

Divisibility

Definition 13 Let d and n be integers. We say that d divides n , and write $d \mid n$, whenever there is an integer k such that $n = k \cdot d$.

Example 14 The statement $2 \mid 4$ is true, while $4 \mid 2$ is not.

Definition 15 Fix a positive integer m . For integers a and b , we say that a is congruent to b modulo m , and write $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, whenever $m \mid (a - b)$.

Example 16

1. $18 \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$
2. $2 \equiv -2 \pmod{4}$
3. $18 \equiv -2 \pmod{4}$

d divides n

d is a factor of n

n is a multiple of d

$n = kd$ for some integer k .

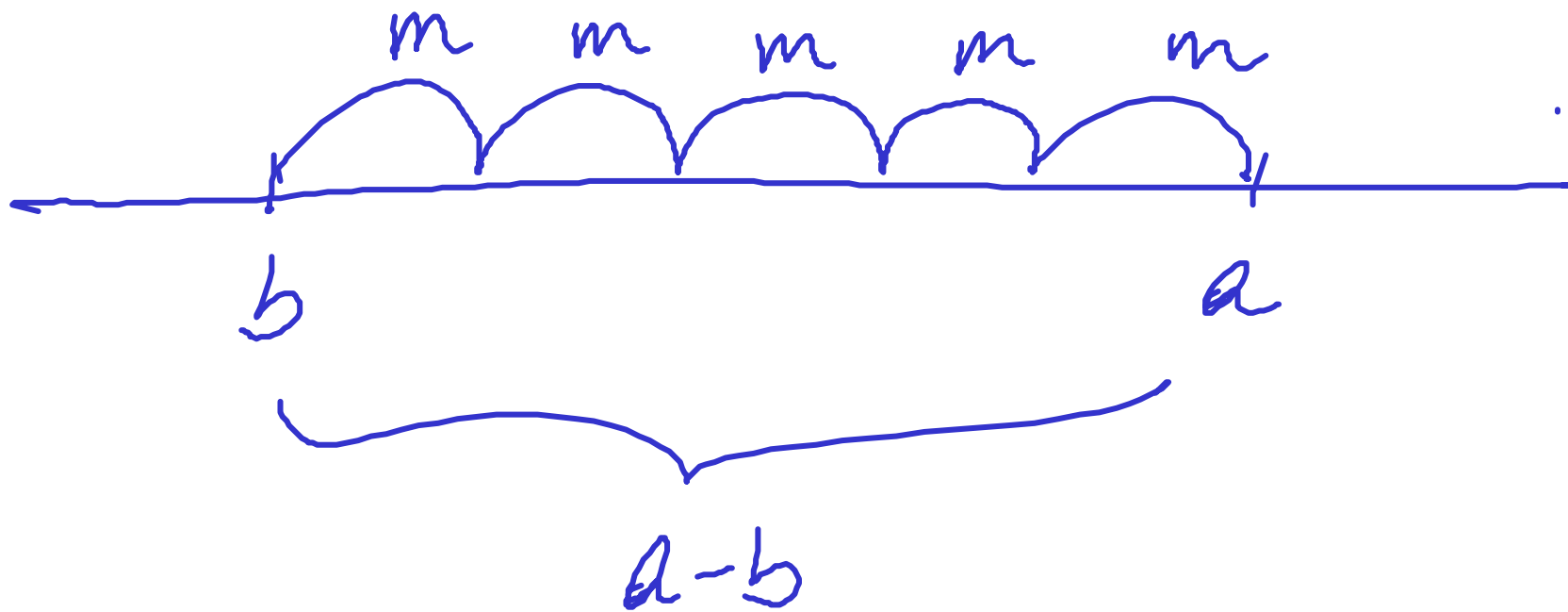
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$a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ iff

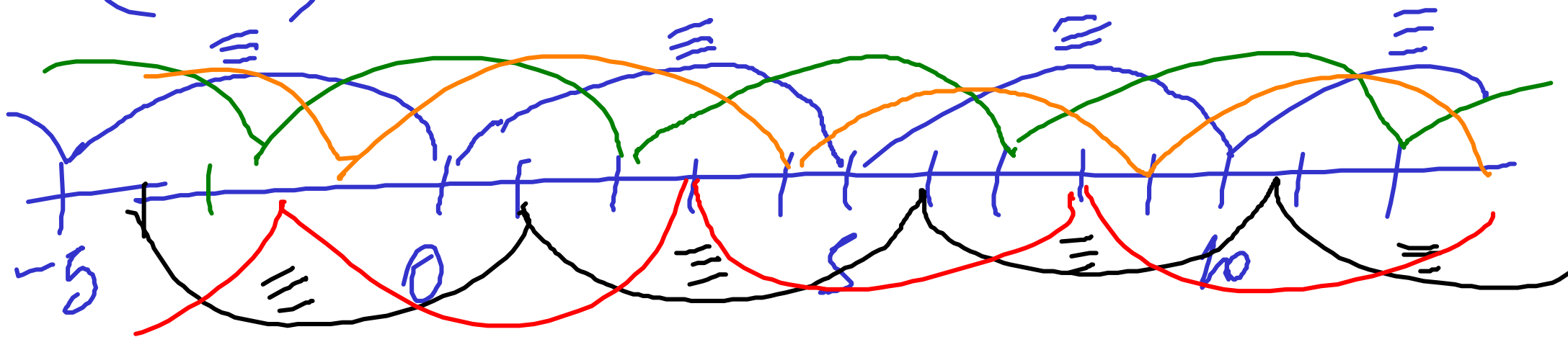
$m \mid (a-b)$

iff

$a-b = km$ for some integer k .



(mod 5)



The use of bi-implications:

To use an assumption of the form $P \iff Q$, use it as two separate assumptions $P \implies Q$ and $Q \implies P$.

$$\lambda n.n+1 \equiv \lambda m.m+1$$

Universal quantification

Universal statements are of the form

for all individuals x of the universe of discourse,
the property $P(x)$ holds

or, in other words,

~~other notation~~ $\forall x:P(x)$

no matter what individual x in the universe of discourse
one considers, the property $P(x)$ for it holds

or, in symbols,

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{In ML,} \\ &fn\ n \Rightarrow n+1 \\ \equiv & \\ \equiv &fn\ m \Rightarrow m+1 \end{aligned}$$

$\forall x.P(x)$

for all

$$\underline{\quad} \equiv \forall y.P(y)$$

Example 18

1. *For every positive real number x , if x is irrational then so is \sqrt{x} .*
2. *For every integer n , we have that n is even iff so is n^2 .*

The main proof strategy for universal statements:

To prove a goal of the form

$$\forall x. P(x)$$

let x stand for an arbitrary individual and prove $P(x)$.

Proof pattern:

In order to prove that

$$\forall x. P(x)$$

1. **Write:** Let x be an arbitrary individual.
2. **Show that $P(x)$ holds.**

also referred
to as fresh

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In order to prove that

$$\forall x. P(x)$$

1. **Write:** Let x be an arbitrary individual.

Warning: Make sure that the variable x is new in the proof! If for some reason the variable x is already being used in the proof to stand for something else, then you must use an unused variable, say y , to stand for the arbitrary individual, and prove $P(y)$.

2. **Show that $P(x)$ holds.**

Scratch work:

Before using the strategy

Assumptions

⋮

Goal

$\forall x. P(x)$

After using the strategy

Assumptions

⋮

Goal

$P(x)$ (for a fresh x)

*or
new*

Proposition 19 Fix a positive integer m . For integers a and b , we have that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ if, and only if, for all positive integers n , we have that $n \cdot a \equiv n \cdot b \pmod{n \cdot m}$.

PROOF: Let m be a positive integer.

Let a and b be arbitrary integers.

(\Rightarrow) We need show, if $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ Then
 \forall integer n . $n \cdot a \equiv n \cdot b \pmod{n \cdot m}$.

Assume ① $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, and will show Goal

\forall integer n . $n \cdot a \equiv n \cdot b \pmod{n \cdot m}$.

So let n be an arbitrary positive integer.

By ①, $a - b = km$ for some integer k .

So $n(a-b) = k \cdot n \cdot m$, and hence

$$na - nb = k(nm)$$

Thus, we are done.

(\Leftarrow) Show: \forall pos. int. n $na \equiv nb \pmod{nm}$
 $\implies a \equiv b \pmod{m}$

Assume \forall pos. int. n . $na \equiv nb \pmod{nm}$

So $1 \cdot a \equiv 1 \cdot b \pmod{1 \cdot m}$ hence we are

done. □

To use an assumption

$$\forall x. P(x)$$

you may assume $P(a)$ for
whatever a .

Conjunction

Conjunctive statements are of the form

$P \text{ and } Q$

or, in other words,

both P and also Q hold

or, in symbols,

$P \ \& \ Q$

or

$P \wedge Q$

The proof strategy for conjunction:

To prove a goal of the form

$P \ \& \ Q$

first prove P and subsequently prove Q (or vice versa).

NB: $(P \Leftrightarrow Q)$ equivalent to
 $(P \Rightarrow Q) \& (Q \Rightarrow P)$

Proof pattern:

In order to prove

$P \& Q$

1. **Write:** Firstly, we prove P . and provide a proof of P .
2. **Write:** Secondly, we prove Q . and provide a proof of Q .

Scratch work:

Before using the strategy

Assumptions

Goal

P & Q

⋮

After using the strategy

Assumptions

Goal

P

Assumptions

Goal

Q

⋮

⋮

The use of conjunctions:

To use an assumption of the form $P \ \& \ Q$,
treat it as two separate assumptions: P and Q .

Theorem 20 For every integer n , we have that $6 \mid n$ iff $2 \mid n$ and $3 \mid n$.

PROOF: $\boxed{\forall \text{ int. } n. 6 \mid n \Leftrightarrow (2 \mid n \ \& \ 3 \mid n)}$

Let n be an arbitrary integer.

$(\Rightarrow) 6 \mid n \Rightarrow (2 \mid n \ \& \ 3 \mid n)$

$\textcircled{*}$ Assume $6 \mid n$. Show $2 \mid n \ \& \ 3 \mid n$.

(1) Show $2 \mid n$

By $\textcircled{*}$, $n = 6k$ for some int. k hence $n = 2j$ for $j = 3k$ and we are done.

(2) Show $3 \mid n$

By $\textcircled{*}$, $n = 6k$ for some int. k . So $n = 3(2k)$ hence $3 \mid n$.

$$(\Leftarrow) (2|n \ \& \ 3|n) \stackrel{?}{\Rightarrow} 6|n.$$

Assume $2|n$ and $3|n$. Hence

① $n = 2i$ for some int i

and

② $n = 3j$ for some int j

Want to show

$$n = 6k \text{ for some int } k.$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} = 2 \cdot (3k) \\ = 3 \cdot (2k) \end{array} \right] \rightsquigarrow$$

idea: $i \rightarrow j$ should
tell us the value k

We test the idea by calculating

$$6(L-j) = \dots$$