

# Student Information

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## Answer 1

According to Fermat's Little Theorem:

We begin by considering the first  $p - 1$  positive multiples of  $a$ ; that is, the integers  $a, 2a, 3a, \dots, (p - 1)a$ . None of these numbers are congruent modulo  $p$  to any other, nor is any congruent to zero. Indeed if it happened that

$r * a \equiv s * a \pmod{p}, 1 \leq r < s \leq p - 1$  then,  $r \equiv s \pmod{p}$ , which is impossible because  $r$  and  $s$  are both between 1 and  $p - 1$ . Hence, the previous set of integers must be congruent modulo  $p$  to  $1, 2, \dots, p - 1$ . Multiplying these together gives us

$$a * 2a * 3a * \dots * (p - 1) * a \equiv 1 * 2 * 3 * \dots * (p - 1) \pmod{p}$$

meaning

$$a^{p-1} * (p - 1)! \equiv (p - 1)! \pmod{p}.$$

Cancelling  $(p - 1)!$  from both sides we obtain

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}, (\text{end of the proof of theorem}).$$

When we put  $x$  instead of  $a$ , we obtain that  $y = (p-1)$  and also  $y | (p-1)$ .

## Answer 2

For this statement to be true, right-hand side expression must be equal one of the divisors of 169. Divisors of 169 are 13, 1 and 169.

Now, we should check equality:

$$1. 2n^2 + 10n - 7 = 13 \rightarrow 2n^2 + 10n - 20 = 0 \rightarrow n^2 + 5n - 10 = 0$$

$$2. 2n^2 + 10n - 7 = 1 \rightarrow 2n^2 + 10n - 8 = 0 \rightarrow n^2 + 5n - 4 = 0$$

$$3. 2n^2 + 10n - 7 = 169 \rightarrow 2n^2 + 10n - 176 = 0 \rightarrow n^2 + 5n - 88 = 0$$

None of these equations has a root that is a positive integer, so that we can say that any positive integer for  $n$  for the equation cannot divide 169.

## Answer 3

Let's say  $a \equiv b \pmod{m * n}$ , then  $a = k * m * n + b$  for some  $k$ .

When we write  $a - b = k * m * n$ , then we can obtain that  $a - b \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  since  $m$  is the divisor of the  $(a-b)$ .

Also, we can obtain  $a - b \equiv 0 \pmod{n}$  with the same idea.

All in all we prove that  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ .

## Answer 4

Let's say  $j.(j+1).(j+2)....(j+k-1)$  is the function that is  $P(j)$ .

Base Step:

Take  $n=1 \rightarrow \sum_{j=1}^1 P(j) = 1.2.3.4...k = (?)$

$$\frac{n.(n+1)..(n+k)}{k+1} = \frac{1.2..(1+k)}{k+1} \quad (\text{Cancel out } (k+1)\text{'s})$$

$$= 1.2.3.4...k \quad \text{They're equal} \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive Step:

Let's say  $\sum_{j=1}^p P(j) = \frac{p.(p+1)..(p+k)}{k+1}$  is true. We need to prove this for  $p+1$ :

$$\sum_{j=1}^{p+1} P(j) = \sum_{j=1}^p P(j) + (p+1).(p+2).(p+3)....(p+k)$$

$$= \frac{p.(p+1)..(p+k)}{k+1} + (p+1).(p+2).(p+3)....(p+k) \quad \text{From the assumption above.}$$

When we do the rational addition, we obtain  $\frac{(p+k+1).(p+1)..(p+k)}{k+1}$  and this equals:

$$\frac{(p+1).(p+2)..(p+k).(p+k+1)}{k+1} \quad \checkmark$$

End of the mathematical induction proof.

## Answer 5

Base Step:

$$n=3 : H_3 = 5H_2 + 5H_1 + 63H_0$$

$$= 5.5 + 5.3 + 63.1 = 103 < 7^3 \quad \checkmark$$

Inductive Step:

Let's say  $H_3, H_4, H_5, \dots, H_k$  is true, then we need to prove  $H_{k+1}$  is true :

$$H_{k+1} = 5H_k + 5H_{k-1} + 63H_{k-2}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \leq 5.7^k & \leq 5.7^{k-1} & \leq 63.7^{k-2} & \text{(From the assumption above)} \\ \downarrow & & \downarrow & & \downarrow \\ \leq 35.7^{k-1} + & \leq 5.7^{k-1} + & \leq 9.7^{k-1} \end{array}$$

So,

$$H_{k+1} \leq 49.7^{k-1}$$

$$H_{k+1} \leq 7^{k+1} \quad \checkmark$$