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Prove the following claim, using your best mathematical style and the following definition of congruence mod  $k$ :  $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$  if and only if  $a = b + nk$  for some integer  $n$ .

Claim: For all integers  $a, b, c, d$ , and  $k$  ( $k$  positive), if  $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{k}$  then  $a^2 + c \equiv b^2 + d \pmod{k}$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $a, b, c, d$ , and  $k$  be integers, with  $k$  positive. Suppose that  $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{k}$ .

By the definition of congruence mod  $k$ ,  $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$  implies that  $a = b + nk$  for some integer  $n$ . Similarly,  $c \equiv d \pmod{k}$  implies that  $c = d + mk$  for some integer  $m$ . Then we can calculate

$$a^2 + c = (b + nk)^2 + (d + mk) = b^2 + 2bnk + n^2k^2 + d + mk = b^2 + d + k(2bn + n^2k + m)$$

If we let  $p = 2bn + n^2k + m$ , then we have  $a^2 + c = (b^2 + d) + kp$ . Also,  $p$  must be an integer since  $b, n, k$ , and  $m$  are integers. So, by the definition of congruence mod  $k$ ,  $a^2 + c \equiv b^2 + d \pmod{k}$ .

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Prove the following claim, using your best mathematical style and the following definition of congruence mod  $k$ :  $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$  if and only if  $a - b = nk$  for some integer  $n$ .

Claim: For all integers  $a, b, c, d, j$  and  $k$  ( $j$  and  $k$  positive), if  $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{k}$  and  $j|k$ , then  $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{j}$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $a, b, c, d, j$  and  $k$  be integers, with  $j$  and  $k$  positive. Suppose that  $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$  and  $c \equiv d \pmod{k}$  and  $j|k$ .

By the definition of congruence mod  $k$ ,  $a \equiv b \pmod{k}$  implies that  $a - b = nk$  for some integer  $n$ . Similarly  $c \equiv d \pmod{k}$  implies that  $c - d = mk$  for some integer  $m$ . By the definition of divides,  $j|k$  implies that  $k = pj$  for some integer  $p$ .

We can then calculate

$$(a + c) - (b + d) = (a - b) + (c - d) = nk + mk = (n + m)k = (n + m)pj$$

Notice that  $(n + m)p$  is an integer, since  $n, m$ , and  $p$  are integers. So, by the definition of congruence mod  $k$ ,  $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{j}$ .

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For all integers  $a, b, p, q$  and  $k$  ( $k$  positive), if  $a \equiv b \pmod{2k}$  and  $p \equiv q \pmod{k}$ , then  $a(p+1) \equiv b(q+1) \pmod{k}$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $a, b, p, q$  and  $k$  be integers with  $k$  positive. Suppose  $a \equiv b \pmod{2k}$  and  $p \equiv q \pmod{k}$ .

By the definition of congruence mod  $k$ ,  $a \equiv b \pmod{2k}$  implies that  $a = b + n(2k)$  for some integer  $n$ . Similarly,  $p \equiv q \pmod{k}$  implies that  $p = q + mk$  for some integer  $m$ .

We can now calculate

$$\begin{aligned} a(p+1) &= (b + 2nk)(q + mk + 1) = b(q + mk + 1) + 2nk(q + mk + 1) \\ &= b(q + 1) + bmk + 2nk(q + mk + 1) = b(q + 1) + k(bm + 2n(q + mk + 1)) \end{aligned}$$

Suppose we let  $t = bm + 2n(q + mk + 1)$ . Then we have  $a(p+1) = b(q+1) + kt$ .  $t$  must be an integer, since  $m, b, n, q$  and  $k$  are all integers. So, by the definition of congruence mod  $k$ ,  $a(p+1) \equiv b(q+1) \pmod{k}$ .

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For all integers  $a, b, c, p$  and  $k$  ( $c$  positive), if  $ap \equiv b \pmod{c}$  and  $k \mid a$  and  $k \mid c$ , then  $k \mid b$ .

**Solution:**

Let  $a, b, c, p$  and  $k$  be integers, with  $c$  positive. Suppose that  $ap \equiv b \pmod{c}$  and  $k \mid a$  and  $k \mid c$ .

By the definition of congruence mod  $k$ ,  $ap \equiv b \pmod{c}$  implies that  $ap = b + nc$  for some integer  $n$ . By the definition of divides,  $k \mid a$  and  $k \mid c$  imply that  $a = ks$  and  $c = kt$  for some integers  $s$  and  $t$ .

Since  $ap = b + nc$ ,  $b = ap - nc$ . So then we have

$$b = ap - nc = ksp - nkt = k(sp - nt)$$

$sp - nt$  is an integer since  $s, p, n$ , and  $t$  are integers. So this implies that  $k \mid b$ .