

# Congruence arithmetic.

$n \in \mathbb{N}$   $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $n|x$  and only then  $n|(x+y)$ .

**Lemma:** If  $x$  and  $y$  are multiples of  $n$ , so is  $x+y$ .

*Proof:*  $x = kn$  for some  $k$ ,  $y = jn$  for some  $j$  so  $x+y = kn+jn = (k+j)n$ .

**Proposition:** Given integers  $a, b, c, d$  and a natural number  $n$ ,  
if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  then

- If  $c \equiv d \pmod{n}$ , then  $a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{n}$

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

Proof: We know  $a-b$  is a multiple  
of  $n$   
we know  $c-d$  is a multiple of  $n$   
 $(a-b) + (c-d)$  is a multiple of  $n$   
 $(a+c) - (b+d)$  is a multiple of  $n$ .  
 $a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{n}$ .

- $ac \equiv bc \pmod{n}$

$$\begin{array}{c} a \equiv b \pmod{n} \\ ca \equiv cb \pmod{n} \end{array}$$

Proof:  $ac - bc = c(a-b)$   
 $a-b = kn$  for some  $k$ .  
 $c(a-b) = c \cdot kn$  which is  
a multiple of  $n$ , so  $ac \equiv bc \pmod{n}$ .

# Congruence arithmetic continued

**Proposition:**

$$a^r \equiv b^r \pmod{n} \text{ for any natural number } r.$$

Lemma from algebra.

$$x^2 - y^2 = (x-y)(x+y)$$

$$x^3 - y^3 = (x-y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$$

$$x^n - y^n = (x-y)(x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + x^{n-3}y^2 + \dots + y^{n-1})$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x^{n-1} + x^{n-2}y + \dots + y^{n-1} \\ \hline x - y \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} x^n + x^{n-1}y + x^{n-2}y^2 + \dots + xy^{n-1} \\ \hline -x^{n-1}y - x^{n-2}y^2 - \dots - xy^{n-1} - y^n \\ \hline x^n - y^n \end{array}$$

Proof of Proposition.

$$a^r - b^r = (a-b)(a^{r-1} + \dots + b^{r-1})$$

$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , we know

$$a - b = kn.$$

$$a^r - b^r = kn(a^{r-1} + \dots + b^{r-1})$$

so  $a^r - b^r$  is a multiple  
of  $n$ .

## Casting out nines

387 ~~is~~

$$3+8+7 = 18$$

$$1+8 = 9$$

345

$$3+4+5 = 7+5 = 12$$

$$1+2 = 3$$

$$\underline{387 = 9 \cdot 43}$$

$$387 = 3 \cdot 100 + 8 \cdot 10 + 7 \cdot 1$$

$$= \underline{3 \cdot 10^2 + 8 \cdot 10 + 7 \cdot 1}$$

$$10 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$10^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$7 \cdot 1 \equiv 7 \pmod{9}$$

$$8 \cdot 10 \equiv 8 \pmod{9}$$

$$3 \cdot 10^2 \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$$

$$\underline{3 \cdot 10^2 + 8 \cdot 10 + 7 \cdot 1} \equiv 3 + 8 + 7 \pmod{9}$$

$$8 + 1 \cdot 10 \equiv 8 + 1 \stackrel{18}{\equiv} 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$\equiv 9 \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$$

$$345 = 3 \cdot 10^2 + 4 \cdot 10 + 5 \cdot 1$$
$$10^2 \equiv 1 \quad 10 \equiv 1 \quad 1 \equiv 1 \quad \text{mod } 9$$

$$345 \equiv 3+4+5 \pmod{9}$$
$$\equiv 3 \pmod{9}.$$

~~4 ≡ -1 mod~~

$$10 \equiv -1 \pmod{11}.$$

$$345$$
$$3-4+5 = 4 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$
$$11 \nmid 345$$