CSL202: Discrete Mathematical Structures

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Let a, b, and c be integers, where $a \neq 0$. Then

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Corollary

If a, b, and c are integers, where $a \neq 0$, such that $a|b$ and $a|c$, then $a|(mb + nc)$ whenever m and n are integers.

Theorem (Division Theorem)

Let a be an integer and d a positive integer. Then there are unique integers q and r, with $0 \leq r < d$, such that $a = dq + r$.

Definition

In the equality given in the division theorem, d is called the divisor, a is called the dividend, q is called the quotient, and r is called the remainder. This notation is used to express the quotient and remainder:

$$q = a \ (div \ \ d), \quad r = a \ (mod \ \ d)$$

Definition

If a and b are integers and m is a positive integer, then a is *congruent* to b *modulo* m if m divides $a - b$. We use the notation $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ to indicate that a is congruent to b modulo m. We say that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ is a *congruence* and that m is its *modulus*. If a and b are not congruent modulo m, we write $a \not\equiv b \pmod{m}$.

Theorem

Let a and b be integers, and let m be a positive integer. Then $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ if and only if $a \pmod{m} = b \pmod{m}$.

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Let m be a positive integer. The integers a and b are congruent modulo m if and only if there is an integer k such that $a = b + km$.

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Let m be a positive integer. If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then

$$a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m} \quad and \quad ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}.$$

Theorem

Let m be a positive integer and let a and b be integers. Then

$$(a + b) \pmod{m} = ((a \pmod{m}) + (b \pmod{m})) \pmod{m}$$

and

$$ab \pmod{m} = ((a \pmod{m})(b \pmod{m})) \pmod{m}.$$

- Let $Z_m = \{0, 1, 2, ..., m-1\}$.
- We can define the following arithmetic operations on Z_m:
  - $+_m$: This is defined as $a +_m b = (a + b) \ (mod \ m)$.
  - $\cdot_m$: This is defined as $a \cdot_m b = (a \cdot b) \ (mod \ m)$.
- Show that $+_m$ and $\cdot_m$ satisfies the following properties:
  - Closure
  - Associativity
  - Commutativity
  - Identity
  - Additive inverse
  - Distributivity

End