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The Ring \mathbb{Z}_n



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Zn.1

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Just Remainders

$$i + j \ (\mathbb{Z}_n) ::= \text{rem}(i + j, n)$$

$$i \cdot j \ (\mathbb{Z}_n) ::= \text{rem}(i \cdot j, n)$$

The integer interval $[0, n)$ under $+, \cdot \ (\mathbb{Z}_n)$ is called \mathbb{Z}_n
the ring of integers mod n



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\mathbb{Z}_n arithmetic

$$3 + 6 = 2 \ (\mathbb{Z}_7)$$

$$9 \cdot 8 = 6 \ (\mathbb{Z}_{11})$$



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\mathbb{Z} versus \mathbb{Z}_n

r(k) abbrevs rem(k,n)

$$r(i + j) = r(i) + r(j) \ (\mathbb{Z}_n)$$

$$r(i \cdot j) = r(i) \cdot r(j) \ (\mathbb{Z}_n)$$



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$\equiv (\text{mod } n)$ versus \mathbb{Z}_n

$$\begin{aligned} i \equiv j \pmod{n} &\quad \text{IFF} \\ r(i) = r(j) \quad (\mathbb{Z}_n) \end{aligned}$$



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Rules for \mathbb{Z}_n

$$\begin{array}{ll} (i+j)+k=i+(j+k) & \text{associativity} \\ 0+i=i & \text{identity} \\ i+(-i)=0 & \text{inverse} \\ i+j=j+i & \text{commutativity} \end{array}$$



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Zn.7

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Rules for \mathbb{Z}_n

$$\begin{array}{ll} (i \cdot j) \cdot k = i \cdot (j \cdot k) & \text{associativity} \\ 1 \cdot i = i & \text{identity} \\ i \cdot j = j \cdot i & \text{commutativity} \end{array}$$



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Rules for \mathbb{Z}_n

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{distributivity} \\ &i \cdot (j+k) \\ &= i \cdot j + i \cdot k \end{aligned}$$



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Zn.9

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Rules for \mathbb{Z}_n

no cancellation rule

$$3 \cdot 2 = 8 \cdot 2 \quad (\mathbb{Z}_{10})$$

$$3 \neq 8 \quad (\mathbb{Z}_{10})$$



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Zn.10

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$\mathbb{Z}_n^* :=$ elements of \mathbb{Z}_n
relatively prime to n

$i \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ IFF $\gcd(i, n) = 1$

IFF i is cancellable in \mathbb{Z}_n

IFF i has an inverse in \mathbb{Z}_n



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Zn.11

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$\mathbb{Z}_n^* :=$ elements of \mathbb{Z}_n
relatively prime to n

$$\phi(n) := |\mathbb{Z}_n^*|$$



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Euler's Theorem

$$k^{\phi(n)} = 1 \quad (\mathbb{Z}_n)$$

for $k \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$



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Zn.13

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Lemma 1

$$|kS| = |S|$$

for $S \subseteq \mathbb{Z}_n$

$$k \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$$



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Zn.14

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Lemma 1

$$|kS| = |S|$$

proof:

$s_1 \neq s_2$ IMPLIES $ks_1 \neq ks_2$
since k is cancellable



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Zn.15

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Lemma 2

For $i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n$,

$i, j \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$ IFF $i \cdot j \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$



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Corollary

$$\mathbb{Z}_n^* = k\mathbb{Z}_n^*$$

for $k \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$



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permuting \mathbb{Z}_9

$$\phi(9) = 3^2 - 3 = 6$$

$$\mathbb{Z}_9^* = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 7 & 8 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



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Zn.18

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permuting \mathbb{Z}_9

$$\mathbb{Z}_9^* = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 7 & 8 \\ \hline 2 \cdot & 2 & 4 & 8 & 1 & 5 & 7 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



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Zn.19

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permuting \mathbb{Z}_9

$$\mathbb{Z}_9^* = \begin{array}{|c|c|c|c|c|c|} \hline 1 & 2 & 4 & 5 & 7 & 8 \\ \hline 2 \cdot & 2 & 4 & 8 & 1 & 5 & 7 \\ \hline 7 \cdot & 7 & 5 & 1 & 8 & 4 & 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$



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Zn.20

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Corollary

$$\mathbb{Z}_n^* = k\mathbb{Z}_n^*$$

for $k \in \mathbb{Z}_n^*$



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Zn.21

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Proof of Euler

$$\prod \mathbb{Z}_n^* = \prod k\mathbb{Z}_n^*$$

↑
product



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Zn.22

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Proof of Euler

$$\begin{aligned} \prod \mathbb{Z}_n^* &= \prod k\mathbb{Z}_n^* \\ &= k^{\phi(n)} \prod \mathbb{Z}_n^* \end{aligned}$$



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Zn.23

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Proof of Euler

$$\begin{aligned} \cancel{\prod \mathbb{Z}_n^*} &= \\ &= k^{\phi(n)} \cancel{\prod \mathbb{Z}_n^*} \end{aligned}$$



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Proof of Euler

$$1 = k^{\phi(n)}$$



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Zn.25

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Proof of Euler

$$1 = k^{\phi(n)}$$

QED



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Zn.26

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