

## Problem 5: Prime Powers

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Let  $a$  and  $b$  integers that are not divisible by a prime  $p$ . Prove the following statements:

1. If  $a^p \equiv b^p \pmod{p}$  then  $a \equiv b \pmod{p}$
2. If  $a^p \equiv b^p \pmod{p}$  then  $a^p \equiv b^p \pmod{p^2}$

As always, show your work, fully explain and justify your answer. A solution mainly obtained by computers or calculators will not be accepted.

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Posting Date 10/23/2021. Submit solutions to Noah Aydin, Mathematics Department, RBH 319 by e-mail or hard-copy by 4 pm on Friday, Nov 5, 2021. An email submission must be a single pdf file. Hard copy submissions must be dropped in the file holder at my office door (Hayes 319) and must include a time stamp.