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$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ —Integers mod  $n$ .

Review

1. (**Proposition 2.1.10, Cancellation**). If  $\gcd(c, n) = 1$  and  $ac \equiv bc \pmod{n}$ , then  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ .
2. (**Definition 2.1.11, Complete Set of Residues**). We call a subset  $R \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  of size  $n$  whose reductions modulo  $n$  are pairwise distinct a complete set of residues modulo  $n$ . In other words, a complete set of residues is a choice of representative for each equivalence class in  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ .
3. What are examples of complete sets of residues?
4. (**Lemma 2.1.12**). If  $R$  is a complete set of residues modulo  $n$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , then  $aR = \{ax : x \in R\}$  is also a complete set of residues modulo  $n$ .

New

(**Proposition 2.1.13, Units**). If  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ , then the equation  $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$  has a solution, and that solution is unique modulo  $n$ .

1. Why is Prop. 2.1.13 true?

(**Proposition 2.1.15, Solvability**). The equation  $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$  has a solution if and only if  $\gcd(a, n)$  divides  $b$ .

2. Why is Prop. 2.1.15 true?

**(Definition 2.1.16, Order of an Element).** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  and suppose that  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$ . The order of  $x$  modulo  $n$  is the smallest  $m \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $x^m \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

3. What are examples?

**(Theorem 2.1.20, Euler's Theorem).** If  $\gcd(x, n) = 1$ , then  $x^{\phi(n)} \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$ .

4. What are examples?

5. Why is Euler's Theorem true?