

# Worksheet 1 - Going round in circles

Most of these questions were taken from: <http://nrich.maths.org/308> , <http://nrich.maths.org/6651> and <http://nrich.maths.org/content/id/6651/Going%20Round%20In%20Circles.pdf>.

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and in 770 days...  
and in 140 days...  
and in 35035 days...  
and in 14000000007 days!"

**Alison said:** "and it will be Tuesday in 2 days...  
and in 72 days...  
and in 702 days...  
and in 779 days...  
and in 14777002 days!"

- 1) Do you agree with all of Charlie's and Alison's statements?
- 2) Charlie and Alison chose numbers that were easy to work with. Can you see why they were chosen?
- 3) If today is Sunday, what day will it be in 15 days? 26 days? 234 days? 1000?
  
- 4) If your birthday fell on a Sunday this year, what day will it fall on next year?
  
- 5) If it is autumn now, what season will it be in 100 seasons?
  
- 6) If it is 9 am now, what time will it be in 50 hours?
  
- 7) If it is November, what month will it be in 1000 months?
  
- 8) If it is midday now, will it be light or dark in 539 hours?

## You don't have to finish these questions.

- 9) A railway line has 27 stations on a circular loop. If I fall asleep and travel through 312 stations, where will I end up in relation to where I started?
- 10) If a running track is 400 metres around, where will I be in relation to the start after running 6 miles (approximately 9656 metres)?
- 11) I was facing North and then spun around through  $945^\circ$  clockwise. In what direction was I facing at the end?
- 12) If I get on at the bottom of a fairground wheel and the wheel turns through  $5000^\circ$ , whereabouts on the wheel will I be?

# Worksheet 2

## Remainders and congruences

Instead of  $13 = 1$ , in modular arithmetic we write  $13 \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$  and read it "13 is congruent to 1 modulo 12" or, to abbreviate, "13 is 1 modulo 12".

Examples:  $12 \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$      $17 \equiv 5 \pmod{12}$   
 $37 \equiv 1 \pmod{12}$      $-1 \equiv 11 \pmod{12}$

In general:

$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if  $a-b$  is a multiple of  $n$ .

Equivalently:

$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  if  $a$  and  $b$  have the same remainder when divided by  $n$  (remainder modulo  $n$ ).

When we work modulo  $n$  we replace all the numbers by their remainders modulo  $n$ , that is:  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ .

1) Find the remainders modulo 3 of:

a) 31

b) 44

c) 75

d) 751

2) Find the remainders modulo 2 of:

a)  $34 - 15$

b)  $141 - 78$

c)  $519 - 444 + 37$

3) Find the remainders modulo 12 of:

a)  $31 + 28 + 31 + 30$

b)  $38 \times 4 + 360$

c)  $66 + 5 + 26$

4) Which of the following congruences are true?

a)  $177 \equiv 17 \pmod{2}$

b)  $1322 \equiv 5294 \pmod{12}$

c)  $16 + 30 \equiv 2 \pmod{2}$

d)  $16 + 30 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

You don't have to finish these questions.

5) Which of the following congruences are true?

a)  $16 + 30 \equiv 2 \pmod{12}$

b)  $67 \times 73 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

c)  $14 \times 15 \times 16 \equiv 6 \pmod{3}$

# Worksheet 3

## Addition and multiplication tables

You may use calculators

Remember that when we work modulo  $n$  we replace all the numbers by their remainders modulo  $n$ :  $0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1$ . So, for example, in the Modulo 4 table you cannot have 4.

Modulo 4 addition table:

<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>0</b>				
<b>1</b>				
<b>2</b>				
<b>3</b>				

Modulo 4 multiplication table:

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>0</b>				
<b>1</b>				
<b>2</b>				
<b>3</b>				

**You will need these tables later.**

Modulo 7 addition table:

<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>0</b>							
<b>1</b>							
<b>2</b>							
<b>3</b>							
<b>4</b>							
<b>5</b>							
<b>6</b>							

Modulo 7 multiplication table:

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>0</b>							
<b>1</b>							
<b>2</b>							
<b>3</b>							
<b>4</b>							
<b>5</b>							
<b>6</b>							

**You don't have to finish these tables.**

Modulo 5 addition table:

<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>0</b>					
<b>1</b>					
<b>2</b>					
<b>3</b>					
<b>4</b>					

Modulo 5 multiplication table:

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>0</b>					
<b>1</b>					
<b>2</b>					
<b>3</b>					
<b>4</b>					

**You don't have to finish these tables.**

Modulo 6 addition table:

<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>0</b>						
<b>1</b>						
<b>2</b>						
<b>3</b>						
<b>4</b>						
<b>5</b>						

Modulo 6 multiplication table:

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>0</b>						
<b>1</b>						
<b>2</b>						
<b>3</b>						
<b>4</b>						
<b>5</b>						



# Worksheet 4

## Divisibility

These questions are based or taken from United Kingdom Mathematics Trust (UKMT) Mathematical Challenges.

Remember:

- N is divisible by 9 if and only if the sum of its digits is divisible by 9.
- N is divisible by 3 if and only if the sum of its digits is divisible by 3.
- N is divisible by 11 if and only if the alternate sum of its digits is divisible by 11. Start from the right making the units digit positive.

1) Which of these numbers is not a multiple of 3?

A 87

B 765

C 6543

D 43210

2) The number  $1d3456$  is a multiple of 9. Which digit is represented by  $d$ ?

3) The number  $1234d6$  is a multiple of 11. Which digit is represented by  $d$ ?

You don't have to finish these questions.

4) The first and fourth digits of the number  $d63d2$  are the same and the number  $d63d2$  is a multiple of 9. Which digit is represented by  $d$ ?

5) A four-digit number was written on a piece of paper. The last two digits were then blotted out (as shown). If the complete number is exactly divisible by three, by four, and by five, what is the sum of the two missing digits?

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You don't have to finish these questions (these are hard ones).

6) Based on the following table of the remainders of the powers of 10:

mod	$10^{10}$	$10^9$	$10^8$	$10^7$	$10^6$	$10^5$	$10^4$	$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^1$	$10^0$
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1
7	4	6	2	3	1	5	4	6	2	3	1
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1
9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1
12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	10	1

- Could you explain why looking at the last digit is enough for the divisibility criteria by 2, 5 and 10?
- Could you give a rule to find the remainders modulo 4?
- Could you give a rule to find the remainders modulo 6?

7) From  $1,001=7 \times 11 \times 13$  we can conclude that:

$$1,000 \equiv -1 \pmod{7}$$

$$1,000 \equiv -1 \pmod{11}$$

$$1,000 \equiv -1 \pmod{13}$$

Therefore we have the following table of remainders of the powers of 1,000:

mod	$10^{15}$	$10^{12}$	$10^9$	$10^6$	$10^3$	$10^0$
7	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1
11	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1
13	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1

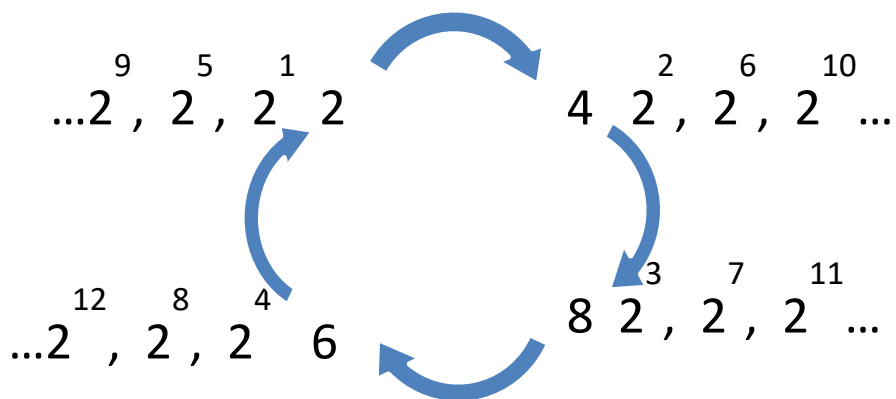
Based on that table could you give divisibility criteria by 7, 11 and 13 that work for numbers greater than 1,000?

# Worksheet 5

## Powers

You are not allowed to use calculators in this section.

Example:



1) What is the last digit of:

a)  $12345^3$

b)  $250^{13}$

c)  $4^{51}$

2) What is the last digit of:

a)  $9^{57}$

b)  $9^{72}$

c)  $32^{10}$

d)  $23^{60}$

3) What is the remainder when dividing...

a)  $\dots 10^{80}$  by 9?

b)  $\dots 6^{9770}$  by 5?

c)  $\dots 5^{84320}$  by 4?

d)  $\dots 4931^{84}$  by 4930?

4) Given that the modulo 10 multiplication table is:

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>1</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>2</b>	0	2	4	6	8	0	2	4	6	8
<b>3</b>	0	3	6	9	2	5	8	1	4	7
<b>4</b>	0	4	8	2	6	0	4	8	2	6
<b>5</b>	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5
<b>6</b>	0	6	2	8	4	0	6	2	8	4
<b>7</b>	0	7	4	1	8	5	2	9	6	3
<b>8</b>	0	8	6	4	2	0	8	6	4	2
<b>9</b>	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Can you determine whether the following are square numbers?

- a) 6312
- b) 4553
- c) 9538
- d) 1156
- e) 1256

You don't have to finish these questions.

5) What is the remainder when dividing  $5^{1001}$  by 6? Hint:  $5 \equiv -1 \pmod{6}$ .

6) What is the remainder when dividing  $2^{12035981234808093146372789686129386749}$  by 3?

7) Invent a problem like "What is the remainder when dividing  $a^b$  by  $c$ ?" where  $b$  is a big number.

# Worksheet 6

## Day of the week

### Month codes

Month	Number	Mnemonic
January	6	WINTER has 6 letters
February	2	February is 2nd month
March	2	March 2 the beat.
April	5	APRIL has 5 letters
May	0	MAY-0
June	3	Jun (Jun has 3 letters)
July	5	The SHARD (5) opened on July
August	1	August begins with A, the first
September	4	First TERM (4 letters) at school
October	6	SIX or treat!
November	2	11 <sup>th</sup> month (11 => II or
December	4	LAST (or XMAS) has 4 letters

One way to remember this would be to memorize the following "phone number" 622-503-514-624 or you can memorize one of these tables (or both):

Jan 6	Feb 2	Mar 2
Apr 5	May 0	Jun 3
Jul 5	Aug 1	Sep 4
Oct 6	Nov 2	Dec 4

May	0
Aug	1
Feb, Mar, Nov	2
Jun	3
Sep, Dec	4
Apr, Jul	5
Jan, Oct	6

**Exception:** in a leap year the January code is 5 and the February code is 1 (both one less than in non-leap years).

### Leap years:

You need to remember that leap years (usually) are the years that are multiples of 4. This should be enough most of the time. It can help to know that the Olympic Games and the US presidential elections are held only on leap years.

The non-leap years that are multiple of 4 are the years that are multiples of 100 and are not multiples of 400. Examples:

1600 leap, 1700 not leap, 1800 not leap, 1900 not leap  
 2000 leap, 2100 not leap, 2200 not leap, 2300 not leap  
 2400 leap

## Year codes

We need to remember the years with code 0 (you can change the historical events with some family events):

### 20th century years with code 0:

- 1905 Albert Einstein's annus mirabilis
- 1911, 22, 33, 44 (first four multiples of 11)
- 1916  $16 = 4^2$
- 1939 World War II started
- 1950 Maracanazo (Brazil '50 World Cup)
- 1961 Berlin Wall started
- 1967 The year after England won the World Cup
- 1972 Munich '72 Olympics
- 1978 Argentina '78 World Cup
- 1989 Berlin Wall ended
- 1995 Netscape IPO (beginning of internet boom)

### 21st century years with code 0:

- 2000
- 2006
- 2017
- 2023

### Year codes in Excel:

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1							
2		#days mod 7	code			#days mod 7	code
3	2001	=IF(MOD(A3,4)=0,2,1)	1		1901	=IF(MOD(E3,4)=0,2,1)	2
4	=A3+1	=IF(MOD(A4,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C3+B4,7)		=E3+1	=IF(MOD(E4,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G3+F4,7)
5	=A4+1	=IF(MOD(A5,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C4+B5,7)		=E4+1	=IF(MOD(E5,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G4+F5,7)
6	=A5+1	=IF(MOD(A6,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C5+B6,7)		=E5+1	=IF(MOD(E6,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G5+F6,7)
7	=A6+1	=IF(MOD(A7,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C6+B7,7)		=E6+1	=IF(MOD(E7,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G6+F7,7)
8	=A7+1	=IF(MOD(A8,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C7+B8,7)		=E7+1	=IF(MOD(E8,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G7+F8,7)
9	=A8+1	=IF(MOD(A9,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C8+B9,7)		=E8+1	=IF(MOD(E9,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G8+F9,7)
10	=A9+1	=IF(MOD(A10,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C9+B10,7)		=E9+1	=IF(MOD(E10,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G9+F10,7)
11	=A10+1	=IF(MOD(A11,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C10+B11,7)		=E10+1	=IF(MOD(E11,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G10+F11,7)
12	=A11+1	=IF(MOD(A12,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C11+B12,7)		=E11+1	=IF(MOD(E12,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G11+F12,7)
13	=A12+1	=IF(MOD(A13,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C12+B13,7)		=E12+1	=IF(MOD(E13,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G12+F13,7)
14	=A13+1	=IF(MOD(A14,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C13+B14,7)		=E13+1	=IF(MOD(E14,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G13+F14,7)
15	=A14+1	=IF(MOD(A15,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(C14+B15,7)		=E14+1	=IF(MOD(E15,4)=0,2,1)	=MOD(G14+F15,7)

## Weekday codes

We will use the modulo 7 addition table:

	<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
Sunday	<b>0</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Monday	<b>1</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
Tuesday	<b>2</b>	2	3	4	5	6	0	1
Wednesday	<b>3</b>	3	4	5	6	0	1	2
Thursday	<b>4</b>	4	5	6	0	1	2	3
Friday	<b>5</b>	5	6	0	1	2	3	4
Saturday	<b>6</b>	6	0	1	2	3	4	5

### Remember:

Weekday code = code of the year + code of the month + date (mod 7)

### Example

You ask: What year were you born?

Answer: 1971

How do you find the 1971 code?

Remember that 1967, the year after England won the World Cup, has code 0.

1971 code  $\equiv 71-67 + \text{number of leap years in } 1968-1971 \pmod{7}$

1971 code  $\equiv 4 + 1 \pmod{7}$  (only 1968 was a leap year in 1968-1971)

1971 code = 5

You ask: What month were you born?

Answer: December

You remember 624 (the last three digits of 622-503-514-624)

December code = 4

(a) You could do  $5+4=9$  and  $9 \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$  and just remember 2.

You ask: What day were you born?

Answer: 25

Then you compute  $5+4+25=34$  and  $34 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$ .

So the day of the week code is 6 which means Saturday.

(a) Compute  $2+25=27$  and  $27 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$  which means Saturday.

### References:

-Arthur Benjamin and Michael Shermer, Secrets of Mental Math.

-<http://plus.maths.org/content/what-day-week-were-you-born> .

-A similar method is in <http://gmmentalgy.com/2011/03/day-of-week-for-any-date-revised.html>



1) What are the weekdays of:

a) 23/Apr/1999

b) 14/May/1989

c) 1/Jan/1999

d) 1/Jan/2000

e) 3/Feb/1999

f) 3/Feb/2000

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-Incremental Drift on the Riemann Sphere: <http://vimeo.com/2063601>

-Incremental TransTower: <http://vimeo.com/20824416> or  
<http://vimeo.com/channels/kineticartprojects/20824416>

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-Shifting Times Tables: <http://nrich.maths.org/6713>

-Days and Dates: <http://nrich.maths.org/308>

-Going Round in Circles: <http://nrich.maths.org/6651>

-GOT IT: <http://nrich.maths.org/1272>

-What Numbers Can We Make? <http://nrich.maths.org/7405>

-What Numbers Can We Make Now? <http://nrich.maths.org/8280>

-Remainders: <http://nrich.maths.org/1783>

-A Little Light Thinking: <http://nrich.maths.org/7016>

-The Remainders Game: <http://nrich.maths.org/6402>

-Charlie's Delightful Machine: <http://nrich.maths.org/7024>

Finally, if you want to learn more about modular arithmetic you could watch on YouTube the modular arithmetic videos posted by “TheMathsters”.

Please feel free to send any comments or questions to [gustavolau@gmail.com](mailto:gustavolau@gmail.com)

Thank you!

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# Answers

## Worksheet 1 - Going round in circles

**Charlie said:** "It's Sunday today, so it will be Sunday again in 7 days..  
and in 770 days...  
and in 140 days...  
and in 35035 days...  
and in 14000000007 days!"

**Alison said:** "and it will be Tuesday in 2 days...  
and in 72 days...  
and in 702 days...  
and in 779 days...  
and in 14777002 days!"

- 1) Do you agree with all of Charlie's and Alison's statements?  
*Yes.*
- 2) Charlie and Alison chose numbers that were easy to work with. Can you see why they were chosen?  
*Charlie's numbers are multiples of 7 and Alison's are (multiples of 7) + 2.*
- 3) If today is Sunday, what day will it be in 15 days? 26 days? 234 days? 1000?  
*We need to find the remainder of 15, 26, 234 and 1000 when divided by 7. As we don't need the quotient we don't need to do the division. We can find the remainders writing the numbers as (multiples of 7) plus smaller numbers:  
In  $15=14+1$  days it will be Monday.  
In  $26=21+5$  days it will be Friday.  
In  $234=210+21+3$  days it will be Wednesday.  
In  $1000=700+280+14+6$  days it will be Saturday.*
- 4) If your birthday fell on a Sunday this year, what day will it fall on next year?  
*Note that  $365 = 350 + 15 = 350 + 14 + 1 = (\text{multiple of } 7) + 1$ .  
If the next 365 days do not include 29/February it will fall on a Monday.  
If the next 365 days include 29/February it will fall on a Tuesday.  
If your birthday is on 29/February...?*
- 5) If it is autumn now, what season will it be in 100 seasons?  
*Autumn as 100 is a multiple of 4.*

- 6) If it is 9 am now, what time will it be in 50 hours?  
*11 am as  $50 = 48 + 2 = (\text{multiple of } 12) + 2$ .*
- 7) If it is November, what month will it be in 1000 months?  
*We need to find the remainder of 1000 when divided by 12. As we don't need the quotient we don't need to divide. We can find the remainder writing 1000 as (multiples of 12) plus smaller numbers:  
 $1000 = 600 + 400 = 600 + 360 + 40 = 600 + 360 + 36 + 4$   
 So the remainder is 4. November + 4 months is March, therefore the answer is March.*
- 8) If it is midday now, will it be light or dark in 539 hours?  
*We need to find the remainder of 1000 when divided by 24. We write 539 as (multiples of 24) plus smaller numbers:  
 $539 = 480 + 59 = 480 + 48 + 11$   
 In 11 hours, and in 539 hours, it will be dark.*
- 9) A railway line has 27 stations on a circular loop. If I fall asleep and travel through 312 stations, where will I end up in relation to where I started?  
*We need to find the remainder of 312 when divided by 27. We write 312 as (multiples of 27) plus smaller numbers:  
 $312 = 270 + 42 = 270 + 27 + 15$   
 I will end up 15 stations from where I started.*
- 10) If a running track is 400 metres around, where will I be in relation to the start after running 6 miles (approximately 9656 metres)?  
*We need to find the remainder of 9656 when divided by 400. We write 9656 as (multiples of 400) plus smaller numbers:  
 $9656 = 8000 + 1656 = 8000 + 1600 + 56$   
 I will be approximately 56 metres from the start.*
- 11) I was facing North and then spun around through  $945^\circ$  clockwise. In what direction was I facing at the end?  
*We need to find the remainder of 945 when divided by 360. We write 945 as (multiples of 360) plus smaller numbers:  
 $945 = 720 + 225$   
 Now  $225 = 180 + 45$ , so at the end I am facing southwest.*
- 12) If I get on at the bottom of a fairground wheel and the wheel turns through  $5000^\circ$ , whereabouts on the wheel will I be?  
*We need to find the remainder of 5000 when divided by 360. We write 5000 as (multiples of 360) plus smaller numbers:  
 $5000 = 3600 + 1400 = 3600 + 720 + 680 = 3600 + 720 + 360 + 320$   
 I will be  $320^\circ$  from (or  $40^\circ$  to) the bottom of the fairground wheel.*

## Worksheet 2 - Remainders and congruences

1) Find the remainders modulo 3 of:

a) 31

$$31 = 30 + 1$$

*1 as 31 is (multiple of 3) + 1*

b) 44

$$44 = 30 + 12 + 2$$

*2 as 44 is (multiple of 3) + 2*

c) 75

*0 as 75 is multiple of 3*

d) 751

$$751 = 750 + 1$$

*1 as 751 is (multiple of 3) + 1*

2) Find the remainders modulo 2 of:

a)  $34 - 15$

$$\text{mod } 2: 0 - 1 = 1$$

b)  $141 - 78$

$$\text{mod } 2: 1 - 0 = 1$$

c)  $519 - 444 + 37$

$$\text{mod } 2: 1 - 0 + 1 = 0$$

3) Find the remainders modulo 12 of:

a)  $31 + 28 + 31 + 30$

$$\text{mod } 12: 7 + 4 + 7 + 6 = 24 \equiv 0$$

b)  $38 \times 4 + 360$

$$\text{mod } 12: 2 \times 4 + 0 = 8$$

c)  $66 + 5 + 26$

$$\text{mod } 12: 6 + 5 + 2 = 13 = 12 + 1 \equiv 1$$

4) Which of the following congruences are true?

a)  $177 \equiv 17 \pmod{2}$

*Yes, because when we replace the numbers by their remainders*

*modulo 2:  $1 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$*

*Another way:  $177 - 17 = 160$  is even so  $177 \equiv 17 \pmod{2}$*

b)  $1322 \equiv 5294 \pmod{12}$

$$5294 - 1322 = 3972$$

$$3972 = 3600 + 360 + 12$$

*Given that  $3600 \equiv 360 \equiv 12 \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$  we have:*

$$3972 \equiv 0 \pmod{12}$$

*Therefore  $1322 \equiv 5294 \pmod{12}$*

c)  $16 + 30 \equiv 2 \pmod{2}$

*Yes, because when we replace the numbers by their remainders modulo 2:*

$$0 + 0 \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

*Another way:  $16 + 30 - 2 = 44$  is even so  $16 + 30 \equiv 2 \pmod{2}$*

d)  $16 + 30 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

*When we replace the numbers by their remainders modulo 3 we get:*

$$1 + 0 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

*and this is false.*

*Another way:  $16 + 30 - 2 = 44$  and 44 is not a multiple of 3, therefore  $16 + 30$  and 2 are not congruent modulo 3.*

5) Which of the following congruences are true?

a)  $16 + 30 \equiv 2 \pmod{12}$

*When we replace the numbers by their remainders modulo 12 we get:*

$$4 + 6 \equiv 2 \pmod{12}$$

*and this is false.*

b)  $67 \times 73 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

*When we replace the numbers by their remainders modulo 3 we get:*

$$1 \times 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

*and this is false.*

c)  $14 \times 15 \times 16 \equiv 6 \pmod{3}$

*When we replace the numbers by their remainders modulo 3 we get:*

$$2 \times 0 \times 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

*and this is true.*

### Worksheet 3 - Addition and multiplication tables

Modulo 4 addition table:

<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>0</b>	0	1	2	3
<b>1</b>	1	2	3	0
<b>2</b>	2	3	0	1
<b>3</b>	3	0	1	2

Modulo 4 multiplication table:

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0
<b>1</b>	0	1	2	3
<b>2</b>	0	2	0	2
<b>3</b>	0	3	2	1

Modulo 7 addition table:

<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>0</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>1</b>	1	2	3	4	5	6	0
<b>2</b>	2	3	4	5	6	0	1
<b>3</b>	3	4	5	6	0	1	2
<b>4</b>	4	5	6	0	1	2	3
<b>5</b>	5	6	0	1	2	3	4
<b>6</b>	6	0	1	2	3	4	5

Modulo 7 multiplication table:

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>1</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
<b>2</b>	0	2	4	6	1	3	5
<b>3</b>	0	3	6	2	5	1	4
<b>4</b>	0	4	1	5	2	6	3
<b>5</b>	0	5	3	1	6	4	2
<b>6</b>	0	6	5	4	3	2	1

Modulo 5 addition table:

<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>0</b>	0	1	2	3	4
<b>1</b>	1	2	3	4	0
<b>2</b>	2	3	4	0	1
<b>3</b>	3	4	0	1	2
<b>4</b>	4	0	1	2	3

Modulo 5 multiplication table:

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>1</b>	0	1	2	3	4
<b>2</b>	0	2	4	1	3
<b>3</b>	0	3	1	4	2
<b>4</b>	0	4	3	2	1



Modulo 6 addition table:

<b>+</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>0</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>1</b>	1	2	3	4	5	0
<b>2</b>	2	3	4	5	0	1
<b>3</b>	3	4	5	0	1	2
<b>4</b>	4	5	0	1	2	3
<b>5</b>	5	0	1	2	3	4

Modulo 6 multiplication table:

<b>x</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>0</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>1</b>	0	1	2	3	4	5
<b>2</b>	0	2	4	0	2	4
<b>3</b>	0	3	0	3	0	3
<b>4</b>	0	4	2	0	4	2
<b>5</b>	0	5	4	3	2	1

## Worksheet 4 - Divisibility

- 1) Which of these numbers is not a multiple of 3?

A 87

B 765

C 6543

D 43210

*87:  $8+7=15$  is a multiple of 3.*

*765: 6 is a multiple of 3 so we can ignore it,  $7+5=12$  is a multiple of 3.*

*6543: We can ignore 6 and 3 (multiples of 3),  $5+4=9$  is a multiple of 3.*

*43210: Ignore 3 and 0,  $4+2+1=7$  is not a multiple of 3.*

- 2) The number 1d3456 is a multiple of 9. Which digit is represented by d?

*$6+3=9$  and  $5+4=9$ , therefore  $1+d$  is a multiple of 9, hence  $d = 8$ .*

- 3) The number 1234d6 is a multiple of 11. Which digit is represented by d?

*$-1 + 2 - 3 + 4 - d + 6 = 8 - d$  is a multiple of 11, therefore  $d = 8$  (remember that 0 is a multiple of any integer).*

- 4) The first and fourth digits of the number d63d2 are the same and the number d63d2 is a multiple of 9. Which digit is represented by d?

*$6+3=9$ , therefore  $d + d + 2$  is a multiple of 9, therefore  $d = 8$ .*

- 5) A four-digit number was written on a piece of paper. The last two digits were then blotted out (as shown). If the complete number is exactly divisible by three, by four, and by five, what is the sum of the two missing digits?

8	6		
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*Given that the number is multiple of 4 and 5 it has to be a multiple of 20. Therefore it ends in 00, 20, 40, 60 or 80. If we call the 3rd digit  $x$  then we have that*

*$8+6+x+0 = x + 14$  has to be a multiple of 3.*

*Of the five possibilities for  $x$  (0, 2, 4, 6 and 8) only  $x=4$  satisfies that ( $x+14$  is a multiple of 3). Then the last two digits are 4 and 0 and their sum is 4.*

6) Based on the following table of the remainders of the powers of 10:

mod	$10^{10}$	$10^9$	$10^8$	$10^7$	$10^6$	$10^5$	$10^4$	$10^3$	$10^2$	$10^1$	$10^0$
2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1
5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
6	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	1
7	4	6	2	3	1	5	4	6	2	3	1
8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	1
9	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
11	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1
12	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	10	1

- a) Could you explain why looking at the last digit is enough for the divisibility criteria by 2, 5 and 10?

*All the powers of 10, except  $10^0$ , are multiples of 2 (they are 0 modulo 2). Therefore for every natural number N:*

$$N \equiv \text{last digit of } N \pmod{2}$$

*In particular, N is divisible by 2 if and only if its last digit is divisible by 2.*

*The same argument proves that N is divisible by 5 if and only if its last digit is divisible by 5 (that is if it is 0 or 5) and that N is divisible by 10 if and only if its last digit is divisible by 10 (that is if it is 0).*

- b) Could you give a rule to find the remainders modulo 4?

*All the powers of 10, except  $10^0$  and  $10^1$ , are multiples of 4, that is they are 0 modulo 4.  $10^1$  is 2 modulo 4 and  $10^0$  is 1 modulo 4. Therefore for every natural number N:*

$$N \equiv 2 \cdot \text{tens digit of } N + \text{last digit of } N \pmod{4}$$

- c) Could you give a rule to find the remainders modulo 6?

*All the powers of 10, except  $10^0$ , are 4 modulo 6 while  $10^0$  is 1 modulo 6. Therefore for every natural number N:*

$$N \equiv 4x(\text{sum of digits of } N \text{ except the last one}) + \text{last digit of } N \pmod{6}$$

*Example:  $461 \equiv 4x(4+6)+1 = 41 = 36+5 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$*

7) From  $1,001=7 \times 11 \times 13$  we can conclude that:

$$\begin{aligned} 1,000 &\equiv -1 \pmod{7} \\ 1,000 &\equiv -1 \pmod{11} \\ 1,000 &\equiv -1 \pmod{13} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore we have the following table of remainders of the powers of 1,000:

mod	$10^{15}$	$10^{12}$	$10^9$	$10^6$	$10^3$	$10^0$
7	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1
11	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1
13	-1	1	-1	1	-1	1

Based on that table could you give divisibility criteria by 7, 11 and 13 that work for numbers greater than 1,000?

*Take any number greater than 1,000, say 3,918,915, then we have:*

$$\begin{aligned} 3,918,915 &= 3 \times 10^6 + 918 \times 10^3 + 915 \\ &\equiv 3 - 918 + 915 \equiv 0 \pmod{7} \end{aligned}$$

*In general we have:*

$$N \equiv \text{alternate sum of its groups of 3 digits of } N \pmod{7}$$

*where the groups have to be taken starting from the right. In particular,  $N$  is divisible by 7 if and only if the alternate sum of its groups of 3 digits is divisible by 7. This is also true mod 11 and mod 13.*

*More examples:*

$$\begin{aligned} 243,543,348. \text{ Given that } 243 - 543 + 348 &= 48 \text{ we have} \\ 243,543,348 &\equiv 48 \equiv 6 \pmod{7} \\ 243,543,348 &\equiv 48 \equiv 4 \pmod{11} \\ 243,543,348 &\equiv 48 \equiv 9 \pmod{13} \end{aligned}$$

*315,535,220. Given that  $315 - 535 + 220 = 0$  we conclude that 315,535,214 is a multiple of 7, 11 and 13.*

$$\begin{aligned} 45,032. \text{ Given that } -45 + 32 &= -13 \text{ we conclude that} \\ 45,032 &\equiv -6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7} \\ 45,032 &\equiv -2 \equiv 9 \pmod{11} \\ 45,032 &\equiv 0 \pmod{13} \end{aligned}$$

## Worksheet 5 - Powers

1) Given that the modulo 10 multiplication table is:

x	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
2	0	2	4	6	8	0	2	4	6	8
3	0	3	6	9	2	5	8	1	4	7
4	0	4	8	2	6	0	4	8	2	6
5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5	0	5
6	0	6	2	8	4	0	6	2	8	4
7	0	7	4	1	8	5	2	9	6	3
8	0	8	6	4	2	0	8	6	4	2
9	0	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1

Which of the following are square numbers?

- a) 6312
- b) 4553
- c) 9538

*None. The square numbers can only have 0, 1, 4, 5, 6 or 9 as last digit (the numbers in the diagonal from top left to bottom right).*

2) What is the last digit of:

a.  $12345^3$   
5

b.  $250^{13}$   
0

c.  $4^{51}$   
4 (51 is odd, it would be 6 for an even power)

3) What is the last digit of:

a.  $9^{57}$   
9 (57 is odd)

b.  $9^{72}$   
1 (72 is even)

c.  $32^{10}$   
*We only need to look at the last digit of 32: 2.*  
*For  $n > 0$ , the last digit of  $2^n$  is:*  
     2 if  $n$  is (multiple of 4) + 1  
     4 if  $n$  is (multiple of 4) + 2  
     8 if  $n$  is (multiple of 4) + 3  
     6 if  $n$  is multiple of 4  
*10 is a (multiple of 4) + 2, therefore the answer is 4.*

d.  $23^{60}$   
*We only need to look at the last digit of 23: 3.*  
*For  $n > 0$ , the last digit of  $3^n$  is:*  
     3 if  $n$  is (multiple of 4) + 1  
     9 if  $n$  is (multiple of 4) + 2  
     7 if  $n$  is (multiple of 4) + 3  
     1 if  $n$  is multiple of 4  
*60 is a multiple of 4, therefore the answer is 1.*

4) What is the remainder when dividing...

a.  $\dots 10^{80}$  by 9?  
*1 because  $10 \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$*

b.  $\dots 6^{9770}$  by 5?  
*1 because  $6 \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$*

c.  $\dots 5^{84320}$  by 4?  
*1 because  $5 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$*

d.  $\dots 4931^{84}$  by 4930?  
*1 because  $4931 \equiv 1 \pmod{4930}$*

5) What is the remainder when dividing  $5^{1001}$  by 6? Hint:  $5 \equiv -1 \pmod{6}$ .

*Given that  $5 \equiv -1 \pmod{6}$  we have that*

*$5^n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$  if  $n$  is even*

*$5^n \equiv -1 \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$  if  $n$  is odd*

*1001 is odd, therefore  $5^{1001} \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ , so the remainder when dividing  $5^{1001}$  by 6 is 5.*

6) What is the remainder when dividing  $2^{12035981234808093146372789686129386749}$  by 3?

*Given that  $2 \equiv -1 \pmod{3}$  we have that*

*$2^n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$  if  $n$  is even*

*$2^n \equiv -1 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$  if  $n$  is odd*

*The exponent 12035981234808093146372789686129386749 is odd, therefore  $2^{12035981234808093146372789686129386749} \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$ , so the remainder when dividing  $2^{12035981234808093146372789686129386749}$  by 3 is 2.*

## Worksheet 6 - Day of the week

1) What are the weekdays of:

a. 23/Apr/1999

*Remember that 1995 has code 0.*

*1999 code  $\equiv 99-95 + \text{number of leap years in } 1996-1999 \pmod{7}$*

*1999 code  $\equiv 4 + 1 \pmod{7}$  (only 1996 was a leap year in 1996-1999)*

*1999 code = 5*

*Apr has code 5 and  $5+5+23=33 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$ , therefore 23/Apr/1999 was a Friday.*

b. 14/May/1989

*Remember that 1989 has code 0.*

*May has code 0 and  $0+0+14 \equiv 0 \pmod{7}$ , therefore 14/May/1989 was a Sunday.*

c. 1/Jan/1999

*1999 code = 5 (see a. above)*

*1999 was non-leap so Jan code is 6,  $5+6+1=12 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$ , therefore 1/Jan/1999 was a Friday.*

d. 1/Jan/2000

*2000 code = 0*

*2000 was leap so Jan code is 5,  $0+5+1=6 \equiv 6 \pmod{7}$ , therefore 1/Jan/2000 was a Saturday.*

e. 3/Feb/1999

*1999 code = 5 (see a. above)*

*1999 was non-leap so Feb code is 2,  $5+2+3=10 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$ , therefore 3/Feb/1999 was a Wednesday.*

f. 3/Feb/2000

*2000 code = 0*

*2000 was leap so Feb code is 1,  $0+1+3=4$ , therefore 3/Feb/2000 was a Thursday.*