

1. *A grocer orders apples and oranges at a total cost of \$8.39. If apples cost 25 cents each and oranges cost 18 cents each, how many of each type of fruit did the grocer order? Is there more than one possibility? Explain.*

Let a denote the number of ordered apples and b denote the number of ordered oranges. We are looking for a nonnegative integer solution to the equation $25a + 18b = 839$. Since $(25, 18) = 1$ and 839 is a multiple of 1, we know that infinitely many integer solutions exist, but we need to see if there is a nonnegative integer solution available.

By inspection, observe that $25 \cdot (-5) + 18 \cdot 7 = 1$. Multiply through by 839 to find that $25 \cdot (-4195) + 18 \cdot (5873) = 839$. We know that every solution to $25a + 18b = 839$ then has the form $a = -4195 + 18k$ and $b = 5873 - 25k$. To find a nonnegative solution, we need $0 \leq a = -4195 + 18k$, implying that $k \geq \frac{4195}{18} \approx 233.05$ and we need $0 \leq b = 5873 - 25k$ implying that $k \leq \frac{5873}{25} \approx 234.92$. The only way for k to satisfy these constraints (while being an integer) is if $k = 234$, implying that $a = 17$ and $b = 23$ is the only nonnegative solution to $25a + 18b = 839$. Therefore, the grocer must have ordered 17 apples and 23 bananas.

2. Define the set

$$\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z} := \{0, 1, 2, \dots, m-1\}$$

(pronounced “zee mod m zee” in America and “zed mod m zed” in some other parts of the English-speaking world). For any $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$, define $a + b$ to be the unique element in $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ which is congruent to $a + b$ (usual addition in \mathbb{Z}) modulo m . Define $a \cdot b$ to be the unique element in $\mathbb{Z}/m\mathbb{Z}$ which is congruent to ab (usual multiplication in \mathbb{Z}) modulo m .

(a) Fill out the following table of addition for $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$. In the row corresponding to a and column corresponding to b , put $a + b$. You can just fill out the table, you don't have to show work here.

+	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4	0
2	2	3	4	0	1
3	3	4	0	1	2
4	4	0	1	2	3

(b) Fill out the following table of multiplication for $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$. In the row corresponding to a and column corresponding to b , put $a \cdot b$. You can just fill out the table, you don't have to show work here.

·	0	1	2	3	4
0	0	0	0	0	0
1	0	1	2	3	4
2	0	2	4	1	3
3	0	3	1	4	2
4	0	4	3	2	1

3. Show that if $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $d \mid m$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{d}$. Show that it is not the case that if $a \equiv b \pmod{d}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{kd}$.

Suppose that $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $d \mid m$. Then there exist integers ℓ and k so that $a - b = m\ell$ and $dk = m$. Then we have $a - b = m\ell = dk\ell$, implying that $a - b$ is a multiple of d . Hence, $a \equiv b \pmod{d}$.

To see that the converse is not true, note that $2 \equiv 4 \pmod{2}$, but $2 \not\equiv 4 \pmod{4}$.

4. Suppose that $a, b, c, d, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$. Show that $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$.

Since $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, there exist $k, \ell \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $a - b = m\ell$ and $c - d = mk$. Then

$$ac - bd = a(d + mk) - bd = (a - b)d + amk = m\ell d + amk = m(\ell d + ak)$$

and hence, $ac - bd$ is a multiple of m , so $ac \equiv bd \pmod{m}$.

5. Suppose that $a, b, k, m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $k \geq 0$ and $m \geq 1$. Show that if $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, then $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{m}$. You may use the result of the previous problem even if you were unable to prove it.

We prove this by induction on k . Note that for $k = 0$, the claim is trivial since $1 \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$. Suppose that $a^{k-1} \equiv b^{k-1} \pmod{m}$. Then by the previous problem, since $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$, we can multiply the left-hand side of the congruence $a^{k-1} \equiv b^{k-1} \pmod{m}$ by a and we can multiply the right-hand side of the same congruence by b . But then $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{m}$.

Hence, by induction, $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{m}$ for all $k \geq 0$.

6. Show that, for $n \geq 0$,

$$7^n \equiv \begin{cases} 1 \pmod{100} & \text{if } n \equiv 0 \pmod{4} \\ 7 \pmod{100} & \text{if } n \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ 49 \pmod{100} & \text{if } n \equiv 2 \pmod{4} \\ 43 \pmod{100} & \text{if } n \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$

Begin by writing $n = 4q + r$ where $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $0 \leq r < 4$ using Euclidean division and observe that this implies that $n \equiv r \pmod{4}$. Then note that $7^n = (7^4)^q \cdot 7^r = 2401^q \cdot 7^r$. Since $2401 \equiv 1 \pmod{100}$, the previous problem indicates that $2401^q \equiv 1^q \equiv 1 \pmod{100}$ and hence,

$$7^n \equiv 2401^q \cdot 7^r \equiv 7^r \pmod{100}$$

Since $0 \leq r < 4$, we find that 7^n only has four possible values mod 100:

If $n \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$, then $7^n \equiv 7^0 \equiv 1 \pmod{100}$. If $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$, then $7^n \equiv 7^1 \equiv 7 \pmod{100}$. If $n \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$, then $7^n \equiv 7^2 \equiv 49 \pmod{100}$. Finally, if $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, then $7^n \equiv 7^3 \equiv 43 \pmod{100}$.