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Tens

$$9^n + 1^n = 10, \text{ for } n=1$$

$$9^n + 1^n = 730, \text{ for } n=3$$

I notice that $9^n + 1^n$ is ending in a zero for odd powers of n .

I shall prove this by induction:

$$\text{Aim } (9^n + 1^n) \% 10 = 0 \quad \forall n \% 2 = 1$$

① ~~$9^n + 1^n = 10$~~ , for $n=1$ Here, $\% 10$ = modulo ten.

$$9^n + 1^n = 730, \text{ for } n=3$$

② I assume that $(9^k + 1^k) \% 10 = 0, k \% 2 = 1$

③ $(9^{k+2} + 1^{k+2}) \% 10$

$$= (9^k 9^2 + 1^k 1^2) \% 10$$

$$= [(9^k 9^2) \% 10] + [1^k 1^2 \% 10]$$

$$= [9^2 \% 10 \times 9^k \% 10] + [1^k \% 10]$$

$$= [9 \times 9^k \% 10] + [1 \% 10]$$

$$= 9 [9^k \% 10] + [1 \% 10]$$

$$= (9^k + 1) \% 10$$

$$\text{We know that } (9^k + 1^k) \% 10 = 10$$

$$\therefore (9^k + 1) \% 10 = 0$$

QED

I notice that each of the pairs are number bonds to ten; 7&3, 9&1, 6&4, 2&8. I also notice that for even powers of n , there is a minus sign in between the two terms and for odd powers there is a plus sign.

I will prove these conjectures by using induction.

Proof

$$(6x^n + (10-x)^n) \% 10 = 0 \quad \forall n \% 2 = 1 - \text{RTP}$$

① I assume that $(6x^k + (10-x)^k) \% 10 = 0, k \% 2 = 1$

② $(6x^{k+2} + (10-x)^{k+2}) \% 10$

$$= ((6x^k \times x^2) + ((10-x)^k (10-x)^2)) \% 10$$

$$= ((6x^k \times x^2) \% 10) + (((10-x)^k (10-x)^2) \% 10)$$

$$= (6x^k \% 10) \times (x^2 \% 10) + ((10-x)^k \% 10) \times ((10-x)^2 \% 10)$$

Here, k

is any

 $\in \mathbb{Z}^+$, $x \in \{1, 2,$ $3, 4\}$

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$$\begin{aligned} & ((x^R \% 10) \times (x^2 \% 10)) + (((10-x)^R \% 10) \times ((100 \% 10) + \\ & (x^2 \% 10) + (20x \% 10))) \\ & = ((x^R \% 10) \times (x^2 \% 10)) + (((10-x)^R \% 10) \times (0 + \\ & x^2 \% 10 + 0)) \\ & = (x^2 \% 10) ((x^R \% 10) + ((10-x)^R \% 10)) \\ & = (x^2 \% 10) ((x^R + (10-x)^R) \% 10) \\ & = 0 \end{aligned}$$

QED

Proof 2

RTP: $(x^n - (10-x)^n) \% 10 = 0 \forall n \% 2 = 0$

① I assume that $(x^k - (10-x)^k) \% 10 = 0, k \% 2 = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} & ② (x^{k+2} - (10-x)^{k+2}) \% 10 \\ & = (x^k \times x^2 - ((10-x)^k (10-x)^2)) \% 10 \\ & = (x^k \times x^2) \% 10 - ((10-x)^k (10-x)^2) \% 10 \\ & = ((x^k \% 10) (x^2 \% 10)) - (((10-x)^k \% 10) ((10-x)^2 \% 10)) \\ & = ((x^k \% 10) (x^2 \% 10)) - (((10-x)^k \% 10) (100 \% 10 + \\ & (x^2 \% 10) + (20x \% 10))) \\ & = ((x^k \% 10) (x^2 \% 10)) - (((10-x)^k \% 10) (x^2 \% 10)) \\ & = (x^2 \% 10) ((x^k \% 10) - ((10-x)^k \% 10)) \\ & = (x^2 \% 10) ((x^k - (10-x)^k) \% 10) \\ & = 0 \end{aligned}$$

QED

In the above proof, I have written used that

$$\begin{aligned} & (ab+cd) \% 10 \\ & = (ab \% 10) + (cd \% 10) \\ & = ((a \% 10)(b \% 10)) + ((c \% 10)(d \% 10)) \end{aligned}$$

However, I should have written

$$\begin{aligned} & (ab+cd) \% 10 \\ & = (ab \% 10) + (cd \% 10) \\ & = (((a \% 10)(b \% 10)) \% 10) + (((c \% 10)(d \% 10)) \% 10) \\ & = [((a \% 10)(b \% 10)) + ((c \% 10)(d \% 10))] \% 10 \end{aligned}$$

However, I have already proven that the part in box is 0 and therefore it does not matter if the last % 10 is there or not.