

Modular Math

When we divide two integers we will have an equation that looks like the following:

$13/5 = 2 + 3/5$, where 3 is the remainder. If we throw away the quotient 2, we have only the remainder 3. This operator called the modulo operator (abbreviated as mod): $13 \bmod 5 = 3$. 5 is called the *modulus*. We say that 13 modulo 5 is equal to 3.

For example, a clock with the 12 replaced by a 0 would be the circle for a modulus of 12. If the hour arm starts at 0 hours, after 113 hours, it will land on 5: $113 \bmod 12 = 5$. It is 5:00 am.

Exercises: Complete the following modular math:

$$113 \bmod 1 =$$

$$113 \bmod 2 =$$

$$113 \bmod 3 =$$

$$113 \bmod 4 =$$

$$113 \bmod 5 =$$

$$2017 \bmod 60 =$$

$$2017 \bmod 2 =$$

$$2017 \bmod 5 =$$

$$2017 \bmod 11 =$$

$$2017 \bmod 7 =$$

$$9^{2017} \bmod 5 =$$