1.12B

Prove that for all $n \ge 2$, $n^3 - n$ is divisible by 6. Proof by Mathematical Induction: **Base Case: Let** n = 2: $2^3 - 2 = 6$, and 6|6.

Inductive Hypothesis: For all n up to and including n = k, let $6|k^3 - k$.

Expand the expression $k^3 - k$ to $k \cdot (k+1) \cdot (k-1)$ By 1.12A, we know that $k^2 + k$, which is equivalent to $k \cdot (k+1)$, is even. Thus, $k^2 + k = 2l$ for some $l \in \mathbb{Z}$ by the definition of an even number.

Inductive step: now consider the case of n = k + 1

 $\begin{array}{l} n^3-n \ \mathrm{becomes}\ (k+1)^3-(k-1)\\ (k+1)^3-(k-1)=k^3+2k^2+k+k^2+2k+1-k-1\\ \mathrm{After\ combining\ like\ terms\ and\ grouping,\ the\ expression\ can\ be\ rewritten\ as\ the\ following:}\\ (k^3-k)+(3k^2+3k)\\ 3k^2+3k=3\cdot(k(k+1))\\ \mathrm{By\ the\ inductive\ hypothesis,\ we\ know\ that\ k(k+1)=2l\ for\ some\ l\in\mathbb{Z}\\ \mathrm{So,\ }(3k^2+3k)\ can\ be\ written\ as\ 6l\ for\ some\ l\in\mathbb{Z}\\ \mathrm{Thus,\ }(k^3-k)+(3k^2+3k)\ can\ be\ rewritten\ as\ (k^3-k)+6l\ for\ some\ l\in\mathbb{Z}\\ \mathrm{By\ the\ Inductive\ Hypothesis,\ we\ also\ know\ that\ 6|(k^3-k)\\ \mathrm{By\ the\ definition\ of\ divisibility,\ this\ means\ k^3-k=6m\ for\ some\ m\in\mathbb{Z}\\ \mathrm{Thus,\ }(k^3-k)+6l\ can\ be\ rewritten\ as\ 6m+6l\ for\ some\ l,m\in\mathbb{Z}\\ \mathrm{Factoring\ out\ the\ 6\ yields\ the\ expression\ 6\cdot(m+l)\ for\ some\ l,m\in\mathbb{Z}\\ \end{array}$

Since $(m+l) \in \mathbb{Z}$, $n^3 - n$ is divisible by 6 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ by the principle of mathematical induction.

1.23A

Prove $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$. Let $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ Let $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$ Let a, b, c, d, $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ with m > 0By 1.22, since $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, m|a - b and m|c - dSo: a - b = mx for some $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ and c - d = my for some $y \in \mathbb{Z}$ Thus, a = b + mx and c = d + my for some $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ Adding a + c yields the following expression: a + c = b + mx + d + mySubtracting (b+d) from both sides yields the following expression: (a+c) - (b+d) = mx + myThis can be rewritten as: (a+c) - (b+d) = m(x+y)Since $x + y \in \mathbb{Z}$, m|(a + c) - (b + d)Since m|(a+c) - (b+d), we know that $a+c \equiv b+d \pmod{m}$ by 1.22.

If $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ and $c \equiv d \pmod{m}$, then $a + c \equiv b + d \pmod{m}$