

it's the last tutorial! :D

- topics:
- equivalence relations
 - equivalence classes
 - modular arithmetic (hidden in the problems)

Definition 7.2.1. An equivalence relation R on a set S is a relation (that is, $R \subseteq S \times S$), such that:

- (a) For any $x \in S$, $(x, x) \in R$ (**reflexive** property).
- (b) For any $x, y \in S$, if $(x, y) \in R$, then $(y, x) \in R$ (**symmetric** property).
- (c) For any $x, y, z \in S$, if $(x, y) \in R$ and $(y, z) \in R$, then $(x, z) \in R$ (**transitive** property).

1) (a) Prove directly, that the following relation, on the set of integers, is an equivalence relation.

$a \equiv b$ if and only if $a - b$ is divisible by 4.

- Reflexive: is $a \equiv a \quad \forall a \in \mathbb{Z}$?
yes! $a - a = 0$ which is divisible by 4.
- Symmetric: does $a \equiv b \Rightarrow b \equiv a$?
yes! if $a \equiv b$, then $a - b = 4k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 $b - a = 4(-k)$.
so $b - a$ is divisible by 4,
so $b \equiv a$.
- Transitive: does $a \equiv b, b \equiv c \Rightarrow a \equiv c$?
yes! if $a \equiv b, b \equiv c$
 $a - b = 4k \quad b - c = 4l$ for some $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$.
 $a - c = (a - b) + (b - c)$
 $= 4k + 4l = 4(k + l)$
so $a - c$ is divisible by 4, so $a \equiv c$.

(b) Show that if two integers satisfy the relation in part (a), then they have the same remainder when divided by 4 (refer to Theorem 6.1.2 and Exercise 6.4.7).

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Theorem 6.1.2. (The Division Algorithm)

If $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$, then there is a unique pair of integers, q and r , with $q \geq 0$ and $0 \leq r < b$, such that

$$a = q \cdot b + r$$

(q is called the **quotient**, and r the **remainder**).

Suppose $4 \mid a - b$.

6.4.7. There are ways to generalize the Division Algorithm (Theorem 6.1.2), so that it can be applied to all integers (both positive and negative). Here is one possible generalization.

If $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$, with $b \neq 0$, then there is a unique pair of integers, q and r , with $0 \leq r < |b|$, such that $a = q \cdot b + r$.

by the division algorithm,
there exist unique integers q_a, r_a
and q_b, r_b such that
 $a = q_a \cdot 4 + r_a \quad 0 \leq r_a, r_b < 4$
 $b = q_b \cdot 4 + r_b$

Note that the remainder is still required to be nonnegative, so for instance, if we divide -21 by -4 , the quotient is 6 and the remainder is 3, as $-21 = 6 \cdot (-4) + 3$.

(a) Find the quotient and the remainder, obtained when dividing a by b .

- $a = 27$ and $b = -8$.
- $a = 5$ and $b = -7$.
- $a = -15$ and $b = 2$.
- $a = -4$ and $b = 9$.
- $a = -36$ and $b = -9$.

(you don't have to actually do 6.4.7 as an exercise)

show $r_a = r_b$:

(b) Prove the generalized version of the Division Algorithm given above.

(Hint: Instead of using induction proceed by cases and refer to Theorem 6.1.2)

$4 \mid a - b$

- $a = -36$ and $b = -9$.

(b) Prove the generalized version of the Division Algorithm given above.

(Hint: Instead of using induction, proceed by cases, and refer to Theorem 6.1.2.)

Show $r_a = r_b$:

$$4 \mid a - b$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \mid q_a \cdot 4 + r_a - q_b \cdot 4 + r_b$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \mid (4(q_a - q_b) + r_a - r_b)$$

Since $4 \mid 4(q_a - q_b)$, it follows that

$$4 \mid r_a - r_b.$$

$$0 \leq r_a \leq 3, \quad 0 \leq r_b \leq 3$$

$$\text{so } -3 \leq r_a - r_b \leq 3$$

the only integer between -3 and 3 that is divisible by 4 is 0 .

$$\text{so } r_a - r_b = 0 \Rightarrow r_a = r_b$$

2) Define, on the set of integers, the following equivalence relation.

$$k \sim l \text{ if and only if } |k| = |l|.$$

(a) Prove that the above relation is indeed an equivalence relation.

• Reflexive: $|k| = |k| \quad \forall k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

• Symmetric: if $|k| = |l|$, then $|l| = |k| \quad \forall k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$.

• Transitive: if $|k| = |l|$, and $|l| = |m|$, then $|k| = |m| \quad \forall k, l, m \in \mathbb{Z}$.

(b) Describe the equivalence classes for this relation.

Definition 7.3.1. Let R be an equivalence relation on a set S , and $x \in S$.
The **equivalence class** of x is the set of all elements $y \in S$, which are equivalent to x :

$$\{y \in S : (x, y) \in R\}.$$

We denote the equivalence class of x by $[x]$.



$$[0] = \{0\}$$

$$[1] = \{-1, 1\} = [-1]$$

$$[2] = \{-2, 2\} = [-2]$$

3) Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ be an arbitrary function. Prove that the relation

$$x \sim y \text{ if and only if } f(x) = f(y),$$

on the set A , is an equivalence relation.

Reflexive: $f(x) = f(x) \quad \forall x \in A$.

Symmetric: if $f(x) = f(y)$, then $f(y) = f(x) \quad \forall x, y \in A$.

Transitive: if $f(x) = f(y)$, and $f(y) = f(z)$, then $f(x) = f(z) \quad \forall x, y, z \in A$.