

**Theorem 1** (Fermat's little theorem). *If  $p$  is a prime number, then for any positive integer  $n$  we have  $n^p \equiv n \pmod{p}$ .*

**Question 1.** *Let  $n$  be an integer divisible by 9. Prove that  $n^7 \equiv n \pmod{63}$ .*

*Solution.* We need to prove that  $n^7 - n$  is divisible by 63. Since  $n^7 - n = n(n^6 - 1)$  and  $n$  is divisible by 9, then  $n^7 - n$  is divisible by 9. As 7 and 9 are relatively prime, it is sufficient to prove that  $n^7 - n$  is divisible by 7. But this immediately follows from Fermat's little theorem, because 7 is a prime number.  $\square$