Visualizing Modular Arithmetic

Objective: To create an applet that demonstrates the modulo operator.

23 (mod 12) = 11



Mini-Objective 1: To create sliders for integers p and q.



p (mod q)

Step 1: Create a slider for *p*, such that *p* is an integer value from 0 to 100.

Slider ame o = 0		
Number	O Angle	O Integer
Interval	Slider	Animation
Min	Max	Increment
0	100	1
		CANCEL

Step 2: Create a slider for q, such that q is an integer value from 1 to 20.

= 1		
Number	O Angle	O Integer
Interval	Slider	Animation
Min	Max	Increment
1	20	1

Mini-Objective 2: To represent the modulus as a fractional part of q.



Note: If q = 0, then p mod q is undefined. Therefore, q must be greater than or equal to 1.

Step 3: Inside of the algebra window, define the following six points. In object settings, indicate points A and D as a fixed object

+	A = (0,0)	•
	<u>→</u> = (0,0)	
+	B = (q,0)	* *
	<u>→</u> = (1,0)	
+	C = (q, 1)	0 0
	\rightarrow = (1,1)	

$$\begin{array}{c|cccc} + & D &= & (0,1) \\ & \rightarrow &= & (0,1) \end{array} \\ \\ + & E &= & (Mod(p,q),1) \\ & \rightarrow &= & (1,1) \end{array} \\ \\ + & F &= & (Mod(p,q),0) \\ & \rightarrow &= & (1,0) \end{array}$$

Step 4: Select the Polygon tool. To represent p (mod q), select points A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D \rightarrow A. To represent q, select points A \rightarrow D \rightarrow E \rightarrow F \rightarrow A. Hide all points.



Tip: To access object setting, right-click on an object and then select settings.

Mini-Objective 3: To add some final touches.





Step 5: In graphics settings, hide the grid and y-axis. Show the x-axis in the positive direction only and have the x-axis cross at y = -0.25



Tip: To access graphics settings, right-click on the graphics window and then select, & Graphics.

Step 6: Select the Text tool to create a label that provides the value of p (mod q).

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$p \pmod{q} = \binom{Mod(p, q)}{p}$						
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Tip: To provide the value of an object, select the advanced drop-down, navigate to the objects tab and select empty box.

Step 7: Customize the appearance to your liking.

