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#### Answer 1

Since p is prime and gcd(x, p) = 1, by using Fermat's Little Theorem,

$$x^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Since p and y are positive integers, by the definition,

$$p - 1 = qy + r \quad \exists q, r \in \mathbb{Z} \quad 0 \le r < y$$

Then,

$$x^{p-1} = x^{qy+r} = (x^y)^q x^r$$

If we prove that r = 0 then we can prove  $y \mid (p - 1)$ .

Since  $x^y \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  then  $(x^y)^q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . Moreover, since both  $(x^y)^q \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  and  $x^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  holds then we can conclude that  $x^r \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  from the equality we obtained. Since y is the smallest positive integer that satisfies  $x^y \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$  and according to the definition of division  $0 \le r < y$ , we can conclude that r = 0.

Thus, by the definition,  $y \mid (p-1)$ .

# Answer 2

Let's assume that  $169 \mid (2n^2 + 10n - 7), \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+, \text{ then by the definition;}$ 

$$2n^2 + 10n - 7 = 169k \qquad \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$$
 (1)

If we pass 169k to the left side of the (1),

$$2n^2 + 10n - 7 - 169k = 0 \qquad \exists n \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \quad \exists k \in \mathbb{Z}$$
 (2)

To find the  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  values that satisfy (2), we can use discriminant method since the equation in quadratic form,

$$\Delta = b^2 - 4ac = 10^2 + 8 * (7 + 169k) = 13 * (12 + 8 * 13k) \quad k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a} = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{13 * (12 + 8 * 13k)}}{4}$$
(3)

Since  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ , we can conclude that  $\Delta = 13 * (12 + 8 * 13k) \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Moreover, for  $\sqrt{\Delta}$  to be reel  $\Delta \geq 0$  and for  $\Delta = 0$   $n = -5/2 \notin \mathbb{Z}^+$ , hence we can conclude that  $\Delta = 13 * (12 + 8 * 13k) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

Then, as can be seen from (3), for n to be an integer,  $\Delta = 13 * (12 + 8 * 13k)$  must be perfect square.

According to The Fundamental Theorem Of Arithmetic, since  $\Delta = 13 * (12 + 8 * 13k) \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ,  $\Delta$  can be written uniquely in the form of  $p_1 * p_2 * ... p_i$  where  $p_i$  is a prime number and  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

Moreover, by the definition, since  $\Delta = 13*(12+8*13k)$  must be perfect square then it can be written uniquely as  $p_1^{2s_1}*p_2^{2s_2}*...p_i^{2s_i}$  where  $p_i$  is a prime number,  $i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  and  $s_i \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Since 13 is a multiplier of  $\Delta$  and is a prime number, then  $13 \mid (12+8*13k)$  must be satisfied. As can be seen that  $13 \mid (8*13k)$ , however since  $12 \not\equiv 0 \pmod{13}$ ,  $13 \nmid 12$ . Hence,  $13 \nmid (12+8*13k)$ . Since there exist no  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  that makes  $\Delta$  perfect square, there exist no arbitrarily chosen  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  that satisfies  $169 \mid (2n^2 + 10n - 7)$ . Thus, by using proof by contradiction,  $169 \nmid (2n^2 + 10n - 7)$ ,  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

### Answer 3

Since  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  and  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ , by the definition,  $m \mid (a - b)$  and  $n \mid (a - b)$ . Then, by the definition,

$$a - b = mk \qquad \exists k \in \mathbb{Z} \tag{4}$$

Since  $n \mid (a - b)$ , then  $n \mid mk$ . Also since given that gcd(m, n) = 1,  $n \nmid m$  so that  $n \mid k$ . Thus, by the definition,

$$k = nt \qquad \exists t \in \mathbb{Z}$$
 (5)

Therefore, by using (4) and (5) we can conclude that,

$$a - b = mnt$$
  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$   $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  (6)

Thus, by the definition, we can conclude from (6),

$$a \equiv b \pmod{m \times n}$$

# Answer 4

To prove the given argument, we can use Mathematical Induction Method. Let the given argument be P(n,k).

**Basis Step:** Let us show that P(1,k) is true for  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . For arbitrarily chosen  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ ;

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n=1} j(j+1)(j+2)...(j+k-1) = 1 * (1+1) * (1+2)... * (1+k-1)$$

$$= 1 * 2 * 3 * ... * k$$
(7)

Moreover,

$$\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)...(n+k)}{(k+1)} = \frac{1*2*3*..*(k+1)}{k+1} = 1*2*3*...*k$$
 (8)

From (7) and (8);

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n=1} j(j+1)(j+2)...(j+k-1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)...(n+k)}{(k+1)} = 1 * 2 * 3 * ... * k$$

Thus we proved that P(1,k) is true  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  since we proved it for an arbitrary  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

**Inductive Step:** Assume that P(n,k) is true where  $n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ . Then, let us show that P(n+1,k) is also true.

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} j(j+1)(j+2)...(j+k-1)$$

$$= \sum_{j=1}^{n} j(j+1)(j+2)...(j+k-1) + (n+1)*(n+2)*...*(n+1+k-1)$$
(9)

We assumed that P(n,k) is true, therefore we can write (9) as,

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} j(j+1)(j+2)...(j+k-1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)...(n+k)}{(k+1)} + (n+1)*(n+2)*...*(n+1+k-1)$$
(10)

If we rearrange the right side of (10);

$$\sum_{j=1}^{n+1} j(j+1)(j+2)...(j+k-1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)...(n+k) + (k+1)(n+1)(n+2)...(n+k)}{(k+1)}$$

$$= \frac{(n+1)(n+2)...(n+k)(n+k+1)}{(k+1)}$$
(11)

From (11),

$$\frac{(n+1)(n+2)...(n+k)(n+k+1)}{(k+1)} = \frac{(n+1)((n+1)+1)((n+1)+2)...((n+1)+k)}{(k+1)}$$
(12)

Thus, we proved that P(n+1,k) is also true if P(n,k) is true,  $\forall k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  since we proved it for an arbitrary  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

In conclusion, we proved that the given statement is true for all positive integers k and n, by using mathematical induction method.

# Answer 5

**Basis Step:** Since for  $H_0 = 1$ ,  $H_1 = 3$ ,  $H_2 = 5$ ,

$$H_0 \le 7^0, \qquad H_1 \le 7^1, \qquad H_2 \le 7^2$$

we can take them as our base cases.

**Inductive Step:** Let  $n \geq 3$ , assume that  $H_m \leq 7^m$  for all integer m's where  $0 \leq m < n$ . Then for  $H_n$  by our inductive hypothesis,

$$H_n = 5H_{n-1} + 5H_{n-2} + 63H_{n-3}$$

$$H_n \le 5 * 7^{n-1} + 5 * 7^{n-2} + 63 * 7^{n-3}$$

$$H_n \le 343 * 7^{n-3}$$

$$H_n \le 7^n$$

Thus, we have proved that  $H_n \leq 7^n$  holds for all  $n \geq 0$  by using strong induction method.