

A binary relation \equiv on S is called equivalence if and only if:

$$\forall a \in S. a \equiv a \quad \text{Reflexive}$$

$$\forall a, b \in S. (a \equiv b \Rightarrow b \equiv a) \quad \text{Symmetric}$$

$$\forall a, b, c \in S. ((a \equiv b \wedge b \equiv c) \Rightarrow a \equiv c) \quad \text{Transitive}$$

$a \equiv b$
means
 $(a, b) \in R$

A binary relation \prec on S is called partial order if and only if:

$$\forall a \neq b \in S. (a \prec b \Rightarrow b \not\prec a) \quad \text{Anti symmetric}$$

$$\forall a, b, c \in S. ((a \prec b \wedge b \prec c) \Rightarrow a \prec c) \quad \text{Transitive}$$

\prec could be reflexive or not (strict partial order)

Example: $<$ or \leq on \mathbb{R}

$a \prec b$
means
 $(a, b) \in R$

Equivalence relation partitions S into classes of equivalence

$$C_a = \{x \in S : a \equiv x\}$$

Partial order relation "orders" S . If S is finite

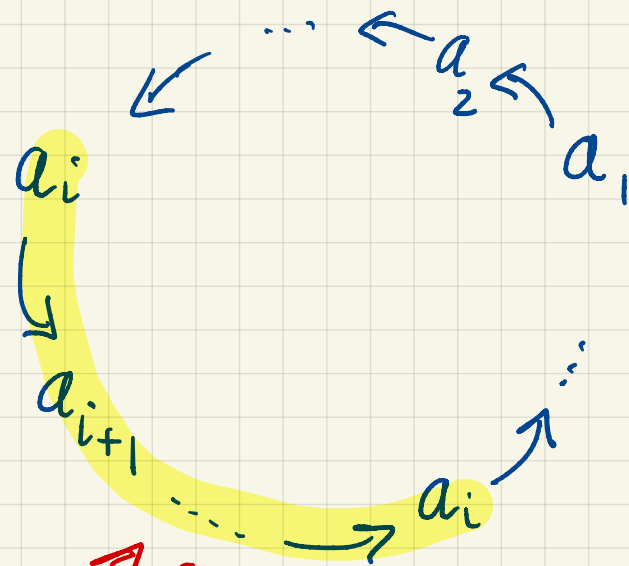
$<$ admits a minimum element

$$\exists e \in S. (\forall x \in S. (x \neq e \Rightarrow x \not< e))$$

Proof: Suppose e does not exist, then we can find an infinite sequence $\dots a_n < \dots < a_2 < a_1$. (don't use reflexive steps)

Since S is finite, we must cycle.

So by transitivity, we have $a_i < a_j$ and $a_j < a_i$, a contradiction. (see below)



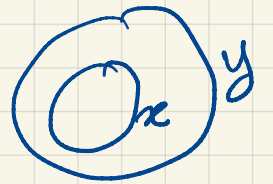
$a_j \neq a_i$

$a_j < a_i$ by transitivity

but $a_i < a_j$ by transitivity

Example 1: $S = \{a, b, c\}$

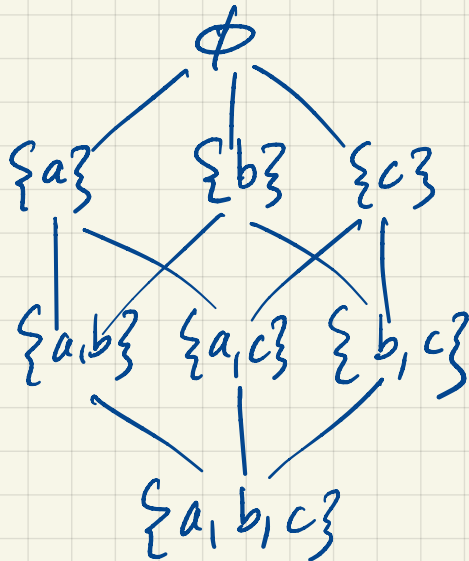
$$P(S) = \left\{ \emptyset, \{a\}, \{b\}, \{c\}, \{a, b\}, \{a, c\}, \{b, c\}, \{a, b, c\} \right\}$$



Consider the proper subset relation:

- It's anti-symmetric: $x \subset y \Rightarrow y \not\subset x$ ($x \neq y$)
- It's transitive: $x \subset y, y \subset z \Rightarrow x \subset z$.

minimum
element: \emptyset



All "edges" that can be
inferred by transitivity
are omitted.

Example 2:

$$(a, b) \prec (c, d) \text{ iff } a < c \text{ \& } b \leq d$$

- Anti-symmetric: $(a, b) \prec (c, d) \begin{matrix} a < c \\ b \leq d \end{matrix} \Rightarrow c \neq a \text{ so } (c, d) \not\prec (a, b)$

- Transitive: $(a, b) \prec (c, d)$ $(c, d) \prec (e, f)$ $\begin{matrix} a < c < e \\ b \leq d \leq f \end{matrix} \Rightarrow \begin{matrix} a < e \\ b \leq f \end{matrix} \text{ so } (a, b) \prec (e, f)$

$$S = \{ (1, 1), (2, 3), (2, 0), (3, 3) \}$$

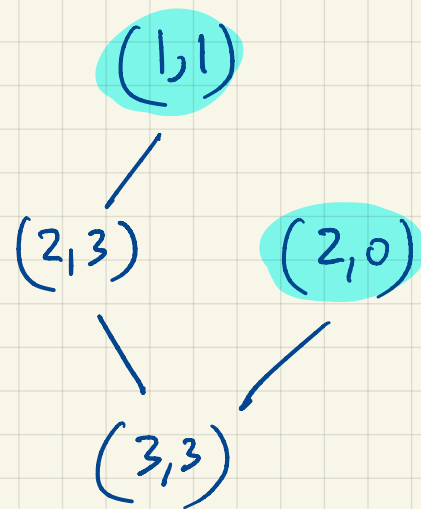
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$$(2, 3) \prec (3, 3)$$

$$(2, 0) \prec (3, 3)$$

$(1, 1)$ and $(2, 0)$ are both minimum elements.



Congruence

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \iff n \mid a - b$$

(a & b have the same remainder in division by n)

Congruence "behaves like" equality (Equivalence relation)

Example:

$$\begin{array}{r} a \equiv b \pmod{n} \\ c \equiv d \pmod{n} \\ \hline a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{n} \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} a = b \\ c = d \\ \hline a + c = b + d \end{array}$$

Proof: $n \mid a - b$ and $n \mid c - d \Rightarrow n \mid (a - b) + (c - d)$ (why?)

$$\Rightarrow n \mid (a + c) - (b + d) \Rightarrow a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{n}$$

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \Rightarrow n \mid a - b \Rightarrow a - b = k_1 n$$

$$c \equiv d \pmod{n} \Rightarrow n \mid c - d \Rightarrow c - d = k_2 n$$

$$(a - b) + (c - d) = (k_1 + k_2) n$$

$$(a + c) - (b + d) = (k_1 + k_2) n$$

$$n \mid (a + c) - (b + d)$$

$$a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{n}$$

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

$$c \equiv d \pmod{n}$$

$$a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{n}$$

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

$$c \equiv d \pmod{n}$$

$$a-c \equiv b-d \pmod{n}$$

We can even move
from side to side

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

$$c \equiv d \pmod{n}$$

$$a \times c \equiv b \times d \pmod{n}$$

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

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

$$a-b \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$$

What about division?

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

$$c \equiv d \pmod{n}$$

$$\frac{a}{c} \equiv \frac{b}{d} \pmod{n} \quad ? \quad \text{Is } \frac{a}{c} \text{ integer?}$$

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

Can I say $1 \equiv \frac{b}{a} \pmod{n}$? [divide by a on both sides]

What is division in modular arithmetic?

$$n = 7$$

Example 1: $\frac{2}{3} \equiv x \pmod{7} \Rightarrow 2 \equiv 3x \pmod{7}$

Is there x when multiplied by 3 gives 2?

$$3 \cdot 3 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$$

So $\frac{2}{3} \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

What about $\frac{3}{2} \equiv ? \pmod{7}$

is there an x such that
 $x \cdot 2 \equiv 3$
 $x = 5$

$$\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{3}{2} \equiv 3 \times 5 \equiv 15 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

For division to be well defined, we need to find inverses

$$\frac{b}{a} \equiv b \times \frac{1}{a} \equiv b \times a^{-1} \quad \text{where } aa^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

Problem: Given a and n , find a^{-1} such that

$$aa^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

a^{-1} is the inverse of a modulo n .

$$n=7$$

a	1	2	3	4	5	6
a^{-1}	1	4	5	2	3	6

(1) • $\gcd(a, n) = 1 \iff \exists a^{-1} \in \{1, \dots, n-1\} . aa^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

(2) • When a^{-1} exists, it's UNIQUE.

Proof(1): • $\gcd(a, n) = 1 \Rightarrow ar - ns = 1 \Rightarrow ar = ns + 1 \Rightarrow ar \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$
 $\Rightarrow r \pmod{n}$ is a^{-1} . (here mod is used as operator)

• $aa^{-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \Rightarrow aa^{-1} = nk + 1 \Rightarrow aa^{-1} - nk = 1 \Rightarrow \gcd(a, n) = 1.$

Proof (2):

To prove uniqueness, assume $ab \equiv ac \pmod{n}$

where $b < n$, $c < n$, $b > c$

$$a(b-c) \equiv 0 \pmod{n} \Rightarrow a(b-c) = kn$$

Since $\gcd(a, n) = 1 \Rightarrow$ all factors of n come from $(b-c)$

(uniqueness of prime factorization)

so $(b-c)$ is a multiple of n , contradiction since $b < n$
 $c < n$.

so $b-c < n$.

$n=8$

$a=3.$

$\times 3$

0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
0	3	6	1	4	7	2	5

$$\gcd(3, 8) = 1 \Rightarrow 3x \not\equiv 3y \pmod{8}$$

$3x$ are all different \Rightarrow permutation.

Euclidean alg. can find inverses.

Example: Find inverse of 13 modulo 21.

First observe that $\gcd(21, 13) = 1$.

Now perform Euclidean Alg. (not to find gcd but to find the linear combination)

21	13	8	5	3	2	1	0
1	0	1	-1	2	-3	5	
0	1	-1	2	-3	5	-8	

$$\gcd(21, 13) = 21(5) + 13(-8) = 21(5) - 13(8) = 1$$

So -8 is the inverse of $13 \pmod{21}$

$$-8 \equiv 13 \pmod{21}$$

$$13 \cdot 13 \equiv 1 \pmod{21}$$

Similarly: 5 is inverse of $21 \pmod{13}$.

$$21 \cdot 5 \equiv 1 \pmod{13}$$

Find the inverse of 15 mod 26

$$(\gcd(15, 26) = 1)$$

Find x s.t

$$15 \cdot x \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$$

$$\uparrow 15^{-1}$$

26	15	11	4	3	1	0
1	0	1	-1	3	-4	
0	1	-1	2	-5	7	

We can write $26(-4) + 15(7) = 1$

$$\text{So } 15^{-1} \equiv 7 \pmod{26}$$

$$\text{Also, } 26(-4 + 15) + 15(7 - 26) = 1$$

$$\text{So } 26^{-1} \equiv 11 \pmod{15}$$

- We can even solve equations modulo n when inverses exist
for instance when n is prime

$$ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

$$\underbrace{a^{-1}}_1 ax \equiv a^{-1}b \pmod{n}$$

$$x \equiv a^{-1}b \pmod{n}$$

It's like dividing by a on both sides!

- We can solve a system of equations as well.

$$ax + by \equiv c \pmod{n}$$

$$dx + ey \equiv f \pmod{n}$$

eliminate y as usual
get $Ax = B \pmod{n}$