

# Discrete Math: Homework 8

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## Unit 4.1

**#10** Prove that if  $a$  and  $b$  are nonzero integers,  $a|b$ , and  $a + b$  is odd, then  $a$  is odd.

*Proof.* Direct proof. Assume  $a$  and  $b$  are nonzero integers,  $a|b$ , and  $a + b$  is odd. Then, by definition of divisibility,  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}, ak = b$ . We also know that  $a + b$  is odd, so  $\exists j \in \mathbb{Z}, 2j + 1 = a + b$ . Substituting  $b$  for  $ak$ , we get  $2j + 1 = a + ak$ . Factoring out  $a$ , we get  $2j + 1 = a(1 + k)$ . Since  $1 + k$  is an integer, we know that  $a$  is odd.  $\square$

**#26** Evaluate these quantities:

a)  $-17 \bmod 2 = 1$

b)  $144 \bmod 7 = 4$

c)  $-101 \bmod 13 = 3$

d)  $199 \bmod 19 = 9$

#34 Decide whether each of these integers is congruent to 3 modulo 7.

a) 37

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &\nmid (37 - 3) \\ 37 &\not\equiv 3 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

b) 66

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &\mid (66 - 3) \\ 66 &\equiv 3 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

c) -17

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &\nmid (-17 - 3) \\ -17 &\not\equiv 3 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

d) -67

$$\begin{aligned} 7 &\mid (-67 - 3) \\ -67 &\equiv 3 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

**#36** Find each of these values.

**Note:** The following rules exist for modular arithmetic where  $a, b, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n \geq 2$ :

$$(a + b) \bmod n = ((a \bmod n) + (b \bmod n)) \bmod n \quad \text{Addition Law}$$

$$(a \cdot b) \bmod n = ((a \bmod n) \cdot (b \bmod n)) \bmod n \quad \text{Multiplication Law}$$

a)  $(177 \bmod 31 + 270 \bmod 31) \bmod 31$

$$\begin{aligned} (177 \bmod 31 + 270 \bmod 31) \bmod 31 &= (177 + 270) \bmod 31 \\ &= 447 \bmod 31 \\ &= 13 \end{aligned}$$

b)  $(177 \bmod 31 \cdot 270 \bmod 31) \bmod 31$

$$\begin{aligned} (177 \bmod 31 \cdot 270 \bmod 31) \bmod 31 &= (177 \cdot 270) \bmod 31 \\ &= 47790 \bmod 31 \\ &= 19 \end{aligned}$$

**Unit 6.1**

#8 How many different three-letter initials with none of the letters repeated can people have?

$$26 \cdot 25 \cdot 24 = 15600$$

#22 How many positive integers less than 1000,

a) are divisible by 7?

$$\lfloor \frac{1000}{7} \rfloor = 142$$

b) are divisible by 7 but not by 11?

$$\lfloor \frac{1000}{7} \rfloor - \lfloor \frac{1000}{77} \rfloor = 142 - 12 = 130$$

c) are divisible by both 7 and 11?

$$\lfloor \frac{1000}{77} \rfloor = 12$$

d) are divisible by either 7 or 11?

$$\lfloor \frac{1000}{7} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{1000}{11} \rfloor - \lfloor \frac{1000}{77} \rfloor = 142 + 90 - 12 = 220$$

e) are divisible by exactly one of 7 and 11?

$$\lfloor \frac{1000}{7} \rfloor + \lfloor \frac{1000}{11} \rfloor - 2\lfloor \frac{1000}{77} \rfloor = 142 + 90 - 24 = 208$$

f) are divisible by neither 7 nor 11?

$$999 - 220 = 779 \quad (1)$$

g) have distinct digits?

9	One digit
$(10 - 1) \cdot 9$	Two digits
$(10 - 1) \cdot 9 \cdot 8$	Three digits
$9 + 9 \cdot 9 + 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 = 738$	Total

h) have distinct digits and are even

4	One digit
$9 + 8 \cdot 4$	Two digits
$9 \cdot 8 + 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 4$	Three digits
$4 + (9 + 8 \cdot 4) + (9 \cdot 8 + 8 \cdot 8 \cdot 4) = 373$	Total

**#28** How many license plates can be made using either three digits followed by three uppercase English letters or three uppercase English letters followed by three digits?

$$10^3 \cdot 26^3 + 26^3 \cdot 10^3 = 3.5152 \cdot 10^7$$