

## Problem 15

Prove by mathematical induction.

$n(n^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6, for each integer  $n \geq 0$ .

*Proof.* (by induction)

Let the property  $P(n)$  be the sentence “ $n(n^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6”.

$P(n) \longrightarrow n(n^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6.

**Base case;**  $P(0)$ : “ $0(0^0 + 5)$  is divisible by 6”. True,  $6 \mid 0$  since  $6 \cdot 0 = 0$ .

**Inductive hypothesis:** Let  $k \in \mathbb{Z} \ni k \geq 0$ . Assume  $P(k)$ , that is  $6 \mid k(k^2 + 5)$ . Then  $\exists r \in \mathbb{Z} \ni 6r = k(k^2 + 5)$  or  $6r = k^3 + 5$  by definition of divisibility.

[**NTS:**  $6 \mid (k + 1)((k + 1)^2 + 5)$  ]

$$\begin{aligned}
 (k + 1)((k + 1)^2 + 5) &= (k + 1)(k^2 + 2k + 1 + 5) && \text{by algebra} \\
 &= k(k^2 + 2k + 5 + 1) + 1(k^2 + 2k + 6) \\
 &= k^3 + 5k + 2k^2 + k + k^2 + 2k + 6 \\
 &= 6r + 3k^2 + 3k + 6 && \text{by substitution} \\
 &= 6r + 6 + 3k(k + 1) && \text{by algebra}
 \end{aligned}$$

$k(k + 1)$  are consecutive integers, and by the Parity Property (Theorem 4.5.2)  $k$  and  $k + 1$  have opposite parity. Multiplying an odd and an even integer results in an even integer by Theorem 4.3.3. We let  $S = k(k + 1) \ni S$  is even and by definition of even  $\exists a \in \mathbb{Z} \ni S = 2a$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 6r + 6 + 3 \cdot 2a \\
 &= 6(r + 1 + a)
 \end{aligned}$$

Let  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$  since  $r, 1, a \in \mathbb{Z}$  by closure of the integers under sums.

$6t = k(k^2 + 5)$  by substitution, where  $t \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

Therefore  $6 \mid k(k^2 + 5)$  by definition of divisibility.

