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Addition Modulo m : Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ and m be a fixed positive integer. If r is the remainder ($0 \leq r < m$) when $a + b$ is divided by m , we define ' $a +_m b$ ' = r and we read $a +_m b$ as a 'addition modulo m ' b .

Examples:

- i. $20 +_6 5 = 1$ since $20+5=4(6)+1$ i.e., 1 is the remainder when 20+5 divided by 6.
- ii. $24 +_5 4 = 3$.
- iii. $2 +_7 3 = 5$
- iv. $-32 +_4 5 = 1$ since $-32+5=(-7)(4)=1$.

Congruence: Let $a, b \in \mathbf{Z}$ and m be a fixed positive integer. If $a - b$ is divisible by m we say that a is congruent to b modulo m and we write it as $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$. This relation between the integers a and b is called congruence modulo m .

Thus: $a \equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow m \mid a - b$ or $m \mid b - a$

or

$a - b = qm$ for $q \in \mathbf{Z}$ and

$a \not\equiv b \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow m$ does not divide $a - b$

or

$a - b \neq km$ for $k \in \mathbf{Z}$

Note: If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then we get same remainder if a and b are separately divided by m . For example, if $22 \equiv 13 \pmod{3}$, then 1 is the remainder when 22 and 13 are separately divided by 3.

Definition: $z_m = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, (m - 1)\}$ is called the **complete set of least positive residues modulo m** or simply **set of residues modulo m** .

Problem: Prove that set $G = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is an abelian group of order 5 w.r.to addition modulo 5.

Solution: Given $G = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$

The composition table for G w.r.to $+_5$ is as follows:

$+_5$	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	0	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

- i) Since all entries in the composition table are elements in G . Hence closure law holds in G .
- ii) Clearly G is associative w.r.to $+_5$.
- iii) 0 is the identity element in G
- iv) Inverse of 0 is 0
Inverse of 1 is 4
Inverse of 2 is 3
Inverse of 3 is 2
Inverse of 4 is 1
- v) Clearly G is commutative w.r.to $+_5$.

Hence $(G, +_5)$ is an abelian group.

Multiplication Modulo m : If a and b are integers and p is a fixed positive integer and ab is divided by p such that r is the remainder ($0 \leq r < p$).we define

$a \times_p b = r$.we read $a \times_p b$ as a “multiplication modulo p ” b .

Examples:

i. $20 \times_6 5 = 4$ (since $20 \times 5 = 100 = 16(6) + 4$

i.e., 4 is the remainder when 100 is divided by 6).

ii. $24 \times_5 4 = 1$.

ii. $2 \times_7 3 = 6$.

Problem: Prove that the set $G = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ is a finite abelian group of order 6 w.r.to. $\times_7$.

Solution: Given $G = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$.

The composition table for G w.r.to $\times_7$ is as follows:

$\times_7$	1	2	3	4	5	6
1	1	2	3	4	5	6
2	2	4	6	1	3	5
3	3	6	2	5	1	4
4	4	1	5	2	6	3
5	5	3	1	6	4	2
6	6	5	4	3	2	1

i) Since all entries in the composition table are elements in G .

Hence closure law holds in G

ii) Clearly G is associative w.r.to $\times_7$.

iii) 1 is the identity element in G

iv) Inverse of 1 is 1

Inverse of 2 is 4

Inverse of 3 is 5

Inverse of 4 is 2

Inverse of 5 is 3

Inverse of 6 is 6

v) Clearly G is commutative w.r.to $\times_7$.

Hence $(G, \times_7)$ is an abelian group.

Exercise Problems:

- Find the order of each element of the group $G = \{0,1,2,3,4,5\}$ the composition being addition modulo 6

Show that the set of integers $\{1,3,5,7\}$ form an abelian group w.r.t X_8

Thank you