

# Modular arithmetic

•> What happens when we divide  $100 \div 40$ ?

$$\rightarrow 100 = 40 \times 2 + 20$$

$$Q = 2, \text{ Remainder} = 20$$

•>  $\equiv$   $\rightarrow$  "congruent to"

$$\bullet \rightarrow A \equiv B \pmod{C}$$

when  $C$  divides  $A - B$ .

$2$  divides  $4$  because  $4$  is a multiple of  $2$ .

$$2 \mid 4 \rightarrow 2 \text{ divides } 4$$

$$5 \text{ does not divide } 7 \rightarrow 5 \nmid 7$$

Example:-  $25 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$

$$\text{as } 11 \mid 25 - 3 = 22 \quad \text{so } 25 \equiv 3 \pmod{11}$$

Introduce a few notations.

•  $A \mid B \rightarrow B$  is a multiple of  $A$ .

•  $\Rightarrow$  "implies"

Since  $2 \times 4 = 8 \Rightarrow 8$  is divisible by 2

•  $\Leftrightarrow$  "if and only if"

Suhan eats icecream if and only if it is Sunday.

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$\rightarrow$  Modular arithmetic

We say  $A \equiv B \pmod{C} \Leftrightarrow C \mid A - B$ .

$\hookrightarrow$  If  $C \mid A - B$ , then  $A \equiv B \pmod{C}$

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Exercise :- State T/F.

$$1) \quad 24 \equiv 2 \pmod{11} \quad (T)$$

$$\hookrightarrow 11 \mid 24 - 2 = 22$$

$$2) \quad 25 \equiv 15 \pmod{10} \quad (T)$$

$$\hookrightarrow 10 \mid 25 - 15 = 10$$

$$3) \quad 100 \equiv 24 \pmod{37} \quad (F)$$

$$\hookrightarrow 37 \nmid 100 - 24 = 76$$

$$4) \quad 45 \equiv 568 \pmod{523} \quad (T)$$

$$45 - 568 = -523$$

$$\text{and } 523 \mid -523.$$

$$5) \quad 24 \equiv 5 \pmod{19} \quad (T)$$

$$19 \mid 24 - 5 = 19$$

$$\begin{matrix} \uparrow -20 & \uparrow -20 \\ A \equiv B \pmod{C} \end{matrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C \mid (A - B) &\Leftrightarrow C \mid A - B \\ A - B &= 20 - (-20) \\ &= 20 + 20 \\ &= 40 \end{aligned}$$

$$6) \quad -20 \equiv -20 \pmod{192} \quad (T)$$

$$192 \mid -20 - (-20) = 0$$

$$x = 1, 2, \dots, 69$$

Ex 3:- Given  $100 \equiv x \pmod{70}$  and  $0 < x < 70$ .  
Find  $x$ .

$$2 < x < 15 \rightarrow x = 3, 4, \dots, 14$$

$$\rightarrow \text{Since } 100 \equiv x \pmod{70} \Rightarrow 70 \mid 100 - x$$

So  $100 - x$  is a multiple of 70.

$$\text{Since } 0 < x < 70, \quad x = 1, 2, 3, \dots, 69$$

$$100 - x = 99, 98, \dots, 32, 31,$$

$$99 > 100 - x > 31,$$



has only 1 multiple of 70

which 70

$$\text{So } 100 - x = 70$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 100 - 70 = \boxed{30}$$

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Q. Two numbers when divided by a certain divisor have remainders 3 and 4 respectively. When the two numbers are added and their sum is divided by the same divisor the remainder is 2. What is the divisor?

→ A is divided by  $k$ , remainder is 3

B is divided by  $k$ , remainder is 4

A+B is divided by  $k$ , remainder must be  $3+4$

(For example, 39 is divided by 19,  $r=1$

44 is " " " " ,  $r=6$

$39+44=83$  is divided by 19,  $r=7$   
(1+6)

$$7 \equiv 2 \pmod{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow k \mid 7-2 \Rightarrow k \mid 5 \Rightarrow k=5$$

The two numbers, when divided by a divisor leave remainders 3 and 4.

When we add the two numbers, their remainders add up to  $3+4=7$

But when divided by the original divisor this sum leaves remainder equal to 2.

Since  $7=5 \times 1 + 2$ , the divisor must be 5.