

* Well-definedness

Recall that equivalence classes can have different representatives. That is, we can have $[x] = [y]$ with $x \neq y$.

E.g. For $d=7$, we have $[0]_7 = [14]_7$

So, 0 and 14 are both representatives of the equiv. class $[0]_7 = [14]_7 = [21]_7$.

For $+_d$, we should check that if we have ~~$a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$~~ such

x, y, z, w such that $[x]_d = [z]_d$, and
 $[y]_d = [w]_d$

$$[x]_d +_d [y]_d = [x+y]_d \quad (\text{trial def})$$

$$[z]_d +_d [w]_d = [z+w]_d \quad (\text{trial def})$$

We have to check that ~~$[x+y]_d = [z+w]_d$~~ $[x+y]_d = [z+w]_d$?

This means, we must check that

$(x+y) - (z+w)$ is divisible by d .

$(x-z) + (y-w) \rightarrow$ is divisible by d , because
 $[x]_d = [z]_d$ and $[y]_d = [w]_d$.

$\Rightarrow +_d$ is well defined.

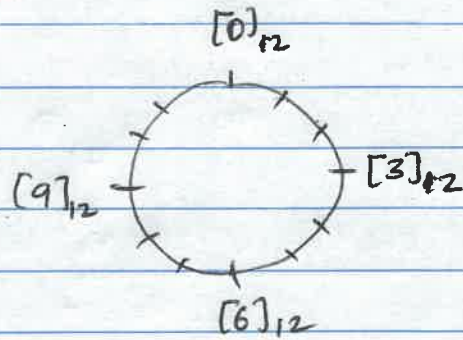
Examples: ($d=7$)

$$[-72]_d + [10]_d = [-62]_d$$

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$$[5]_d + [3]_d = [1]_d$$

($d=12$) \rightarrow visualise clock



Other modular operations

Def: The operation $-_d$ on \mathbb{Z}_d is defined as

$$[a]_d -_d [b]_d = [a-b]_d.$$

* Again, we need to check that this is well-defined.

That is, if $[x] = [z]$, $[y] = [w]$, then we need to show that $[x-y] = [z-w] \rightarrow$ exercise.

Def: The operation \times_d on \mathbb{Z}_d :

$$[a]_d \times_d [b]_d = [ab]_d.$$

* Need to check it is well-defined.

That is, if $[x] = [z]$ and $[y] = [w]$, then $[xy] = [zw]$. (i.e. that $(xy-zw)$ is divisible by d)

Since $[x] = [z]$, we can say that

$$(x-z) = d \cdot k \text{ for some integer } k.$$

Similarly $(y-w) = d \cdot l$ for some integer l .

$$\text{Then } (xy - zw) = (z+dk)(w+dl) - zw$$

$$= \cancel{zw} + dkw + zdl + d^2kl - \cancel{zw}$$

$$= d(kw + zl + dkl) \rightarrow \text{hence divisible by } d. \\ \text{(which is what we wanted!)}$$

Question: Is there a notion of modular division?

Eg. $d=6$; does it make sense to say

$$[2]_6 / [4]_6 ?$$

↳ Food for thought...

Summary:

We have \mathbb{Z}_d & operations $+_d, -_d, \times_d$.

Key: $[x]_d = [y]_d$ is the same as saying

$(x-y)$ divisible by d , i.e. there is some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $(x-y) = dk$.

Preview for Friday \rightarrow Directed graphs