

## Chapter 7.1, Problem 13E

### Problem

Let  $J_5 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$ , and define functions  $f: J_5 \rightarrow J_5$  and  $g: J_5 \rightarrow J_5$  as follows: For each  $x \in J_5$ ,

$$f(x) = (x + 4)^2 \pmod{5} \text{ and } g(x) = (x^2 + 3x + 1) \pmod{5}.$$

Is  $f = g$ ? Explain.

### Step-by-step solution

#### Step 1 of 2

Consider the function  $f: J_5 \rightarrow J_5$  and  $g: J_5 \rightarrow J_5$  for all  $x \in J_5$ .

Function  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  is defined as:

$$f(x) = (x + 4)^2 \pmod{5}$$

And,

$$g(x) = (x^2 + 3x + 1) \pmod{5}$$

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To prove  $f = g$ ,

#### Step 2 of 2

To compute  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  for all  $x \in J_5$ , as shown below:

$x$	$f(x) = (x+4)^2 \pmod{5}$	$g(x) = (x^2 + 3x + 1) \pmod{5}$
0	$f(0) = (4)^2 \pmod{5}$ $= 16 \pmod{5}$ $= 1$	$g(0) = (1) \pmod{5}$ $= 1$
1	$f(1) = (1+4)^2 \pmod{5}$ $= 0$	$g(1) = (1+3+1) \pmod{5}$ $= 0$
2	$f(2) = (2+4)^2 \pmod{5}$ $= 36 \pmod{5}$ $= 1$	$g(2) = (4+6+1) \pmod{5}$ $= 11 \pmod{5}$ $= 1$
3	$f(3) = (3+4)^2 \pmod{5}$ $= 49 \pmod{5}$ $= 4$	$g(3) = (9+9+1) \pmod{5}$ $= 19 \pmod{5}$ $= 4$
4	$f(4) = (4+4)^2$ $= 64 \pmod{5}$ $= 4$	$g(4) = (16+12+1) \pmod{5}$ $= 29 \pmod{5}$ $= 4$

The above table of values shows that  $f(x) = g(x)$ , for all  $x$  in  $J_5$ .

**Hence proved**