

A Trivial Note Concerning p And $n!$, Where p Is Prime $\geq n + 1$ And n Is An Integer ≥ 1 .

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Abstract. We show that if n is an integer ≥ 1 and if p is a prime $\geq n + 1$, then for every integer k such that $1 \leq k \leq n$, p does not divide $k!$; where $k! = 1 \times \dots \times k$; in particular, if p is a prime $\geq n + 1$, then the greatest common divisor of p and $n!$ is 1 and therefore p does not divide $n!$.

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1. The proof of stated result.

We recall that if n is an integer ≥ 1 , then $n!$ is defined as follow:

$$n! = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1, \\ 2 & \text{if } n = 2, \\ 1 \times 2 \times \dots \times n & \text{if } n \geq 3. \end{cases}$$

Theorem 1.1. *Let n is an integer ≥ 1 and let p be a prime $\geq n + 1$. Then for every integer k such that $1 \leq k \leq n$, p does not divide $k!$.*

Corollary 1.2. *Let n is an integer ≥ 1 and let p be a prime $\geq n + 1$. Then the greatest common divisor of p and $n!$ is 1 (in particular, p does not divide $n!$).*

Proof. Immediate, and follows immediately by using Theorem 1.1. \square

Now, to prove simply Theorem 1.1, we use the fundamental Theorem of Euclide.

Theorem 1.3 (Euclide). *Let a, b and c , be integers such that $a \geq 1, b \geq 1$ and $c \geq 1$. If a divides bc and if the greatest common divisor of a and b is 1, then a divides c . \square*

Proof of Theorem 1.1. Otherwise [we reason by reduction to absurd], let k be a minimum counter-example to Theorem 1.1, clearly $k > 3$. It is immediate that the greatest common divisor of p and k is 1 [since p is prime $\geq n + 1 \geq k + 1$ (use the hypotheses) and since k is an integer > 3 (by the previous)]; now using the previous and Theorem 1.3, then we immediately deduce that p divides $(k - 1)!$ [since $k > 3$ and p divides $k!$ and the greatest common divisor of p and k is 1]. This contradicts the minimality of k . \square

Epilogue. Using Theorem 1.1, then it becomes natural and not surprising to conjecture (see [1]):

Conjecture. *Let n be an integer ≥ 4 . If $n + 1$ does not divide $n!$ and if $n + 3$ does not divide $n!$, then $n + 5$ divides $(n + 4)!$.*

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