

1. We get the last digit of 7^{150} by finding its remainder when divided by 10:

$$7^{150} \equiv (7^2)^{75} \equiv 49^{75} \equiv (-1)^{75} = -1 \equiv 9 \pmod{10}.$$

This means that the last digit is 9.

2. We can select $x = 13$. Then $6x - 3 = 6 \cdot 13 - 3 = 78 - 3 = 75$. The following numbers are congruent with 75 modulo 17:

$$7 \equiv 24 \equiv 41 \equiv 58 \equiv 75 \equiv 92 \equiv \dots$$

3. Let us denote the first three selected numbers by s_1, s_2, s_3 . By the Division Theorem:

$$s_1 = k_1 \cdot 3 + r_1,$$

$$s_2 = k_2 \cdot 3 + r_2,$$

$$s_3 = k_3 \cdot 3 + r_3,$$

where $0 \leq r_1, r_2, r_3 < 3$. This gives that

$$s_1 + s_2 + s_3 = (k_1 + k_2 + k_3)3 + (r_1 + r_2 + r_3)$$

The only way that $s_1 + s_2 + s_3$ is divisible by 3 is when $r_1 + r_2 + r_3$ is divisible by 3. We have the following remainders:

$$71 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$76 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$80 \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$82 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$91 \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$$

This means that we must select 76, 82, 91. Note that $76 + 82$ is divisible by 2, so we can select the first 3 digits in this order.

The sum $76 + 82 + 91$ is odd, but after adding the fourth number, the sum must be even – because it must be divisible by 4. This means that next we must insert 71. Note that the sum

$$76 + 82 + 91 + 71 = 320$$

is divisible by 4. The **last** number to insert is 80.

4. We have that

$$6! = 2^4 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5,$$

which means that $6! \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$. This implies that $k! \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$ for all $6 \leq k \leq 999$. Now

$$1! = 1$$

$$2! = 2$$

$$3! = 6$$

$$4! = 24 \equiv 6 \pmod{9}$$

$$5! \equiv 5 \cdot 6 = 30 \equiv 3 \pmod{9}$$

The remainder of

$$1! + 2! + 3! + 4! + 5! + 6! + \cdots + 999!$$

divided by 9 is 0, because

$$1 + 2 + 6 + 6 + 3 = 18 \equiv 0 \pmod{9}.$$

5. Clock works “modulo 24” with respect to hours. The plane arrives to Peking at

$$18:10 + 8:30 = 26:40 \equiv 2:40 \pmod{24h}$$

Stockholm time. Because Peking time is 7 hours ahead Stockholm time, the time in Peking is

$$2:40 + 7 \text{ hours} = 9:40.$$

6. Let a , b and $c > 0$ be integers such that $a \equiv b \pmod{c}$. This means that there are s , t , and $0 \leq r < c$ such that

$$a = sc + r \quad \text{and} \quad b = tc + r.$$

Then

$$a^2 = (sc + r)^2 = s^2c^2 + 2scr + r^2 = c(s^2c + 2sr) + r^2.$$

Similarly,

$$b^2 = (tc + r)^2 = t^2c^2 + 2tcr + r^2 = c(t^2c + 2tr) + r^2.$$

This means that $a^2 \equiv b^2 \pmod{c}$. By repeating this, we have that $a^n \equiv b^n \pmod{c}$ for all $n \geq 1$.

Because $2 \equiv 9 \pmod{7}$, we have $2^n \equiv 9^n \pmod{7}$. This implies that

$$2^n + 6 \cdot 9^n \equiv 9^n + 6 \cdot 9^n \equiv 7 \cdot 9^n \equiv 0 \pmod{7}.$$