

1. Does 17 divide 357?

Answer: $357 \div 17 = 21$, therefore $17 \mid 357$ (i.e. 17 divides 357)

2. Prove or disprove that if $a \mid bc$, where a , b , and c are positive integers, then $a \mid b$ or $a \mid c$

trying to prove: if $a \mid bc$, then by definition $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z} (bc = ka)$

here we might notice that $bc = ka$ doesn't mean that a is a factor of b or a is a factor of c ,

for example $b = 4$, $c = 15$ and $a = 6$, then $bc = 60$ and $6 \mid 60$, but $6 \nmid 4$ and $6 \nmid 15$ - this is our *counterexample*.

Hence, we conclude that the **statement is false**.

3. What are the quotient and remainder when

a) 1001 is divided by 13

b) -111 is divided by 11

Solution:

a) $1001 \text{ div } 13 = 77$ and $1001 \text{ mod } 13 = 0$

b) $-111 \text{ div } 11 = -11$ (1 less) and $-111 \text{ mod } 11 = -111 - 11 \cdot (-11) = -111 + 121 = 10$

4. Find the values of

a) $4+5$ in \mathbb{Z}_7

b) $8 \cdot 5$ in \mathbb{Z}_7

c) $2+3+8$ in \mathbb{Z}_9

Solution:

a) $(4 + 5) \text{ mod } 7 = 9 \text{ mod } 7 = 2$

b) $(8 \cdot 5) \text{ mod } 7 = 40 \text{ mod } 7 = 5$

c) $(2 + 3 + 8) \text{ mod } 9 = 13 \text{ mod } 9 = 4$

5. compute (do not use a calculator)

a) $(167^{14} + 87^{13}) \text{ mod } 5$

b) $(11 \cdot (-25) + 11) \text{ mod } 6$

c) $32^8 \text{ mod } 6$

Solution:

a) $(167^4 + 87^3) \text{ mod } 5 =$
 $= [(167 \text{ mod } 5)^4 + (87 \text{ mod } 5)^3] \text{ mod } 5 =$
 $= [2^4 + 2^3] \text{ mod } 5 =$
 $= (16+8) \text{ mod } 5 = 24 \text{ mod } 5 = 4$

b) $(11 \cdot (-25) + 11) \text{ mod } 6 =$
 $= [(11 \text{ mod } 6) \cdot (-25 \text{ mod } 6) + 11 \text{ mod } 6] \text{ mod } 6 =$
 $= [5 \cdot 5 + 5] \text{ mod } 6 =$
 $= 30 \text{ mod } 6 = 0$

c) $32^8 \text{ mod } 6 = (32 \text{ mod } 6)^8 \text{ mod } 6 =$
 $= 2^8 \text{ mod } 6 =$
 $= [(8 \text{ mod } 6)(8 \text{ mod } 6)(4 \text{ mod } 6)] \text{ mod } 6 =$
 $= [2 \cdot 2 \cdot 4] \text{ mod } 6 =$
 $= 16 \text{ mod } 6 = 4$

6. A parking lot has 31 visitor spaces, numbered from 0 to 30. visitors are assigned parking spaces using the hashing function $h(k) = k \bmod 31$, where k is the number formed from the first three digits on visitor's license plate.

a) Which spaces are assigned by the hashing function to cars that have these first three digits on their license plates? 317, 918, 007, 110, 111, 310

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} h(317) &= 317 \bmod 31 = 7 && \text{(because } 317 \text{ div } 31 = 10, \text{ and } 317 \bmod 31 = 317 - 31 * 10 = 7) \\ h(918) &= 918 \bmod 31 = 19 && \text{(because } 918 \text{ div } 31 = 29, \text{ and } 918 \bmod 31 = 918 - 31 * 29 = 19) \\ h(007) &= 007 \bmod 31 = 7 && \text{- collision with car 317 (spot is already taken)} \\ h(110) &= 110 \bmod 31 = 17 && \text{(because } 110 \text{ div } 31 = 3, \text{ and } 110 \bmod 31 = 110 - 31 * 3 = 17) \\ h(111) &= 111 \bmod 31 = 18 && \text{(using the result above)} \\ h(310) &= 310 \bmod 31 = 0 \end{aligned}$$

b) What can you advise the visitors when the space they are assigned is occupied?

Answer:

one of the solutions is to try to occupy the next (consecutive available spot)
another - try to occupy the spot with number $\lfloor h(\text{their number}) / 2 \rfloor$.

7. What sequence of pseudorandom numbers is generated using the linear congruential generator

$$x_{n+1} = (5x_n + 2) \bmod 9, \text{ with seed } x_0 = 3?$$

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} x_0 &= 3 \\ x_1 &= (5*3+2) \bmod 9 = 17 \bmod 9 = 8 \\ x_2 &= (5*8+2) \bmod 9 = 42 \bmod 9 = 6 \\ x_3 &= (5*6 + 2) \bmod 9 = 32 \bmod 9 = 5 \\ x_4 &= (5*5+2) \bmod 9 = 27 \bmod 9 = 0 \\ x_5 &= (5*0 + 2) \bmod 9 = 2 \bmod 9 = 2 \\ x_6 &= (5*2 + 2) \bmod 9 = 12 \bmod 9 = 3 && \text{- from now on the pseudo-random numbers will be repeating} \\ x_7 &= (5*3+2) \bmod 9 = 17 \bmod 9 = 8 && \text{- } x_1 = x_7 \\ x_8 &= (5*8+2) \bmod 9 = 42 \bmod 9 = 6 && \text{- } x_2 = x_8, \text{ and so on} \end{aligned}$$

Generated sequence: 8, 6, 5, 0, 2, 3, 8, 6, 5, 0, 2, 3, 8, 6, 5, 0, 2, 3,...