

Prove: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}. \neg \text{Even}(n) \leftrightarrow \text{Odd}(n).$

We will prove (\rightarrow) direction.

Proof

Let n be an arbitrary integer, and suppose $\neg \text{Even}(n)$, that is, there does not exist integer k such that $n=2k$. We must show n is odd.

(Idea: n must be odd because even + odd are the only 2 possibilities.)

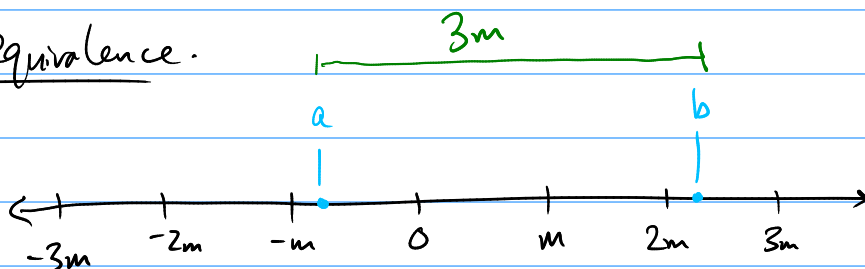
By the division algorithm, there must exist integers q and r such that $n=2q+r$ where $0 \leq r < 2$. So 0, 1 are the only possibilities for r .

- If $r=0$, then $n=2q$ so by definition it is even. But we assumed n is not even, so this can't actually happen.
- If $r=1$, then $n=2q+1$, so by definition it is odd, which is what we wanted to show.

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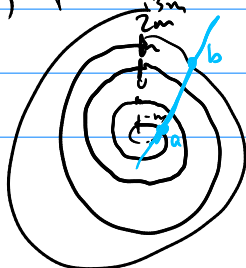
Modular Equivalence.

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 m :



Sometimes we want to consider $a + b$ "the same", i.e. wrap around at multiples of m .

Think of "wrapping up" the number line: so all multiples of m line up.



Def'n If $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then
 a is Congruent modulo m to b , written

$$a \equiv_m b$$

if and only if $m \mid (a-b)$. (or $m \mid (b-a)$, doesn't matter)

[Alternatively, it is common to write $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$.]

Does \equiv_m behave like equality = ?

What properties does = have? What things are we allowed to do with = ?

- ✓ • Substitute results of operations, e.g. $2+2=x \rightarrow 4=x$.
- • Do the same operation on both sides,
e.g. if $x=y$, then $2x+1=2y+1$. (congruence)
- ✓ • Flip the order, e.g. if $x=y$ then $y=x$. (symmetric)
- ✓ • If $a=b$ and $b=c$, then $a=c$. (transitive)
- ✓ • $a=a$. (reflexive)

Q: which properties does \equiv_m also have?

Thm \equiv_m is reflexive, i.e. if $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, then
 $a \equiv_m a$.

Proof. By definition, $a \equiv_m a$ means $m \mid (a-a)$, i.e. $m \mid 0$, which is true (everything divides 0).

Thm. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Then $a \equiv_m b$ if and only if there exists an integer k such that $a = b + km$.

Proof. $a \equiv_m b$ {definition}

$$\leftrightarrow m \mid (a - b)$$

\leftrightarrow {definition of divides}

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}. km = a - b$$

\leftrightarrow {algebra}

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}. a = b + km$$

Thm \equiv_m is transitive, i.e. for all $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$, if $a \equiv_m b$ and $b \equiv_m c$, then $a \equiv_m c$.

Proof. Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Suppose $a \equiv_m b$ and $b \equiv_m c$, that is, by the previous theorem, there exist integers j and k such that $a = b + jm$ and $b = c + km$. Then:

$$\begin{aligned} a &= b + jm && \text{{subst}} \\ &= (c + km) + jm && \text{{subst for } b\text{}} \\ &= c + (k + j)m \end{aligned}$$

So $a = c + (k + j)m$, so by the same theorem, since a is c plus a multiple of m , $a \equiv_m c$. \square

Thm. \equiv_m is a congruence with respect to addition, that is, if $a \equiv_m b$ and $c \equiv_m d$, then $a + c \equiv_m b + d$.

Proof. Let a, b, c, d be arbitrary integers, and m a positive integer.

Suppose $a \equiv_m b$ and $c \equiv_m d$, which means

$$a = b + km \text{ and } c = d + jm \text{ for some integers } k, j.$$

$$\text{Then } a + c = (b + km) + (d + jm) = b + d + (k + j)m.$$

Since $a + c$ is $b + d$ plus a multiple of m , $a + c \equiv_m b + d$. \square

Ex. Solve for x : $x + 7 \equiv_3 12$.

We can subtract 7 (that is, add -7) to both sides

$$\begin{aligned} x + 7 &\equiv_3 12 \\ \leftrightarrow & \quad \{ \text{subtract 7 from both sides} \} \\ x &\equiv_3 5 \end{aligned}$$

So anything equivalent to 5 modulo 3 is a solution:

$$x \in \{ \dots, -4, -1, 2, 5, 8, 11, \dots \}.$$

More simply, $\boxed{x \equiv_3 2}$.

Ex. $27x + 17 \equiv_5 x - 10$. ($x \in \mathbb{Z}$).

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \{ \text{sub. } 17 \}$$

$$27x \equiv_5 x - 27$$

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \{ \text{sub. } x \}$$

$$26x \equiv_5 -27$$

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \{ -27 \equiv_5 -2, \equiv_5 \text{ is transitive} \}$$

$$26x \equiv_5 -2$$

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \{ 26 \equiv_5 1, \text{ therefore } 26x \equiv_5 1x \}$$

$$\boxed{x \equiv_5 -2}$$

Ex. $2x + 7 \equiv_7 16$

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \{ 7 \equiv_7 0 \}$$

$$2x \equiv_7 16$$

$$\leftrightarrow \quad \{ 16 \equiv_7 2 \}$$

$$2x \equiv_7 2$$

???. stuck. Can't divide by 2?