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## An application

### Theorem (Fund. Thm. of Arithmetic)

Every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  can be written uniquely (up to the order of the factors) as a product of primes

PF: Two parts

(i) existence: every  $n$  can be written as a product of primes ✓  
 (we proved by strong induction)

(ii) uniqueness: HW.

Ex's ①  $21 = 3 \cdot 7 = 7 \cdot 3$

no other way to factor into primes!  
~~21~~  $\neq$  ~~1·21~~  $\neq$  ~~3·7~~  
 $\neq 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$   
 $\neq 2 \cdot 11$

$$\begin{aligned} ② 200 &= 2 \cdot 100 \\ &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 50 \\ &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 25 \\ &= 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \\ &= 2^3 \cdot 5^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$③ 97 = 97 \quad (\text{is prime})$$

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We proved the following theorem  
day 1, but let's prove again (use FTOA)

Theorem: There are infinitely many primes.

Pf: - Sps there are only finitely many primes  $p_1, \dots, p_N$

- Define  $P = p_1 \cdot p_2 \cdots p_N + 1$

- By FTOA  $P$  has a prime factorization, in particular  $P$  is divisible by some prime  $p$ .

- must have  $P = p_j$  for some  $j$   $1 \leq j \leq N$ .

- so  $P = p_j \cdot k$

OTOH:  $P = p_j (\underbrace{p_1, p_2, \dots, p_{j-1}, p_{j+1}, \dots, p_N}_M) + 1$

$$= p_j M + 1$$

- so:  $P = p_j \cdot k = p_j \cdot M + 1$

$$\Rightarrow p_j k - p_j M = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow p_j (k - M) = 1$$

$\Rightarrow p_j \mid 1$ , a contradiction

ex: - proof actually shows that if  $\{p_1, \dots, p_N\}$  is any set of primes then  $P = p_1 \cdots p_N + 1$  is divisible by some  $p \notin \{p_1, \dots, p_N\}$

- e.g. consider  $\{3, 5, 7\}$

$$3 \cdot 5 \cdot 7 + 1 = 105 + 1 = 106 = 2 \cdot 53 \leftarrow \text{ne } 3, 5, \text{ or } 7$$

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### Modular arithmetic

Recall: If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  means  $n \mid b-a$ .

-  $\equiv \pmod{n}$  is equiv. relation

-  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  denotes set of equiv. classes.

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{[a]_n \mid a \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

We took next result for granted,  
let's prove it now:

Prop'n Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$  iff  $a, b$  have the same remainder when divided by  $n$ .

PF: By the division algorithm,  $\exists$  unique integers  $q_1, r_1, q_2, r_2$  with  $0 \leq r_1 < n$   $0 \leq r_2 < n$  s.t.

$$a = q_1 n + r_1$$

$$b = q_2 n + r_2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Se: } b-a &= q_2 n + r_2 - (q_1 n + r_1) \\ &= (q_2 - q_1)n + (r_2 - r_1) \end{aligned}$$

$(\Rightarrow)$  - assume  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$

- then  $n \mid b-a$ , i.e.  $b-a = kn$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

- hence  $kn = (q_2 - q_1)n + (r_2 - r_1)$

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$$\Rightarrow (k - (q_2 - q_1))n = r_2 - r_1$$

$$\Rightarrow n \mid r_2 - r_1$$

but  $0 \leq r_2, r_1 < n$

$$0 \leq r_2 < n$$

$$0 \leq r_1 < n$$

$$\text{so } -n < r_2 - r_1 < n$$

$$-n > -r_1$$

$$\text{i.e. } |r_2 - r_1| < n$$

$$\Rightarrow -n < r_2 - r_1 < n$$

but then  $n \mid r_2 - r_1 \Rightarrow r_2 - r_1 = 0 \checkmark$   
 $r_2 = r_1 \checkmark$

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$$\text{Sps } r_2 = r_1$$

$$\text{then } b - a = (q_2 - q_1)n$$

$$\Rightarrow n \mid b - a$$

$$\Rightarrow a \equiv b \pmod{n} \checkmark$$

ex:  $17 \equiv 37 \pmod{4}$

- could check directly:  $4 \mid 37 - 17$

- or could observe

$$17 = 4 \cdot 4 + 1$$

$$37 = 4 \cdot 9 + 1 \Rightarrow \text{same remainder}$$

$\rightarrow$  so that

$$17 \equiv 37 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$$

Since only possible remainders when dividing by  $n$  are  $0, 1, \dots, n-1$   
 this justifies another fact.

$$\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z} = \{[0]_n, [1]_n, \dots, [n-1]_n\}$$

consists of exactly  $n$  distinct equiv. classes.

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on HW you guys proved:  
 ✓ (modular arithmetic lemma)

Prop'n Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a, b, k, k' \in \mathbb{Z}$

① If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ ,  $k \equiv k' \pmod{n}$   
 then  $a+k \equiv b+k' \pmod{n}$

② If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ ,  $k \equiv k' \pmod{n}$   
 then  $ak \equiv bk' \pmod{n}$

### Example

$$\textcircled{1} \quad 6 \equiv 21 \pmod{5}$$

$$\text{and } 12 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

Prop'n says:  $6+12 \equiv 21+2 \pmod{5}$   
 Indeed if we check:

$$18 \equiv 23 \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$$

Prop'n also says:  $6 \cdot 12 \equiv 21 \cdot 2 \pmod{5}$

$$\text{Indeed: } 72 \equiv 42 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

② Prop'n says can manipulate congruency w/  $\equiv$  like equation  
 $\equiv$  with respect to + and  $\cdot$ .

e.g. if  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$  and

$$x \equiv y \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{then } x+3 \equiv y+3 \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{and } 3x \equiv 3y \pmod{7}$$

"add 3 to both sides"

"mult. 3 to both sides"

or even better, since  $3 \equiv 10 \pmod{7}$   
 can conclude,

$$x+3 \equiv y+10 \pmod{7}$$

$$3x \equiv 10y \pmod{7}$$

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Subtraction works too, since subtracting  
 $c$  is just adding  $-c$ .

e.g. if I know

$$a \equiv b \pmod{n}$$

$$\text{then } a - 3 \equiv b - 3 \pmod{n}$$

"subtract  
 3 from both  
 sides"

but since  $-3 \equiv 8 \pmod{n}$   
 could have also written

$$a - 3 = b + 8 \pmod{n}.$$

③ Can we then kinds of manipulations  
 to "solve congruences"

e.g. find all  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$652x \equiv x + 23 \pmod{5}$$

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$$2x \equiv x + 2 \pmod{5}$$

(subtract

$x$ )

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$



so set of solutions  $\cup$   ~~$\{x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$~~   
 $= \{-3, 2, 7, 12, \dots\}$

On the other hand, division  
~~on~~ on both sides is ~~not~~ allowed  
 in general.

ex: ① Fix  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

- Sps.  $2x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

- Writing " $x \equiv y \pmod{3}$ "  
 ↪ meaning eqv

② observe:  $15 \equiv 21 \pmod{6}$

- If we "divide both sides  
 by 3" we get:

$$5 \equiv 7 \pmod{6}$$

which is false.

③ observe:  $8 \equiv 22 \pmod{7}$

- If we divide both sides  
 by 2 we get:  
 $4 \equiv 11 \pmod{7}$

which is true.

→ So what gives?

The reason: 2 has a multiplicative  
 inverse in  $\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$ , while 3  
does not have such an inverse  
 in  $\mathbb{Z}/6\mathbb{Z}$ .

→ more on this later.

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Positive exponentiation is always allowed over  $\equiv$   
~~Because  $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n}$~~

Prop'n Fix  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $k, n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
 If  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$   
 then  $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n}$

PF.: Follows immediately from  
 modular arithmetic lemma and  
 induction.

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{If } a \equiv b \pmod{n} \\ &\text{then } a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{n} \\ &\quad \vdots \\ &\quad a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{n} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \underline{\text{Ex:}} \quad \textcircled{1} \quad &\text{Since } 7 \equiv 2 \pmod{5} \\ &\text{we have } 7^3 \equiv 2^3 \pmod{5} \\ &\equiv 8 \pmod{5} \\ &\equiv 3 \pmod{5} \end{aligned}$$

↑  
 get this w/o  
 actually  
 computing  $7^3$

② Find the last digit of  
 $2023 \cdot 719 + 27$ .

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Sol'n: last digit is exactly remainder when divided by 10.

Observe:

$$\begin{aligned} 2033 \cdot 719 + 27 &\equiv 3 \cdot 9 + 7 \pmod{10} \\ &\equiv 27 + 7 \pmod{10} \\ &\equiv 34 \pmod{10} \\ &\equiv 4 \pmod{10} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$  last digit is 4  
and indeed:

$$2033 \cdot 719 + 27 = 1,461,754 \checkmark$$

③ Find the remainder of  $2^{37}$  when divided by 47.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol'n: } 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 &= 47 + 17 \\ &\quad \dots \\ &\quad 2^6 \end{aligned}$$

$$2^6 = 64 \equiv 17 \pmod{47}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^{12}) = (2^6)^2 \equiv 17^2 \pmod{47}$$

 $\dots$  $\dots$ 

$$47 \cdot 6 + 7$$

$$\equiv 7 \pmod{47}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{24} = (2^{12})^2 \equiv 7^2 \pmod{47}$$

$$\equiv 49 \pmod{47}$$

$$\equiv 2 \pmod{47}$$

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Now:

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{37} &= 2^{29} \cdot 2^{12} \cdot 2 \\ &\equiv 2 \cdot 7 \cdot 2 \pmod{47} \\ &\equiv 28 \pmod{47} \end{aligned}$$

So  $28$  is remainder of  
 $2^{37}$  when divided by  $47$  ✓

### Multiplicative inverses in $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$

Def'n Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  
 we say  $a$  has a multiplicative  
 inverse in  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  iff  $\exists b \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.  
 $ab \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$

W. sometimes write  $b = a^{-1}$  ↗  
not unique  
 but unique  
 if  
 to  
 choose

ex:  $3$  has a mult. inv. in  $\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$   
 since  $3 \cdot 5 = 15 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$

Prop'n: Fix  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then  
 $a$  has a mult. inv. in  $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$  iff  
 $\gcd(a, n) = 1$ .

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PF: ( $\Rightarrow$ ) assume first  $\exists b \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$ab \equiv 1 \pmod{n}$$

- then  $n \mid 1 - ab$

- i.e.  $\exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$kn = 1 - ab$$

$$\text{so: } ab + kn = 1 \quad \text{i.e. } ab + nk = 1$$

~~both sides~~ contradiction

i.e. 1 is a linear comb. of  $a, n$

$\Rightarrow$  by Bezout  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$  ✓

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Now assume  $\gcd(a, n) = 1$

Bezout: - then  $\exists b, k \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$ab + nk = 1$$

$$\text{so } nk = 1 - ab$$

$$\text{so } n \mid 1 - ab$$

$$\text{so } ab \equiv 1 \pmod{n} \quad \checkmark$$

Ex's: ①  $5x \equiv 1 \pmod{21}$  does

have a solution, since

$$\gcd(5, 21) = 1$$

indeed  $x = 17$  works since

$$5 \cdot 17 = 85 = 84 + 1 \equiv 1 \pmod{21}$$

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note: -17 is not unique solution,  
but is unique up to equiv. class

$$\text{- e.g. } -4 \equiv 17 \pmod{21}$$

$$\text{and } S \cdot (-4) = -20 = -21 + 1 \\ \equiv 1 \pmod{21}$$

- set of solutions to  
 $Sx \equiv 1 \pmod{21}$

is exactly  $[17]_{21}$

- might write

$$[S]_{21} \cdot [17]_{21} = "[1]_{21}$$

$$\text{i.e. } \forall a \in [S]_{21}$$

$$\forall b \in [17]_{21}$$

$$ab \in [1]_{21} \quad \text{i.e. } ab \equiv 1 \pmod{21}$$

② - The congruence  $6x \equiv 1 \pmod{21}$   
has no sol'n

- such an  $x$  would be a mult.

inv. of 6 in  $\mathbb{Z}/21\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\text{- but } \gcd(6, 21) = 3 \neq 1$$

so no such  $x$  exists.

③ Find all solutions  $\boxed{x \in \mathbb{Z}}$  to:  
 $4x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$

Sol'n Since 7 is prime and  $7 \nmid 4$

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we must have

$$\gcd(4, 7) = 1$$

so 4 has a mult. inverse in  
 $\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}$

and indeed:

$$4 \cdot 2 = 8 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{so } 2 = 4^{-1}$$

→ instead of "dividing both sides  
 of  $4x \equiv 5$  by 4"  
 can multiply both sides by 2:

$$4x \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot 4x \equiv 2 \cdot 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x \equiv 10 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv 10 \pmod{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

and if  $x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$

$$\text{then } 4x \equiv 12 \equiv 5 \pmod{7}$$

$$\text{so } 4x \equiv 5 \Leftrightarrow x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$$

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$[3]_7$  is set of sol'n ✓

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Propn For any  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$   
 there is a sol'n to  $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$   
 if  $\gcd(a, n) \mid b$ .

Pf.: let  $d = \gcd(a, n)$

( $\Rightarrow$ ) Assume there is a sol'n to  $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , i.e.  $\exists l \in \mathbb{Z} \quad al \equiv b \pmod{n}$   
 i.e.  $n \mid b - al$

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{so } \exists k \text{ s.t. } nk = b - al \\ &\Rightarrow al + nk = b \end{aligned}$$

so since  $d \mid a$  and  $d \mid n$   
 i.e.  $dp = a$  and  $dq = n$

we have

$$\begin{aligned} dpk + dqn &= b \\ \Rightarrow d(pk + qn) &= b \\ \Rightarrow d \mid b &\checkmark \end{aligned}$$

( $\Leftarrow$ ) Now assume  $d \mid b$

$$\text{i.e. } \exists l \quad dl = b$$

By Bezout  $\exists k, k' \in \mathbb{Z}$   
 $ak + nk' = d$

$$\Rightarrow ak + nk'l = dl \Rightarrow b$$

$$\Rightarrow nk'l = b - a(kl)$$

$$\Rightarrow n \mid b - a(kl)$$

$$\Rightarrow a(kl) \equiv b \pmod{n} \Rightarrow x = kl \text{ is a sol'n} \checkmark$$

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Ex's ① There is a sol'n to  $6x \equiv 4 \pmod{8}$

why:  $\gcd(6, 8) = 2$  and  $2 \mid 4$   
indeed:  $x = 2$  works ✓

② There is no sol'n to  
 $4x \equiv 3 \pmod{8}$

why:  $\gcd(4, 8) = 4$   
and  $4 \nmid 3$  ✓

## Euclidean Algorithm

↳ lots of our results depend on  
knowing some gcd.

↳ How do we compute  $\gcd(a, b)$   
for (potentially large)  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ?  
Euclidean Algorithm!

Lemma: Fix  $a, b, q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$

If  $a = bq + r$

then  $\gcd(a, b) = \gcd(b, r)$

Pf: w  $d = \gcd(a, b)$   
 $d' = \gcd(b, r)$

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Observe: - Since  $a = bq + r$  and  
 $d' \nmid b$  and  $d' \nmid r$  we know  $d' \nmid a$   
- so  $d' \leq d$   $\nwarrow \gcd(a, b)$

Crit: - By Bezout Thm,  $\exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$rm + bn = d'$$

- but  $r = a - bq$  so:

$$(a - bq)m + bn = d'$$

$$\text{i.e. } am + b(n - qm) = d'$$

- so  $d'$  is a linear combo of  $a, b$

$$\Rightarrow d' \geq d$$

$$\therefore d' = d \quad \checkmark$$

→ Lemma allows us to find  $\gcd(a, b)$  by repeatedly "reducing by remainders"

Thm (Euclidean Algorithm)

Fix  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $a \geq b$

Define a finite decreasing sequence by

$$r_0 = a \quad r_1 = b$$

$$r_j = r_{j+1} q_{j+1} + r_{j+2}$$

where  $0 \leq r_{j+2} < r_{j+1}$

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If  $r_n = 0$  we define  $r_n$  as the last term.

Then:  $r_{n-1} = \gcd(a, b)$

→ proof follows from Lemma  
but let's skip + see example.

Ex ① Find  $\gcd(68, 12)$

$$\underline{\text{Sol'n}} \quad a = 68 \quad b = 12$$

$$\begin{array}{rcl} r_0 & & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 68 & = & 12 \cdot 5 + 8 \\ r_1 & & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 12 & = & 8 \cdot 1 + 4 \\ r_2 & & \\ \downarrow & \downarrow & \downarrow \\ 8 & = & 4 \cdot 2 + 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } r_3 = 0 \Rightarrow r_3 = q \vee \gcd(68, 12)$$

why: By Lemma:

$$\begin{aligned} \gcd(68, 12) &= \gcd(12, 8) \\ &= \gcd(8, 4) \\ &= 4 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

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② Find  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$68m + 12n = 4$$

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Sol'n: Berzett says:  $m, n$  exist  
 Euclid guy is way to  
 find  $m, n$ !

$$\begin{aligned} 4 &= 12 - 8 \cdot 1 \\ &= 12 - (68 - 12 \cdot 5) \cdot 1 \\ &= 12 - 68 \cdot 1 + 12 \cdot 5 \\ &= 12 \cdot 6 + 68 \cdot (-1) \end{aligned}$$

so  $m = -1$   $n = 6$  works!

→ this method of back substitution  
 to find  $m, n$  is sometimes called  
 the extended E.A.

③ Find  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$  s.t.

$$64k + 111l = 1$$

Sol'n: For this to be possible  
 must be that  $\gcd(64, 111) = 1$

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Let's do EA:

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$$\begin{aligned}
 111 &= 64 \cdot 1 + 47 \\
 - 64 &= 47 \cdot 1 + 17 \\
 - 47 &= 17 \cdot 2 + 13 \\
 - 17 &= 13 \cdot 1 + 4 \\
 * \quad 13 &= 4 \cdot 3 + 1 \quad \text{∴ gcd}(64, 111) \checkmark \\
 4 &= 4 \cdot 1 + 0
 \end{aligned}$$

new we go backwards from \*:

$$\begin{aligned}
 1 &= 13 - 4 \cdot 3 && \text{but } 4 = 17 - 13 \cdot 1 \\
 1 &= 13 - (17 - 13 \cdot 1) \cdot 3 \\
 &= 13 - 17 \cdot 3 + 13 \cdot 3 \\
 &= 13 \cdot 4 - 17 \cdot 3 \\
 &= 17(-3) + 13(4) && \text{but } 13 = 47 - 17 \cdot 2 \\
 &= 17(-3) + (47 - 17 \cdot 2)(4) \\
 &= 47(4) + 17(-3) + 17(-8) \\
 &= 47(4) + 17(-11) && \text{but } 17 = 64 \cdot 1 - 47 \\
 &= 47(4) + (64 \cdot 1 - 47)(-11) \\
 &= 64(-11) + 47(4) + 47(11) \\
 &= 64(-11) + 47(15) && \text{but } 47 \\
 &= 64(11) + (111 - 64 \cdot 1)(15) && = 111 - 64 \cdot 1 \\
 &= 111(15) + 64(-11) + 64(-15) \\
 &= 111(15) + 64(-26)
 \end{aligned}$$

So  $k = -26$  and  $\ell = 15$  work ✓