

# Formatif\_C\_week1

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## 1 Proof

Prove that if  $m =_{(n)} m'$  and  $p =_{(n)} p'$  then  $mp =_{(n)} m'p'$

According to the definition, we have:

$m =_{(n)} p$  if  $n|(m - p)$  (a)

So we just need to prove:  $n|mp - m'p'$

Since

$$mp - m'p' = mp - mp' + mp' - m'p'$$

$$= m(p - p') + p'(m - m')$$

because  $m =_{(n)} m'$  and  $p =_{(n)} p' \Rightarrow n|(p - p')$  and  $n|(m - m')$

$$\Rightarrow m(p - p') + p'(m - m') = mAn + p'Bn \text{ where } A, B \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\Rightarrow m(p - p') + p'(m - m') = (mA + p'B)n$$

$$\Rightarrow n|m(p - p') + p'(m - m')$$

$$\text{Since } m(p - p') + p'(m - m') = mp - m'p'$$

$$\Rightarrow n|mp - m'p'$$

$$\Rightarrow mp =_{(n)} m'p'$$