

Problem

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

$$h(x) = (x+3)^3 \bmod 5 \text{ and } k(x) = (x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x + 2) \bmod 5.$$

Is $h = k$? Explain.

Step-by-step solution

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Consider the functions, $h: J_5 \rightarrow J_5$ and $k: J_5 \rightarrow J_5$.

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Define $h(x)$ and $k(x)$ for each $x \in J_5$ as follows:

$$h(x) = (x+3)^3 \bmod 5$$

$$k(x) = (x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x + 2) \bmod 5.$$

The objective is to check whether $h = k$ or not.

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x	$h(x) = (x+3)^3 \bmod 5$	$k(x) = (x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x + 2) \bmod 5$
0	$h(0) = 3^3 \bmod 5$ $= 2$	$k(0) = 2 \bmod 5$ $= 2$
1	$h(1) = 4^3 \bmod 5$ $= 4$	$k(1) = 9 \bmod 5$ $= 4$
2	$h(2) = 125 \bmod 5$ $= 0$	$k(2) = (8 + 16 + 4 + 2) \bmod 5$ $= 30 \bmod 5$ $= 0$
3	$h(3) = 216 \bmod 5$ $= 1$	$k(3) = (27 + 36 + 6 + 2) \bmod 5$ $= 71 \bmod 5$ $= 1$
4	$h(4) = 343 \bmod 5$ $= 3$	$k(4) = (64 + 64 + 8 + 2) \bmod 5$ $= 138 \bmod 5$ $= 3$

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The above table shows that,

$$\boxed{h(x) = k(x)} \text{ for every } x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}.$$