

Math 3450

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Ex: $a = 5$
 $b = 17$

$$17 = 5(3) + 2$$

$$b = aq + r$$

$$0 \leq r < a$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 5 \overline{) 17} \\ - 15 \\ \hline 2 \end{array}$$

$$3 \leftarrow \boxed{q}$$

$$2 \leftarrow \boxed{r}$$

Theorem (Division Algorithm)

Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $a > 0$.

Then there exists unique integers q and r where

$$b = aq + r \quad \text{and} \quad 0 \leq r < a$$

proof:

(existence)

Let

$$S = \left\{ b - ax \mid \begin{array}{l} x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and} \\ b - ax \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

Ex: $a = 5, b = 17$

$$S = \left\{ 17 - 5x \mid \begin{array}{l} x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ 17 - 5x \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= \{ 2, 7, 12, 17, 22, \dots \}$$

Smallest
element
of S

x	$17 - 5x$
\vdots	\vdots
5	-8
4	-3
3	2
2	7
1	12
0	17
-1	22
\vdots	\vdots

$$S = \{b - ax \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}, b - ax \geq 0\}$$

Let's show $S \neq \emptyset$.

Case 1: Suppose $b \geq 0$.

Setting $x = -1$ we get

$$b - ax = b - a(-1) = b + a \geq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline b \geq 0 \\ a > 0 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

So, $b - a(-1) \in S$.

Case 2: Suppose $b < 0$.

Set $x = 2b$ and we get

$$b - ax = b - a(2b) = b(1 - 2a) > 0$$

$$\begin{array}{|c|} \hline b < 0 \\ a \geq 1 \\ -2a \leq -2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$1 - 2a \leq -1$$

$$1 - 2a < 0$$

Thus, $b - a(2b) \in S$.

$$S = \{b - ax \mid x \in \mathbb{Z}, b - ax \geq 0\}$$

So, by case 1 and case 2, $S \neq \emptyset$.

Since S is non-empty and it consists of non-negative integers, S must have a smallest element.

Let r be the smallest element of S .

Thus there exists $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $r = b - aq$ and $r = b - aq \geq 0$.

[I switched x to q here.]

So, $b = aq + r$.

We have $0 \leq r$.

We must show that $r < a$.

Suppose instead that $a \leq r$.

Then $0 \leq r - a$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Also, } r - a &= (b - aq) - a \\ &= \underbrace{b - a(q+1)}_{\substack{\text{has the form} \\ b - ax}} \in S \end{aligned}$$

But $r - a < r$ and r is the smallest element of S .

Thus, it can't be that $r - a \in S$.
It's a contradiction.

Hence, $r < a$.

So, $b = aq + r$ with $0 \leq r < a$.

Uniqueness

Suppose

$b = aq + r$ with $0 \leq r < a$, and

$b = aq' + r'$ with $0 \leq r' < a$,

where $q, q', r, r' \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We will show $q = q'$ and $r = r'$
Let's show that $r = r'$.

Without loss of generality,
assume $r' \geq r$

Means
same
proof
will work,
if $r \geq r'$

Then, $r' - r \geq 0$.

Since $b = aq + r = aq' + r'$ we get

$$a(q - q') = r' - r$$

Let $k = q - q'$.

So, $ak = r' - r$.

Then from the eqn above since
 $a > 0$ and $r' - r \geq 0$ we know $k \geq 0$.

Let's show $k = 0$.

Suppose $k > 0$.

If so, then

$$r' - r = ak \geq a(1) = a.$$

$$k \geq 1$$

Then, $a \leq r' - r.$

However we also have that

$$0 \leq r' - r < a - r \leq a$$

$$r' < a$$

$$0 \leq r$$

So, $r' - r < a$

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This is nonsense!

So, $k \neq 0.$

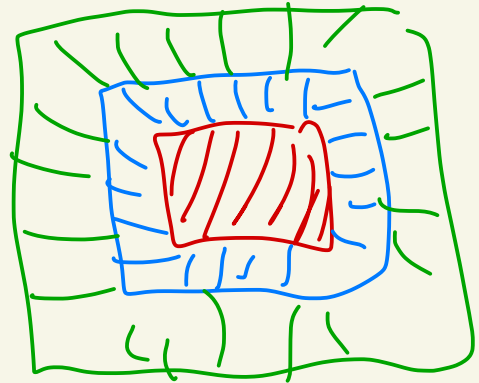
We must have $k = 0.$

Thus, $0 = k = q - q'.$

$$S_0, \quad q = q'$$

$$\text{Also, } 0 = a \frac{k}{0} = r' - r$$

$$S_0, \quad r = r'$$



Calculating modulo n
using the division algorithm

Let $n \geq 2$.

Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Divide n into x to get

$$x = nq + r$$

where $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $0 \leq r < n$.

Then $nq = x - r$

So, $n \mid (x - r)$.

So, $x \equiv r \pmod{n}$

Hence, $\overline{x} = \overline{r}$ in \mathbb{Z}_n

Ex: Let $n = 4$.

Let $x = 10,562$.

$$\underbrace{10,562}_x = \underbrace{4}_n \underbrace{(2640)} + \underbrace{2}_r$$

So,

$$10,562 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2640 \\ \hline 4 \overline{) 10,562} \\ \underline{-8} \\ 25 \\ \underline{-24} \\ 16 \\ \underline{-16} \\ 02 \\ \underline{-0} \\ 2 \end{array}$$

Ex: $n = 6$

$$x = 220$$

$$\underbrace{220}_x = \underbrace{6}_n (\underbrace{36}) + \underbrace{4}_r$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 36 \\ 6 \overline{) 220} \\ \underline{-18} \\ 40 \\ \underline{-36} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

So, $220 \equiv 4 \pmod{6}$
