

$\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, d \in \mathbb{N}^{\geq 1}, \exists! q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $n = dq + r$ & $0 \leq r < d$

Proof

- Let $n \in \mathbb{Z}, d \in \mathbb{N}^{\geq 1}$ and set

$$S = \{n - dk : n - dk \in \mathbb{N} \wedge k \in \mathbb{Z}\}$$

- Claim $|S| \geq 1$

- If $n \geq 0$, then $n = n - d \cdot 0 \in \mathbb{N}$, so $n \in S$
- Else $n < 0, n - nd = n(1 - d) \geq 0$
 - * Because $d \geq 1 \Leftrightarrow 0 \geq 1 - d$, and $n < 0$
 - * So $n - nd \in S$

- By the principle of well ordering there is a least element $r \in S$ and therefore we have $q \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $r = n - dq \Leftrightarrow n = r + dq$ (α)

- One must show that $r < d$

- But if $r \geq d$ (β), then $n - d(q + 1) = n - dq - d \stackrel{\beta}{=} r - d \stackrel{\beta}{\geq} 0$
- Then $n - d(q + 1) \in S$, but $n - d(q + 1) < n - dq = r$, so then r would not have been the smallest element in S
- That is a contradiction, therefore $r < d$

Uniqueness

- Note without assumption on $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ by the above prove we get $q_1, r_1, q_2, r_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $n = dq_1 + r_1$ and $n = dq_2 + r_2$, then we obtain:

$$r_1 - r_2 = d(q_1 - q_2)$$

- so $q \mid (r_1 - r_2)$, then since $0 \leq r_1, r_2 < d$ then we know that

$$-d < r_1 - r_2 < d$$

- But since $d \mid r_1 - r_2$ then $r_1 - r_2 = 0$ and we get $r_1 = r_2$, if that's the case then $d(q_1 - q_2) = 0$ but $d > 0$ so similarly we have $q_1 = q_2$