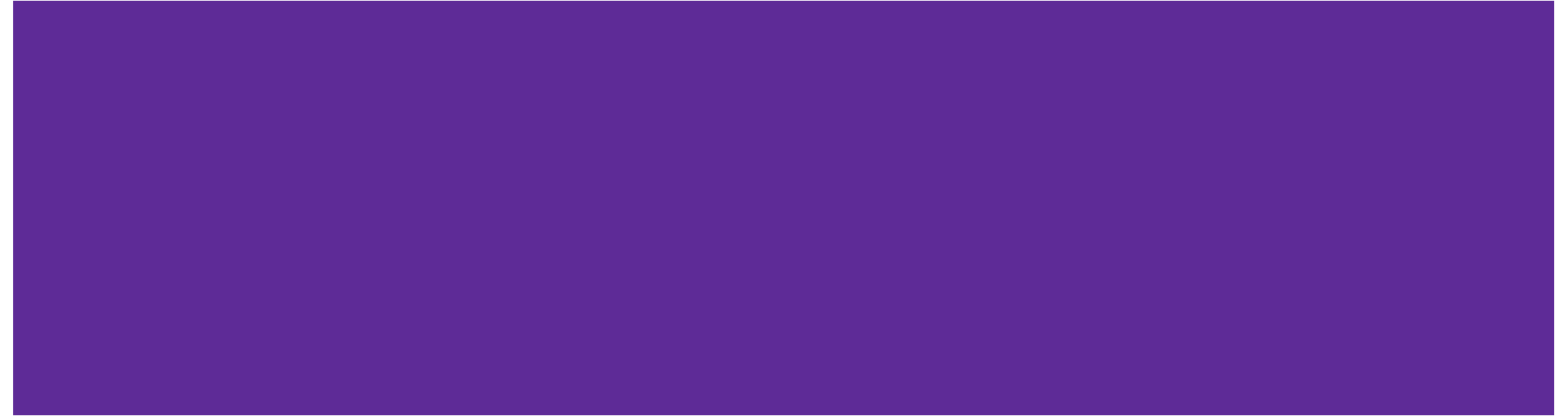


CSE 311 Section 4

English Proofs & Set Theory

Administrivia



Announcements & Reminders

- HW2
 - If you think something was graded incorrectly, submit a regrade request!
- HW3 was due yesterday 1/24 @ 11:59PM on Gradescope
 - Use late days if you need them!
- HW4
 - Due Friday 1/31 @ 11:59pm

References

- Helpful reference sheets can be found on the course website!
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/resources/>
- How to LaTeX (found on Assignments page of website):
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/assignments/HowToLaTeX.pdf>
- Set Reference Sheet
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/resources/reference-sets.pdf>
- Number Theory Reference Sheet
 - <https://courses.cs.washington.edu/courses/cse311/23wi/resources/reference-number-theory.pdf>
- Plus more!

English Proofs



Writing a Proof (symbolically or in English)

- Don't just jump right in!
1. Look at the **claim**, and make sure you know:
 - What every word in the claim means
 - What the claim as a whole means
 2. Translate the claim in predicate logic.
 3. Next, write down the **Proof Skeleton**:
 - Where to **start**
 - What your **target** is
 -
 4. Then once you know what claim you are proving and your starting point and ending point, you can finally write the proof!

Helpful Tips for English Proofs

- Start by introducing your assumptions
 - Introduce variables with “let”
 - “Let x be an arbitrary prime number...”
 - Introduce assumptions with “suppose”
 - “Suppose that $y \in A \wedge y \notin B...$ ”
- When you supply a value for an existence proof, use “Consider”
 - “Consider $x = 2...$ ”
- **ALWAYS** state what type your variable is (integer, set, etc.)
- Universal Quantifier means variable must be arbitrary
- Existential Quantifier means variable can be specific

Divisibility



Problem 1

(a) Identify the statements that are true for divides

(i) $1 \mid 3$

(ii) $3 \mid 1$

(iii) $2 \mid 2018$

(iv) $-2 \mid 12$

(v) $1 * 2 * 3 * 4 \mid 1 * 2 * 3 * 4 * 5$

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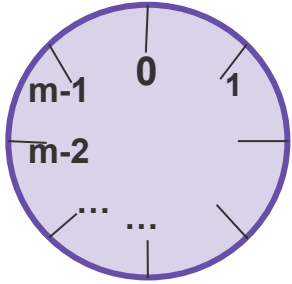
v. True: $5! = 4! * 5$

Mod



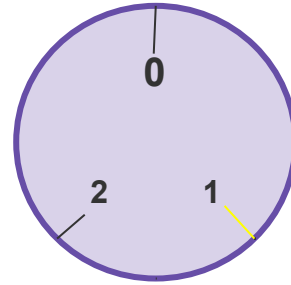
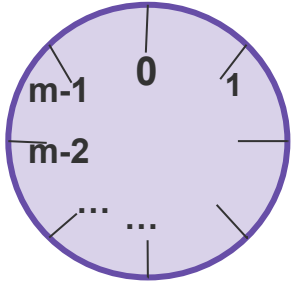
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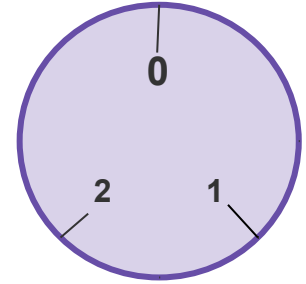
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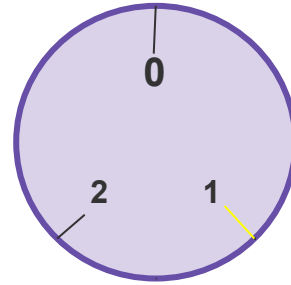
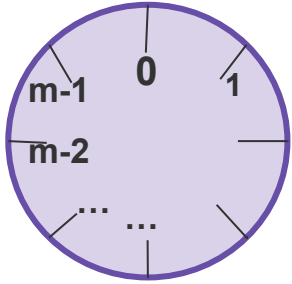


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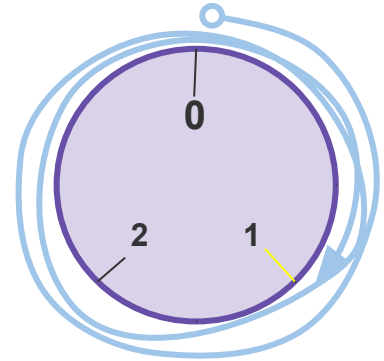
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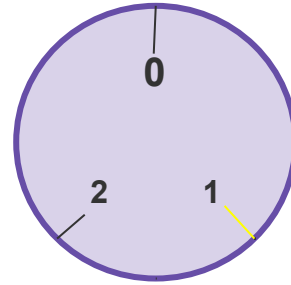
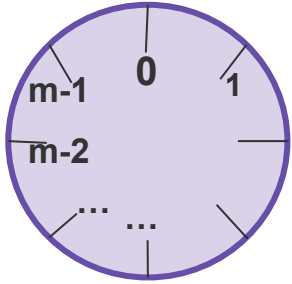


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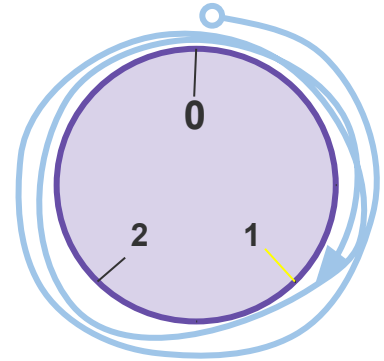
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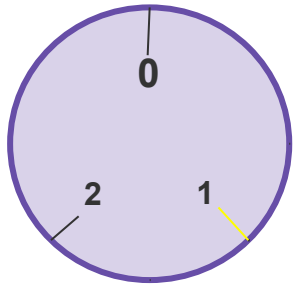
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So we can say that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ where a and b are in the same position in the mod clock

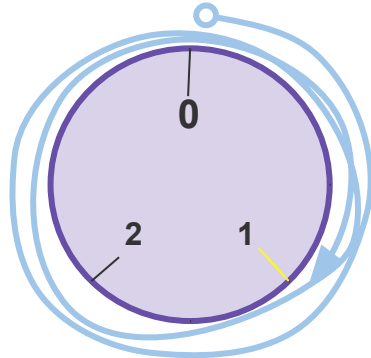
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What if we “unroll” this clock?



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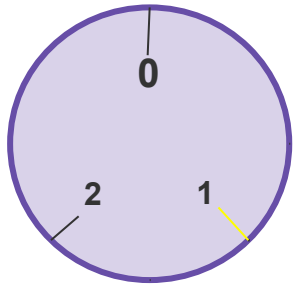


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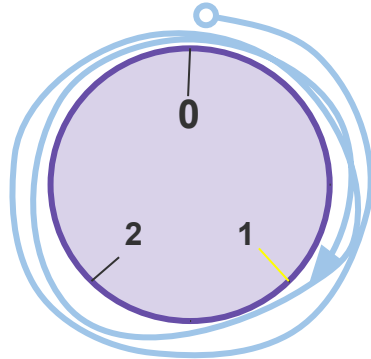
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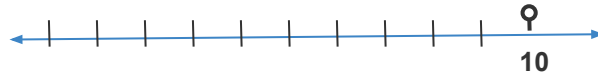
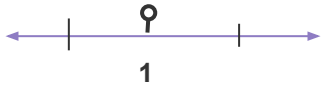
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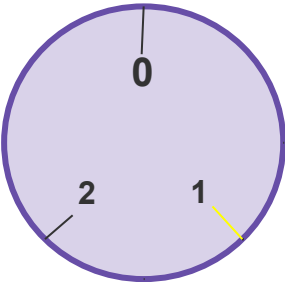
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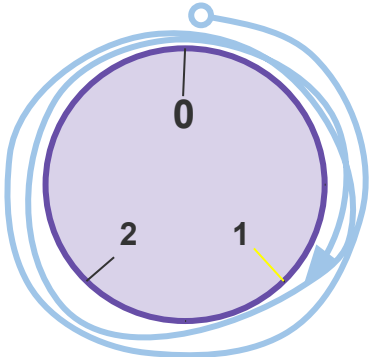
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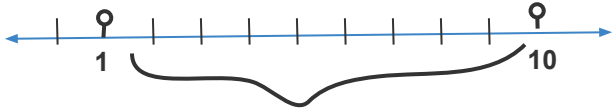
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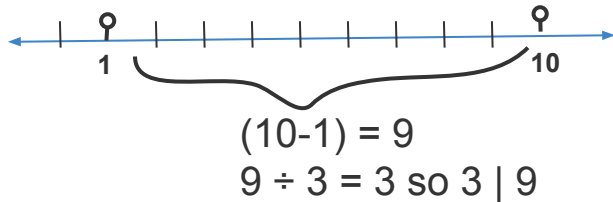
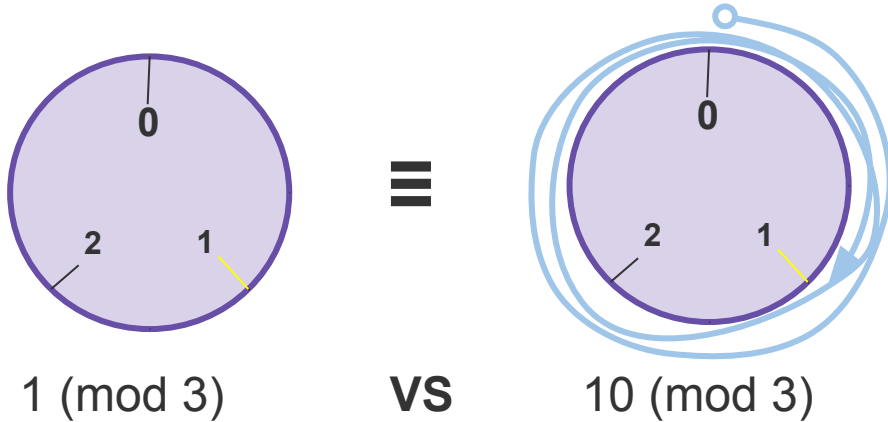
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Anything interesting?

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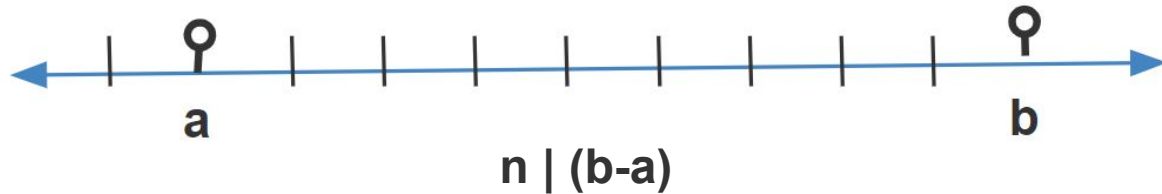
$3 \nmid 10$ and $3 \nmid 1$ BUT $3 \mid 9$
So m divides the difference
between a and b

Formalizing Mod and Divides

Equivalence in modular arithmetic

Let $a \in \mathbb{Z}, b \in \mathbb{Z}, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $n > 0$.

We say $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if and only if $n \mid (b - a)$



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(b) Identify the statements that are true for mod using the equivalence definition!

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v. False: $5 \nmid (707-58) = 5 \nmid 649$

Proving Divisibility



“Unwrapping”

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n} \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad n \mid (b-a) \quad \longleftrightarrow \quad (b-a) = n * k$$

Divides

For integers x, y we say $x \mid y$ (“ x divides y ”) iff there is an integer z such that $xz = y$.

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$3 \mid 3$ and $3 \mid 3$ so $3 = 3$

Or

$3 \mid -3$ and $-3 \mid 3$ so $3 = -3$

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Start: some a and b where $a \mid b$ and $b \mid a$

End: show that $a = b$ or $a = -b$

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Suppose that for some arbitrary integers a and b where $a \mid b$ and $b \mid a$

...

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...

So we get $b = -a$ or $b = a$

Since a and b were arbitrary, the claim holds

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(4) Fill in the skeleton

Suppose that for some arbitrary integers a and b where $a \mid b$ and $b \mid a$
By the definition of divides, we have $b = ka$ and $a = jb$, for some integers k, j

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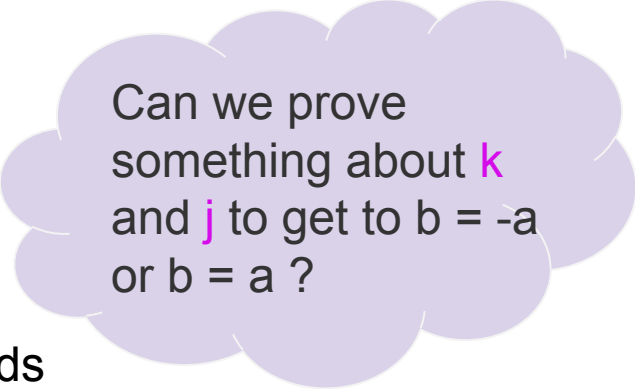
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Can we prove something about k and j to get to $b = -a$ or $b = a$?

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By the definition of divides, we have $b = ka$ and $a = jb$, for some integers k, j

Substituting b , $a = j(ka)$

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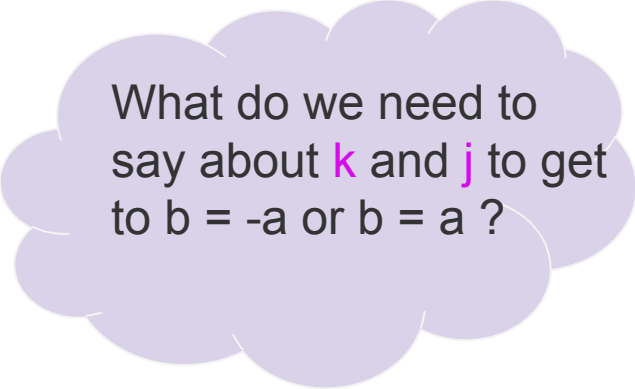
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Dividing both sides by a , we get $1 = jk$.

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What do we need to say about k and j to get to $b = -a$ or $b = a$?

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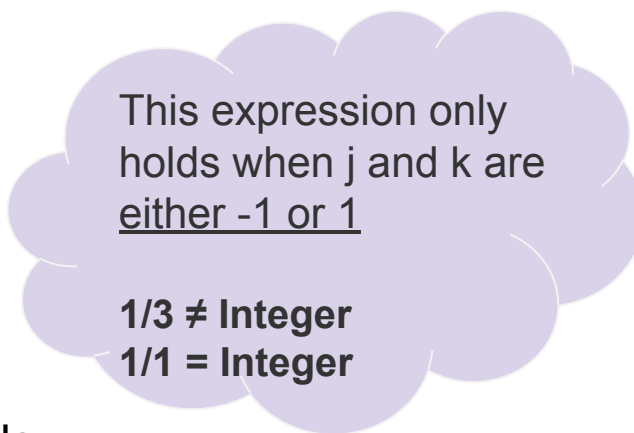
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This expression only holds when j and k are either -1 or 1

$1/3 \neq \text{Integer}$
 $1/1 = \text{Integer}$

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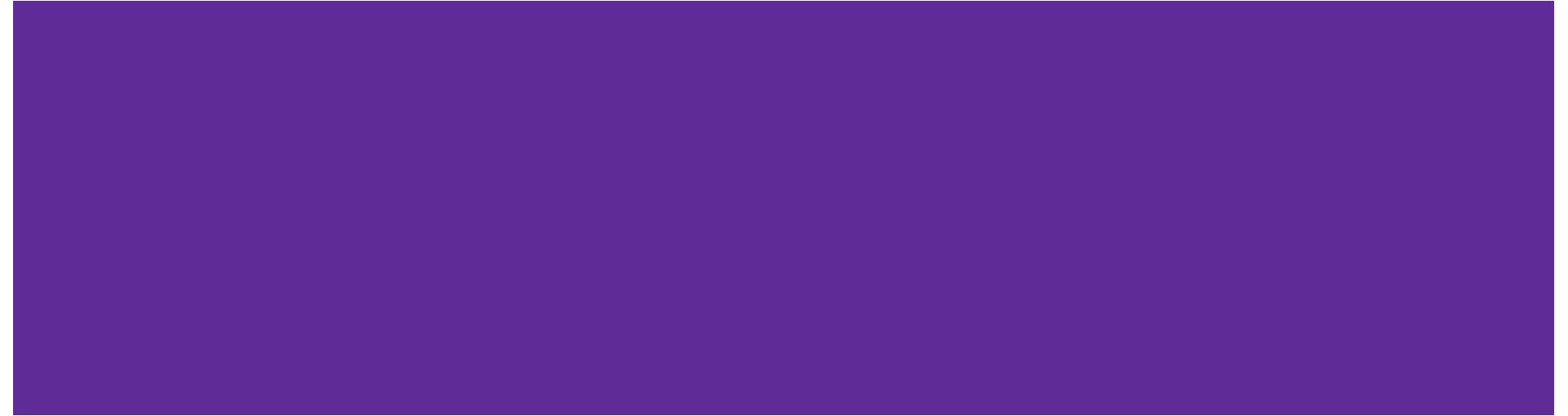
k must be an integer and we must get an integer from $1/j$

We know that j and k must be either 1 or -1

So we get $b = -a$ or $b = a$

Since a and b were arbitrary, the claim holds

Proof By Cases



Problem 5: Fair and Square

(a) Prove that for all integers n , $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ or $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

- (1) Understand what this claim means
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(1) Understand what this claim means

$$(3)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

$$(2)^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$$

*If you square an **even** integer, you get **0** (mod 4)*

*If you square an **odd** integer, you get **1** (mod 4)*

(2) Write your start and end goal

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(2) Write your start and end goal

Start: Some integer

End: Prove the integer² will be either **0** (mod 4) or **1** (mod 4)

(3) Write the skeleton

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Problem 5: Fair and Square

(a) Prove that for all integers n , $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ or $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

(3) Write the skeleton

Let n be an arbitrary integer

Case 1: n is even ... $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

Case 2: n is odd ... $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

...

...

In all cases $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ or $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

Since n was arbitrary, the claim holds

(4) Fill in the skeleton

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Let n be an arbitrary integer

Case 1: n is even

Then $n = 2k$ for some integer k

...

...

Then by the definition of congruence, $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

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Case 1: n is even

Then $n = 2k$ for some integer k

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By the definition of divides so $4 \mid n^2$

Then by the definition of congruence, $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

Work one step
backwards to
“unwrap”

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Let n be an arbitrary integer

Case 1: n is even

Then $n = 2k$ for some integer k

Then $n^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2$

Since k is an integer, k^2 is an integer.

By the definition of divides, $4 \mid 4k^2$ so $4 \mid n^2$

Then by the definition of congruence, $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

Problem 5: Fair and Square

(a) Prove that for all integers n , $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ or $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$

(4) Fill in the skeleton

Let n be an arbitrary integer

Case 2: n is odd

Then $n = 2k+1$ for some integer k

...

...

...

...

$n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$

Problem 5: Fair and Square

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Let n be an arbitrary integer

Case 2: n is odd

Then $n = 2k+1$ for some integer k

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By the definition of divides, $4 \mid n^2 - 1$

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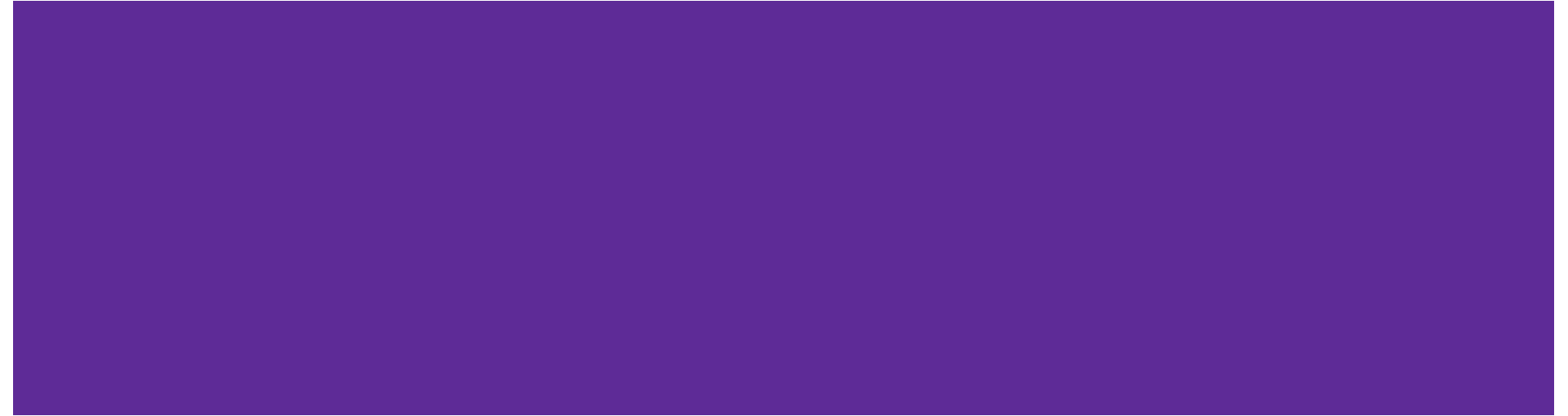
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In either case, $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ or $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Since n was arbitrary, the claim holds

Proofs by Contrapositive



Some claims are hard to prove directly!

- Sometimes you will run into claims that, because of the way they are structured, will be time consuming or difficult to prove.
- Recall in lecture, you attempted to prove that if the square of an integer is even, the integer must also be even.
- It was problematic to prove this because you had to deal with square roots.

Luckily, we can manipulate implications to put them into a form that is easier to solve!!

Why does Proof by Contrapositive work?

Consider the following truth table:

P	Q	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$P \rightarrow Q$	$\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$
T	T	F	F	T	T
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Note that, when the assignments of P and Q are such that $P \rightarrow Q$ is true, the assignments of their negation's *must also be such* that $\neg Q \rightarrow \neg P$ is also true. They are logically equivalent statements! (You can also do a four-step chain of equivalence to show this.)

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Take around 5 minutes and write an English proof for part (a) or (b)

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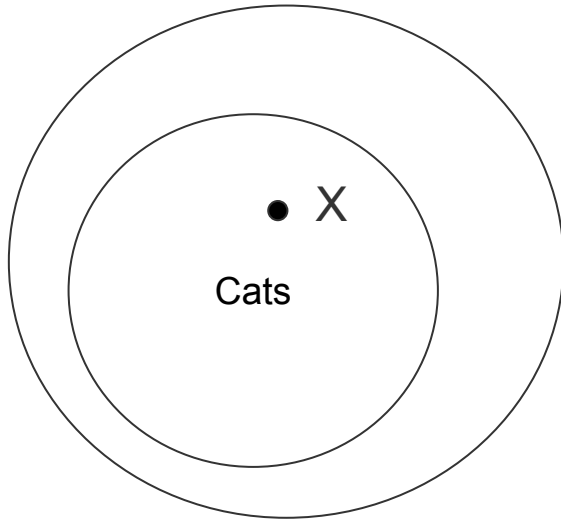
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Therefore $2(3k) + 1$ takes the form of an odd integer so $3j + 1$ must be odd.

Since j was arbitrary and we have shown the contrapositive, the claim holds!

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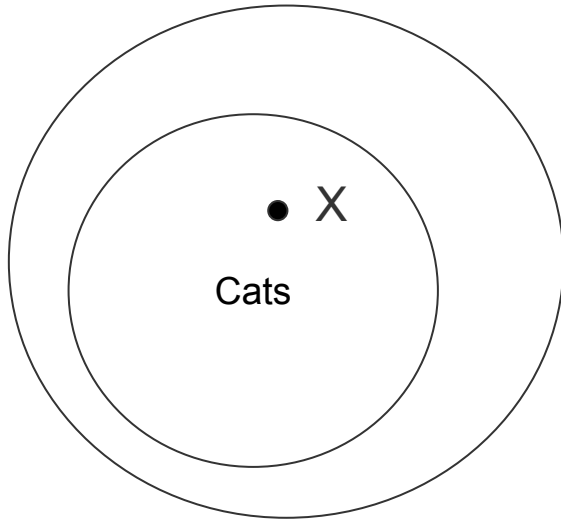
Domain: Animals



- Arbitrary is a word we use to describe an unspecified member of our domain. You can think of it as simultaneously being *any* and *all* members.
- When we attempt to prove universal claims, we must prove them with arbitrary variables. This is how we can know a claim holds for all members of the domain.

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- Consider the following claim: $\forall x[\text{Cat}(x) \rightarrow \text{CuteInHolidaySweater}(x)]$
- We would go about proving this claim by first defining x to be an *arbitrary cat*.
- If we can show that x does in fact look cute in a holiday sweater, this would mean that we have shown that *all members of the domain Cats* must also look cute in a holiday sweater.
- In other words, we have proven a relationship between the *property* of being a cat and the *property* of looking cute in a holiday sweater.

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An arbitrary cat, X



- X is an arbitrary cat, and X looks cute in a holiday sweater. So we know that for any element of our domain X, if it is a cat, then it must also look cute in a holiday sweater.

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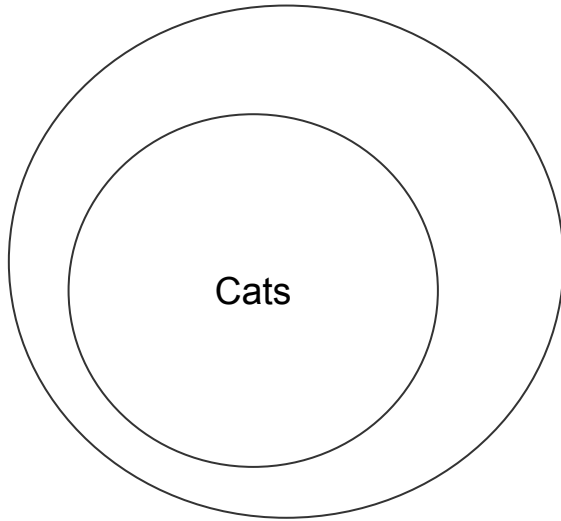
More arbitrary cats



- We can pull as many elements from our domain as we like, in order for a universal claim to be true, it must be true for all of them.
- Claim proven!
- But what about existential claims?

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- Consider the following claim: $\exists x[\text{Cat}(x) \wedge \text{DrinksBoba}(x)]$
- Note that this is an existential claim. All we have to do is show that *at least one* example member of our domain fulfills these criteria in order for the claim to hold.
- Proving existentials is easier than proving universals, you simply furnish an example!

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A specific animal, Bagel



- When furnishing examples for an existential claim, we usually say “Consider... blank.”
- So, consider the following member of our domain, Bagel.
- Bagel is a cat, and Bagel drinks boba.
- This is enough information for us to know that the existential claim $\exists x[\text{Cat}(x) \wedge \text{DrinksBoba}(x)]$ holds. It *does not* have to extend to all other members of the domain, though it can.

That's All Folks