmod{72}$$

$$= -12 \pmod{72} \equiv 60 \pmod{72}$$

$$d) \quad 108! \pmod{83}$$

$$108! \cdot 83 = 0$$

$$\text{Ans) } 0 \rightarrow 108! \equiv 0 \pmod{83}$$

Theorem: A number is divisible by 9 if only sum of digits in base 10 is divisible by 9.