## <span id="page-0-0"></span>Final Review

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Chinese Remainder Theorem: Solve the system of congruences.

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- $\sim$  is an equivalence relation if and only if for all a, b, c  $\in$  S we have
- (1) Reflexive:  $a \sim a$ ;
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