

**Problem 13a.**

Prove that for every integer  $n \geq 1$ ,  $10^n \equiv (-1)^n \pmod{11}$ .

*Proof.* (by induction):

Let  $P(n)$  be the statement “ $10^n \equiv (-1)^n \pmod{11} \forall n \in \mathbb{Z} \ni n \geq 1$ ”

$$P(n) \longrightarrow 10^n \equiv (-1)^n \pmod{11}$$

**Basis step:**  $P(1) : 10^1 \stackrel{?}{\equiv} -1^1 \pmod{11}$ . True since  $11 \mid 10 + 1$

**Inductive step:** Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni k \geq 1$ . Assume  $P(k) : 10^k \equiv (-1)^k \pmod{11}$

By definition of divisibility,  $\exists r \in \mathbb{Z} \ni 11r = 10^k - (-1)^k$  or  $11r = 10^k + 1^k$

[**NTS:**  $10^{k+1} \equiv (-1)^{k+1} \pmod{11}$  or  $11 \mid 10^{k+1} + 1^{k+1}$ ]

$$\begin{aligned} 11r &= 10^k - (-1)^k \\ 11r \cdot 10 &= 10^k \cdot 10 - (-1)^k \cdot 10 && \text{by algebra} \\ 110r &= 10^{k+1} + (-1)^{k+1} \cdot 10 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $t = 10^k - r$ .  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  $10^k, -1, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

By substitution,  $11t = 10^{k+1} - (-1)^{k+1}$  and by definition of divisibility,  $11 \mid (10^{k+1} - (-1)^{k+1})$

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