

Exercise 5

Theorem: For any integer  $n$ , at least one of  $n$ ,  $n + 2$  or  $n + 4$  is divisible by 3.

Proof: We proof this with the division theorem. The division theorem states, that every natural number can be expressed as  $n = ab + r$ , with  $a, r \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \leq r < a$ . Since  $a = 3$  there are three possible cases, that describes any natural number.

$$3b, 3b + 1, 3b + 2$$

First case ( $n = 3b$ ):

$$3/3b \vee 3/3b + 2 \vee 3/3b + 4$$

$$True \vee False \vee False = True$$

Second case ( $n = 3b + 1$ ):

$$3/3b + 1 \vee 3/3b + 1 + 2 \vee 3/3b + 1 + 4$$

$$False \vee True \vee False = True$$

Third case ( $n = 3b + 2$ ):

$$3/3b + 1 \vee 3/3b + 2 + 2 \vee 3/3b + 2 + 4$$

$$False \vee False \vee True = True$$

Since for every of the three cases one of  $n$ ,  $n + 2$ ,  $n + 4$  is true. Hence the theorem is true.