

Using Java's REMAINDER (%) or MOD operation

MOD / REMAINDER

NUMBER % DIVISOR = REMAINDER

The second section of the **Logic-1 Basic** problems (from `isOddNumber()` onwards) use the **MOD** or **REMAINDER** operation, which uses the percent sign %.

There are actually TWO answers when you divide one number (a dividend) by another (a divisor): a QUOTIENT and a REMAINDER.

For example: 52 divided by 10 gives 5 with a remainder of 2.

In Java, we have TWO different operations for INTEGERS (not floats or doubles):

Quotient division, which uses a **FORWARD SLASH (/)**, and

Remainder division, which used the **PERCENT SIGN (%)**.

Therefore:

52 / 10 gives 5 (the QUOTIENT)

52 % 10 give 2 (the REMAINDER)

The REMAINDER operation has many uses.

1. You can test for an **EVEN number** by checking that the remainder is 0 when you divide by 2, e.g. `8 % 2 == 0`.

Therefore, given a number n, **if (n % 2 == 0), then the number is even.**

2. You can test for an **ODD number** by checking that the remainder is NOT 0 when you divide by 2, e.g. `7 % 2 != 0`

Therefore, given a number n, **if (n % 2 != 0), then the number is odd.**

NOTE: n % 2 == 1 DOES NOT WORK WITH NEGATIVE NUMBERS!

3. You can also test whether one number is a **FACTOR** of the other.

If you divide a number by a divisor and the remainder is zero, then the divisor is a factor of that number.

Therefore, if `n % 6 == 0`, then 6 is a factor of n,

and n is a multiple of 6.

Conversely if `n % 6 != 0`, then 6 is NOT a factor of n,

and n is NOT a multiple of 6.

4. Given ANY integer, you can **extract the rightmost digit**

(the digit in the 1's column) using MOD 10.

For example:

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7186 % 10 give 6
593 % 10 gives 3
14 % 10 gives 4
8 % 10 gives 8
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$n \% 10$ will extract the digit in the 1's column.

5. Given any integer, you can extract the 2nd-to-rightmost digit (the digit in the 10's column) as follows:

```
7186 / 10 % 10 gives 8
593 / 10 % 10 gives 9
25 / 10 % 10 gives 2
8 / 10 % 10 gives 0
```

$(n / 10) \% 10$ will extract the digit in the 10's column.

6. Given any integer, you can extract the digit in the 100's column as follows:

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7186 / 100 % 10 gives 1
593 / 100 % 10 gives 5
25 / 100 % 10 gives 0
8 / 100 % 10 gives 0
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$(n / 100) \% 10$ will extract the digit in the 100's column