



Prop: If  $a | b \cdot c$  &  $\gcd(a, b) = 1 \Rightarrow a | c$ .

pf: Look at ideal  $(a, b) = \{ax + by \mid x, y \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \mathbb{Z}$ .

i.e. Euclidean alg gives solution to  $ax + by = 1$ . Mult by  $c$ :

$$\underbrace{acx}_{d \uparrow} + \underbrace{bc \cdot y}_{a \uparrow} = c. \Rightarrow a | c. \checkmark$$

Corollary: If  $p = \text{prime}$  &  $p | b \cdot c \Rightarrow p | b$  or  $p | c$ .

pf: Assume  $p = \text{prime}$  &  $p | b \cdot c$  &  $p \nmid b \Rightarrow \gcd(p, b) = 1$

Use Prop with  $a = p \Rightarrow p | c$ .

Cor: If  $p = \text{prime}$  &  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \Rightarrow \text{ord}_p(a \cdot b) = \text{ord}_p(a) + \text{ord}_p(b)$ .

Def:  $\text{ord}_p(a) = \text{"order of } p \text{ in } a\text{"} = \max \{k \mid p^k | a\}$

Ex:  $\text{ord}_3(18) = 2$   
 $\downarrow$   
 $2 \cdot 3^2$

pf(Cor): Let  $\text{ord}_p(a) = \alpha$ , i.e.  $p^\alpha || a$ .

i.e.  $a = p^\alpha \cdot a_1, \gcd(a_1, p) = 1, p \nmid a_1$

$p^k || a$   
 $\uparrow$   
"exactly divides"

$\text{ord}_5(18) = 0$   
 $3^2 || 18$

Similarly, let  $\beta = \text{ord}_p(b)$ , so  $b = p^\beta \cdot b_1$ , and  $\text{gcd}(b_1, p) = 1$ .

So: look at  $a \cdot b = p^\alpha \cdot a_1 \cdot p^\beta \cdot b_1 = p^{\alpha+\beta} \cdot a_1 \cdot b_1$ .

Asks:  $\text{ord}_6(18) = 1$ .  $\text{ord}_6(12) = 1$ .  $\text{ord}_6(18 \cdot 12) = \text{ord}_6(216) = 3$ .

$$18 = 6^1 \cdot 3 \quad 6 \times 3$$

If  $p$  was not prime, then  $\text{ord}_p$  would not necessarily be additive.

If  $\text{ord}_p(a \cdot b) > \alpha + \beta$ ,  $\Rightarrow p \mid a_1 \cdot b_1$  (contradiction)  $\Rightarrow p \mid a_1$  or  $p \mid b_1$   $\times$ .

$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta \leq \text{ord}_p(a \cdot b) \leq \alpha + \beta \Rightarrow \text{ord}_p(a \cdot b) = \text{ord}_p(a) + \text{ord}_p(b)$ .

Fundamental Thm of Arithmetic: If  $n \neq 0, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $\exists \epsilon(n) \in \{1, -1\}$ .

$$n = (-1)^{\epsilon(n)} \cdot \prod_p p^{\text{ord}_p(n)} \quad \& \quad \text{this decomposition is unique.}$$

$$\text{i.e. If } n = (-1)^{\epsilon(n)} \cdot \prod_p p^{e_p} \Rightarrow e_p = \text{ord}_p(n).$$

Pf Assume  $n$  has "second" factorization,

$$n = (-1)^{\epsilon(n)} \prod_p p^{e_p}. \quad \text{Fix } p. \quad \text{Apply } \text{ord}_p \text{ to both sides.}$$

$$\text{ord}_p(n) = \text{ord}_p\left((-1)^{\epsilon(n)} \prod_q q^{e_q}\right) \stackrel{(\text{or})}{=} \text{ord}_p\left((-1)^{\epsilon(n)}\right) + \sum_q \text{ord}_p(q^{e_q}).$$

$\overset{e_2, e_3, e_5, e_7}{2 \cdot 3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 \dots}$

So what is  $\text{ord}_p\left((-1)^{\epsilon(n)}\right) = 0$ .  $\rightarrow \text{ord}_p(2^{e_2}) + \text{ord}_p(3^{e_3}) + \dots$

$$\text{For } q \neq p, \text{ord}_p(q^{e_q}) = 0, \text{ord}_p(p^{e_p}) = e_p.$$

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