

## 2.1 The Division Algorithm

Note Title

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1.  $a, b$  integers,  $b > 0$ ,  $\exists$  unique  $q, r$  s.t.  
 $a = qb + r$ ,  $2b \leq r < 3b$

Pf: By Division Alg.,  $\exists$  unique  $q', r'$ , s.t.

$$a = q'b + r', \quad 0 \leq r' < b$$

$$\therefore a = q'b + r' + 2b - 2b = (q' - 2)b + r' + 2b$$

Let  $q = q' - 2$ ,  $r = r' + 2b$ .  $\therefore r, q$  unique

Since  $0 \leq r' < b$ , Then

$$2b \leq r' + 2b < b + 2b, \text{ or } 2b \leq r < 3b$$

2. If  $a = 6k + 5$ , then for some  $j$ ,  $a = 3j + 2$

Pf:  $a = 6k + 5 = 3 \cdot 2k + 3 + 2 = 3(2k + 1) + 2$

Let  $j = 2k + 1$ . Conversely, if  $a = 8 = 3(2) + 2$ ,  
 $8 = 6(1) + 2$ , 1 and 2 are unique, so  $8 \neq 6k + 5$ .

3. a. If  $a$  is an integer, Then  $a^2 = 3k$  or  $a^2 = 3k + 1$

Pf: By Division Algorithm,  $\exists$  a  $q$  s.t.

$$a = 3q \text{ or } a = 3q+1 \text{ or } a = 3q+2$$

$$a = 3q: \therefore a^2 = 9q^2 = 3(3q^2). \text{ Let } k = 3q^2$$

$$a = 3q+1: \therefore a^2 = 9q^2 + 6q + 1 = 3(3q^2 + 2q) + 1 \\ \text{Let } k = 3q^2 + 2q$$

$$a = 3q+2: \therefore a^2 = 9q^2 + 6q + 4 = 9q^2 + 6q + 3 + 1 \\ = 3(3q^2 + 2q + 1) + 1 \\ \text{Let } k = 3q^2 + 2q + 1$$

6. If  $a$  an integer, Then  $a^3 = 9k$ , or  $9k+1$ , or  $9k+8$

PF: Let  $a = 3q + r$ ,  $r = 0, 1, 2$

$$(3q)^3 = 27q^3 = 9(3q^3) = 9k$$

$$(3q+1)^3 = \binom{3}{0}(3q)^3 + \binom{3}{1}(3q)^2 + \binom{3}{2}3q + \binom{3}{3} \\ = 27q^3 + 27q^2 + 9q + 1 \\ = 9(3q^3 + 3q^2 + q) + 1 = 9k + 1$$

$$(3q+2)^3 = \binom{3}{0}(3q)^3 + \binom{3}{1}(3q)^2 \cdot 2 + \binom{3}{2}(3q)2^2 + \binom{3}{3}2^3 \\ = 27q^3 + 54q^2 + 36q + 8 \\ = 9(3q^3 + 6q^2 + 4q) + 8 = 9k + 8$$

C. If  $n$  an integer, Then  $n^4 = 5k$  or  $5k+1$

Pf: Let  $n = 5q + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 5$

Consider  $n^4 = (5q + r)^4$

From binomial expansion, each term is a factor of 5 except last term:

$$\binom{4}{0}(5q)^4 + \binom{4}{1}(5q)^3 r + \binom{4}{2}(5q)^2 r^2 + \binom{4}{3}(5q)r^3 + r^4$$

$r=0$ , Then  $r^4=0$ , and  $n^4=5k$  as all other terms have 5 as a factor

$r=1$ , Then clearly  $n^4=5k+1$

$r=2$ , Then  $r^4=16=15+1$ , so all terms and 15 have 5 as a factor, so again,  $n^4=5k+1$

$r=3$ , Then  $r^4=81=80+1$ , and  $80=5 \cdot 16$ , so, again,  $n^4=5k+1$

4. Prove  $3a^2-1$  is never a perfect square.

Pf: Suppose  $3a^2-1=n^2$ , some  $n$ . By 3(a),  $3a^2-1=3k+1$

or  $3a^2 - 1 = 3k$ .  $\therefore 3(a^2 - k) = 2$  or  $3(a^2 - k) = 1$ , each impossible, since by Div. Alg.,  $2 = 3 \cdot 0 + 2$  and  $1 = 3 \cdot 0 + 1$ .

5. For  $n \geq 1$ , prove  $\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  is an integer.

Pf:  $n = 6k + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 6$ . Let  $A = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

$r=0$ : Then  $A = k(6k+1)(12k+1)$ , an integer

$r=1$ :  $A = \frac{(6k+1)(6k+2)(12k+3)}{6}$

$$= \frac{(6k+1)(72k^2 + 42k + 6)}{6}$$

$$= (6k+1)(12k^2 + 7k + 1), \text{ an integer}$$

$r=2$ :  $A = \frac{(6k+2)(6k+3)(12k+5)}{6}$

$$= \frac{(36k^2 + 30k + 6)(12k+5)}{6}$$

$$= (6k^2 + 5k + 1)(12k+5), \text{ an integer}$$

$r=3$ :  $A = \frac{(6k+3)(6k+4)(12k+7)}{6}$

$$= \frac{(36k^2 + 42k + 12)(12k+7)}{6}$$

$$= (6k^2 + 7k + 2)(12k+7), \text{ an int.}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r=4: A &= \overbrace{(6k+4)(6k+5)(12k+9)}^6 \\
 &= \overbrace{(72k^2 + 102k + 36)}^6 (6k+5) \\
 &= (12k^2 + 17k + 6)(6k+5), \text{ an int.}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r=5: A &= \overbrace{(6k+5)(6k+6)(12k+11)}^6 \\
 &= \overbrace{(36k^2 + 66k + 30)}^6 (12k+11) \\
 &= (6k^2 + 11k + 5)(12k+11), \text{ an int.}
 \end{aligned}$$

6. If  $A$  an integer, then  $A^3 = 7k$  or  $7k \pm 1$ , some  $k$ .

Pf:  $A = 7q + r, 0 \leq r < 7$

$$r=0: A^3 = 7^3 q^3 = 7(7^2 q^3). \text{ Let } k = 7^2 q^3$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r=1: A^3 &= (7q+1)^3 = \binom{3}{0}(7q)^3 + \binom{3}{1}(7q)^2 + \binom{3}{2}(7q) + 1 \\
 &= 7(7^2 q^3 + 3 \cdot 7q^2 + 3q) + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r=2: A^3 &= (7q+2)^3 = \binom{3}{0}(7q)^3 + \binom{3}{1}(7q)^2 + \binom{3}{2}(7q) + 2^3 \\
 &= 7[\dots] + 8 = 7[\dots] + 7 + 1 \\
 &= 7[\dots + 1] + 1
 \end{aligned}$$

$$r=3: A^3 = (7q+3)^3 = \binom{3}{0}(7q)^3 + \binom{3}{1}(7q)^2 \cdot 3 + \binom{3}{2}(7q) \cdot 3^2 + 3^3$$

$$= 7[\dots] + 28 - 1 = 7[\dots + 4] - 1$$

$$r=4: A^3 = (7q+4)^3. \text{ Last term is } 4^3 = 64 = 7 \cdot 9 + 1$$

$$\text{So, } A^3 = 7[\dots + 9] + 1$$

$$r=5: A^3 = (7q+5)^3. \text{ Last term } = 5^3 = 125 = 7 \cdot 18 - 1$$

$$\text{So, } A^3 = 7[\dots + 18] - 1$$

$$r=6: A^3 = (7q+6)^3. \text{ Last term } = 6^3 = 216 = 31 \cdot 7 - 1$$

$$\therefore A^3 = 7[\dots + 31] - 1$$

7. For  $a, b$  s.t.  $b \neq 0$ ,  $\exists$  unique  $q, r$  s.t.

$$a = qb + r \text{ and } -\frac{1}{2}|b| < r \leq \frac{1}{2}|b|$$

Pf.: Break up  $0 < |b|$  into  $0 < \frac{1}{2}|b|$  and  $\frac{1}{2}|b| < |b|$

$\exists$  unique  $q', r'$  s.t.  $a = bq' + r'$ ,  $0 \leq r' < |b|$

If  $0 \leq r' \leq \frac{1}{2}|b|$ , let  $r = r'$ ,  $q = q'$

If  $\frac{1}{2}|b| < r' < |b|$ , Then  $-\frac{1}{2}|b| < r' - |b| < 0$

$$\therefore a = bq' + r' - |b| + |b|$$

If  $b \geq 0$ , Then  $a = b(q'+1) + r' - |b|$ , so  
let  $r = r' - |b|$ ,  $q = q' + 1$

If  $b < 0$ , Then  $|b| = -b$ , so  $a = bq' + r' - |b| - b$   
 $a = b(q'-1) + r' - |b|$ , so  
let  $q = q' - 1$ ,  $r = r' - |b|$

8. None of integers in below sequence is a perfect square:  
11, 111, 1111, 11111, ...

Pf: Any number in sequence can be written as

$$A = 11 + 100 + 1000 + \dots = 11 + \sum_{i=2}^n 10^i$$

Each term of  $\sum_{i=2}^n 10^i$  is divisible by 4.

So,  $A_i = 11 + 4r_i = 4(r+2) + 3$ , for certain  $r_i$ .

e.g.,  $11 = 4(2+2) + 3$ ,  $111 = 4(25+2) + 3$

So  $A_i = 4r_i' + 3$ . By Div. Alg.,  $r_i'$  and 3 are unique.

Suppose  $A_i = s^2$ . Let  $s = 4q + r$

$r \neq 0$ , as  $s^2 = 16q^2 = 4(4q^2)$ , which is not of  $4r_i' + 3$  form.

$r \neq 1$ :  $s^2 = 16q^2 + 8q + 1 = 4(4q^2 + 2q) + 1$   
and so not of  $4r_i' + 3$  form

$r \neq 2$ :  $s^2 = 16q^2 + 16q + 4 = 4(4q^2 + 4q + 1)$ ,  
and so not of  $4r_i' + 3$  form.

$r \neq 3$ :  $s^2 = 16q^2 + 24q + 9 = 4(4q^2 + 6q + 2) + 1$ ,  
and so not of form  $4r_i' + 3$  form.

$\therefore$  There is no  $s$  s.t.  $s^2 = 4r_i' + 3$ .

$\therefore$  All  $A_i$  are not perfect squares.

9. If integer  $A = r^2 = s^3$  for some  $r, s$ , then  $A = 7k$  or  $A = 7k + 1$  for some  $k$ .

Pf: Let  $s = 7k + b$ ,  $0 \leq b < 7$



From #6 above  $s^3 = 7k_i$  if  $\delta = 0$   
 $s^3 = 7k_i + 1$  if  $\delta = 1, 2, 4$   
 $s^3 = 7k_i - 1$  if  $\delta = 3, 5, 6$   
 for some  $k_i$  ( $i=0, 1, 2, \dots, 6$ )

Or,  $s^3 = 7k_i$  if  $\delta = 0$   
 $s^3 = 7k_i + 1$  if  $\delta = 1, 2, 4$   
 $s^3 = 7k_i + 6$  if  $\delta = 3, 5, 6$ ,  
 for some  $k_0, k_1, k_2, k_4, k_3, k_5, k_6$

Now look at  $A = r^2$

Let  $r = 7c + d$ ,  $0 \leq d < 7$

$d=0$  :  $r^2 = 7(7c^2) = s^3 = 7k_0$

$d=1$  :  $r^2 = 49c^2 + 14c + 1 = 7(7c^2 + 2c) + 1 = s^3 = 7k_1 + 1$

$d=2$  :  $r^2 = 49c^2 + 28c + 4 = 7(7c^2 + 4c) + 4$

$d=3$  :  $r^2$  last term = 9 = 7 + 2  
 so  $r^2 = 7k + 2$

$d=4$  :  $r^2$  last term = 16 = 14 + 2,  
 so  $r^2 = 7k + 2$

$d=5$  :  $r^2$  last term = 25 = 21 + 4  
 so  $r^2 = 7k + 4$

$d=6$  :  $r^2$  last term = 36 = 35 + 1,  
 so  $r^2 = 7k + 1$

Thus,  $r^2$  of form:  $7k, 7k+1, 7k+2, 7k+4$

$s^3$  of form  $7k, 7k+1, \text{ or } 7k+6$

By uniqueness part of Div. Algorithm,

$A$  must be either of form  $7k$  or  $7k+1$

10. For  $n \geq 1$ , show  $n(7n^2+5)$  is of form  $6k$

Pf: Let  $n = 6k + r$ ,  $0 \leq r < 6$ . Let  $A = n(7n^2+5)$

$$r=0: A = 6k(7(6k)^2+5) = 6[ \quad ]$$

$$\begin{aligned} r=1: A &= (6k+1)(7(6k+1)^2+5) \\ &= 7(6k+1)^3 + 30k + 5 \\ &= 7[6(\dots) + 1] + 30k + 5 \\ &= 6 \cdot 7(\dots) + 7 + 6 \cdot 5k + 5 \\ &= 6[7(\dots) + 5k] + 12 \\ &= 6[7(\dots) + 5k + 2] = 6k' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} r=2: A &= (6k+2)(7(6k+2)^2+5) \\ &= 7(6k+2)^3 + 30k + 10 \\ &= 7[6(\dots) + 8] + 30k + 10 \\ &= 6 \cdot 7(\dots) + 56 + 6 \cdot 5k + 10 \\ &= 6[7(\dots) + 5k + 11] = 6k' \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r=3: A &= (6k+3)(7(6k+3)^2 + 5) \\
 &= 7(6(\dots) + 27) + 6 \cdot 5k + 15 \\
 &= 6 \cdot 7(\dots) + 6 \cdot 5k + 7 \cdot 27 + 15 \\
 &= 6[7(\dots) + 5k + 34] = 6k'
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r=4: A &= (6k+4)(7(6k+4)^2 + 5) \\
 &= 7[6(\dots) + 64] + 6 \cdot 5k + 20 \\
 &= 6 \cdot 7(\dots) + 6 \cdot 5k + 7 \cdot 64 + 20 \\
 &= 6[7(\dots) + 5k + 78] = 6k'
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 r=5: A &= (6k+5)(7(6k+5)^2 + 5) \\
 &= 7[6(\dots) + 125] + 6 \cdot 5k + 25 \\
 &= 6 \cdot 7(\dots) + 6 \cdot 5k + 7 \cdot 125 + 25 \\
 &= 6[7(\dots) + 5k + 150] = 6k'
 \end{aligned}$$

11. If  $n$  is odd, show  $n^4 + 4n^2 + 11$  is of form  $6k$ .

Pf: Let  $n = 2k + 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 n^4 + 4n^2 + 11 &= (n^2 + 2)^2 + 7 \\
 &= [(2k+1)^2 + 2]^2 + 7 \\
 &= [4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 2]^2 + 7
 \end{aligned}$$

$$= (4k^2 + 4k + 3)^2 + 7$$

$$= 16k^4 + 16k^3 + 12k^2 + 16k^3 + 16k^2 + 12k + 12k^2 + 12k + 9 + 7$$

$$= 16k^4 + 32k^3 + 40k^2 + 24k + 16$$

$$k = 2q \text{ or } 2q + 1$$

$$k = 2q: 16(2q)^4 + 32(2q)^3 + 40(2q)^2 + 24(2q) + 16$$

$$= 16 \left[ (2q)^4 + 2(2q)^3 + 10q^2 + 3q + 1 \right]$$

$$= 16x$$

$$k = 2q + 1: 16(2q + 1)^4 + 32(2q + 1)^3 + 40(2q + 1)^2 + 24(2q + 1) + 16$$

$$= 16(\quad)^4 + 32(\quad)^3 + 160q^2 + 160q + 40 + 48q + 24 + 16$$

$$= 16 \left[ (\quad)^4 + 2(\quad)^3 + 10q^2 + 10q + 3q + 4 + 1 \right]$$

$$= 16x$$