

Theorem: The sum of any five consecutive integers is divisible by 5 (without remainder) or:

$$(\exists p \in \mathbb{N}) f(n) = \sum_{i=n}^{n+4} i = 5 \cdot p$$

Proof: By induction.

Assume $n = 0$:

$$f(n) = \sum_{i=n}^{n+4} i = 0 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10 = 5 \cdot 2$$

So the identity is valid for $f(0)$, where $p = 2$.

Then we assume $f(n)$ and we deduce $f(n+1)$:

First we extract the last iteration, where the first digit, n , will be removed from the beginning of the sequence, and another digit will be added in at the end ($n+5$), since there must be 5 consecutive digits:

$$f(n+1) = \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+5} i = \sum_{i=n}^{n+4} i + (n+5) - n$$

Using the induction hypothesis, we know the previous sum is a multiple of 5 some number p :

$$f(n+1) = \sum_{i=n+1}^{n+5} i = 5p + (n+5) - n$$

Simplified:

$$f(m+1, n+1) = \sum_{i=m+1}^{n+1} i = 5p + 5 = 5(p+1)$$

This is the identity for $n+1$. Hence, by induction, the theorem is proved.