

# MA1100 Homework 4

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**Q 1. (a)** Show that for any  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $a \mid b$  and  $c \mid d$ , then  $ac \mid bd$ .

*Proof.*

1. For any  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $a \mid b$  and  $c \mid d$ , then the following holds,

$$\exists k_1 \in \mathbb{N}. a \cdot k_1 = b$$

$$\exists k_2 \in \mathbb{N}. c \cdot k_2 = d$$

2. then  $bd = (ak_1) \cdot (ck_2) = (ac) \cdot (k_1k_2)$ , so  $ac \mid bd$ . □

**(b)** Show that for any  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $c > 0$ , if  $ac \mid bc$ , then  $a \mid b$ .

*Proof.*

1. For any  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $c > 0$ , if  $ac \mid bc$ , then

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{N}. ac \cdot k = bc$$

2. Since  $c \neq 0$ , by cancellation property of  $\cdot$ ,  $ak = b$ , so  $a \mid b$ . □

**Q 2.** Show that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the product  $n(n^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6.

*Proof.*

1. Consider the following subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ ,

$$S := \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : 6 \mid n(n^2 + 5) \}$$

2. Then  $0 \in S$ , because  $6 \cdot 0 = 0 = 0(0^2 + 5)$  so  $6 \mid 0(0^2 + 5)$ .

3. For any  $n \in S$ ,  $6 \mid n(n^2 + 5)$  so  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}. 6 \cdot k = n(n^2 + 5)$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} (n+1)((n+1)^2 + 5) &= (n+1)(n^2 + 2n + 6) \\ &= n^3 + 2n^2 + 6n + n^2 + 2n + 6 \\ &= n^3 + 3n^2 + 8n + 6 \\ &= n^3 + 5n + 3n^2 + 3n + 6 \\ &= n(n^2 + 5) + 3 \cdot n(n+1) + 6 \\ (n+1)((n+1)^2 + 5) &= 6k + 3 \cdot n(n+1) + 6 \end{aligned} \tag{2.1}$$

**Known Result.**  $n \in S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is even or odd.

(1). Case  $n$  is even, so  $\exists l_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $n = 2l_1$ , then (2.1) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}(n+1)((n+1)^2+5) &= 6k + 3 \cdot (2l_1)(n+1) + 6 \\ &= 6k + 6 \cdot l_1(n+1) + 6 \\ &= 6(k + l_1(n+1) + 1)\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $6 \mid (n+1)((n+1)^2+5)$  and  $n+1 \in S$ .

(2). Case  $n$  is odd, so  $\exists l_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $n = 2l_2 + 1$ , then (2.1) can be rewritten as

$$\begin{aligned}(n+1)((n+1)^2+5) &= 6k + 3 \cdot n(2l_2 + 1 + 1) + 6 \\ &= 6k + 6 \cdot n(l_2 + 1) + 6 \\ &= 6(k + n(l_2 + 1) + 1)\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $6 \mid (n+1)((n+1)^2+5)$  and  $n+1 \in S$ .

4. Therefore by induction,  $S = \mathbb{N}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n(n^2+5)$  is divisible by 6. □

**Q 3.** Show that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the number  $3n^7 + 7n^3 + 11n$  is divisible by 21.

*Proof.*

1. Consider the subset  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$S := \{ n \in \mathbb{N} : 21 \mid 3n^7 + 7n^3 + 11n \}$$

2. Then  $0 \in S$ , because  $21 \cdot 0 = 0 = 3 \cdot 0^7 + 7 \cdot 0^3 + 11 \cdot 0$ , which means  $21 \mid 3 \cdot 0^7 + 7 \cdot 0^3 + 11 \cdot 0$ .

3. For any  $n \in S$ ,  $21 \mid 3n^7 + 7n^3 + 11n$ , so  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $21 \cdot k = 3n^7 + 7n^3 + 11n$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}& 3(n+1)^7 + 7(n+1)^3 + 11(n+1) \\ &= 3(n^7 + 7n^6 + 21n^5 + 35n^4 + 35n^3 + 21n^2 + 7n + 1) \\ &\quad + 7(n^3 + 3n^2 + 3n + 1) + 11n + 11 \\ &= 3n^7 + 21n^6 + 63n^5 + 105n^4 + 105n^3 + 63n^2 + 21n + 3 \\ &\quad + 7n^3 + 21n^2 + 21n + 7 + 11n + 11 \\ &= 3n^7 + 21n^6 + 63n^5 + 105n^4 + 105n^3 + 84n^2 + 42n + 21 + 7n^3 + 11n \\ &= 21k + 21n^6 + (21 \cdot 3)n^5 + (21 \cdot 5)n^4 + (21 \cdot 5)n^3 + (21 \cdot 4)n^2 + (21 \cdot 2)n + 21 \\ &= 21(k + n^6 + 3n^5 + 5n^4 + 5n^3 + 4n^2 + 2n + 1)\end{aligned}$$

Hence  $21 \mid 3(n+1)^7 + 7(n+1)^3 + 11(n+1)$ ,  $n+1 \in S$ .

4. Therefore by induction,  $S = \mathbb{N}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $3n^7 + 7n^3 + 11n$  is divisible by 21. □

**Q 4.** Show that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n^2 + 2$  is not divisible by 4.

*Proof.*

1. *Base cases.*

$$0^2 + 2 = 2 = 4 \cdot 0 + 2 \implies 4 \nmid 2$$

$$1^2 + 2 = 3 = 4 \cdot 0 + 3 \implies 4 \nmid 3$$

2. *Induction step.* For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $4 \nmid n^2 + 2$ ,

$$\exists q \in \mathbb{N}, r \in \{1, 2, 3\} . n^2 + 2 = 4 \cdot q + r$$

then  $4 \nmid (n + 2)^2 + 2$ , because

$$\begin{aligned} (n + 2)^2 + 2 &= n^2 + 4n + 4 + 2 \\ &= 4q + r + 4n + 4 \\ &= 4q + 4n + 4 + r \\ &= 4(q + n + 1) + r \end{aligned}$$

3. Since  $q + n + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , by division algorithm  $4 \nmid (n + 2)^2 + 2$ .

4. Therefore by induction,  $n^2 + 2$  is not divisible by 4 for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . □

**Q 5.** Show that if  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  are odd natural numbers, then  $m^2 + n^2$  is even but not divisible by 4.

*Proof.*

1.  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  are odd, so  $\exists k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $m = 2k + 1, n = 2l + 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} m^2 + n^2 &= (2k + 1)^2 + (2l + 1)^2 \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 4l^2 + 4l + 1 \\ &= 2(2k^2 + 2l^2 + 2k + 2l + 1) \end{aligned} \tag{5.1}$$

$$= 4(k^2 + l^2 + k + l) + 2 \tag{5.2}$$

2. From (5.1), since  $k^2 + l^2 + 2k + 2l + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m^2 + n^2$  is even.

3. By division algorithm on  $m^2 + n^2$  with  $d = 4$ , from (5.2), we see that the (uniquely determined)  $q = k^2 + l^2 + k + l \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r = 2$ , in particular,  $r \neq 0$ , so  $4 \nmid m^2 + n^2$ . □

**Q 6.** Determine how many natural numbers  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $100 \leq n \leq 1000$  are divisible by 7.

1. The set of all natural numbers  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  in  $100 \leq n \leq 1000$  where  $7 \mid n$  is

$$S := \left\{ \begin{array}{l} 105, 112, 119, 126, 133, 140, 147, 154, 161, 168, 175, 182, 189, 196, \\ 203, 210, 217, 224, 231, 238, 245, 252, 259, 266, 273, 280, 287, 294, \\ 301, 308, 315, 322, 329, 336, 343, 350, 357, 364, 371, 378, 385, 392, 399, \\ 406, 413, 420, 427, 434, 441, 448, 455, 462, 469, 476, 483, 490, 497, \\ 504, 511, 518, 525, 532, 539, 546, 553, 560, 567, 574, 581, 588, 595, \\ 602, 609, 616, 623, 630, 637, 644, 651, 658, 665, 672, 679, 686, 693, \\ 700, 707, 714, 721, 728, 735, 742, 749, 756, 763, 770, 777, 784, 791, 798, \\ 805, 812, 819, 826, 833, 840, 847, 854, 861, 868, 875, 882, 889, 896, \\ 903, 910, 917, 924, 931, 938, 945, 952, 959, 966, 973, 980, 987, 994 \end{array} \right\}$$

2. It can be verified that

$7 \cdot 15 = 105$	$7 \cdot 42 = 294$	$7 \cdot 69 = 483$	$7 \cdot 96 = 672$	
$7 \cdot 16 = 112$	$7 \cdot 43 = 301$	$7 \cdot 70 = 490$	$7 \cdot 97 = 679$	
$7 \cdot 17 = 119$	$7 \cdot 44 = 308$	$7 \cdot 71 = 497$	$7 \cdot 98 = 686$	
$7 \cdot 18 = 126$	$7 \cdot 45 = 315$	$7 \cdot 72 = 504$	$7 \cdot 99 = 693$	$7 \cdot 123 = 861$
$7 \cdot 19 = 133$	$7 \cdot 46 = 322$	$7 \cdot 73 = 511$	$7 \cdot 100 = 700$	$7 \cdot 124 = 868$
$7 \cdot 20 = 140$	$7 \cdot 47 = 329$	$7 \cdot 74 = 518$	$7 \cdot 101 = 707$	$7 \cdot 125 = 875$
$7 \cdot 21 = 147$	$7 \cdot 48 = 336$	$7 \cdot 75 = 525$	$7 \cdot 102 = 714$	$7 \cdot 126 = 882$
$7 \cdot 22 = 154$	$7 \cdot 49 = 343$	$7 \cdot 76 = 532$	$7 \cdot 103 = 721$	$7 \cdot 127 = 889$
$7 \cdot 23 = 161$	$7 \cdot 50 = 350$	$7 \cdot 77 = 539$	$7 \cdot 104 = 728$	$7 \cdot 128 = 896$
$7 \cdot 24 = 168$	$7 \cdot 51 = 357$	$7 \cdot 78 = 546$	$7 \cdot 105 = 735$	$7 \cdot 129 = 903$
$7 \cdot 25 = 175$	$7 \cdot 52 = 364$	$7 \cdot 79 = 553$	$7 \cdot 106 = 742$	$7 \cdot 130 = 910$
$7 \cdot 26 = 182$	$7 \cdot 53 = 371$	$7 \cdot 80 = 560$	$7 \cdot 107 = 749$	$7 \cdot 131 = 917$
$7 \cdot 27 = 189$	$7 \cdot 54 = 378$	$7 \cdot 81 = 567$	$7 \cdot 108 = 756$	$7 \cdot 132 = 924$
$7 \cdot 28 = 196$	$7 \cdot 55 = 385$	$7 \cdot 82 = 574$	$7 \cdot 109 = 763$	$7 \cdot 133 = 931$
$7 \cdot 29 = 203$	$7 \cdot 56 = 392$	$7 \cdot 83 = 581$	$7 \cdot 110 = 770$	$7 \cdot 134 = 938$
$7 \cdot 30 = 210$	$7 \cdot 57 = 399$	$7 \cdot 84 = 588$	$7 \cdot 111 = 777$	$7 \cdot 135 = 945$
$7 \cdot 31 = 217$	$7 \cdot 58 = 406$	$7 \cdot 85 = 595$	$7 \cdot 112 = 784$	$7 \cdot 136 = 952$
$7 \cdot 32 = 224$	$7 \cdot 59 = 413$	$7 \cdot 86 = 602$	$7 \cdot 113 = 791$	$7 \cdot 137 = 959$
$7 \cdot 33 = 231$	$7 \cdot 60 = 420$	$7 \cdot 87 = 609$	$7 \cdot 114 = 798$	$7 \cdot 138 = 966$
$7 \cdot 34 = 238$	$7 \cdot 61 = 427$	$7 \cdot 88 = 616$	$7 \cdot 115 = 805$	$7 \cdot 139 = 973$
$7 \cdot 35 = 245$	$7 \cdot 62 = 434$	$7 \cdot 89 = 623$	$7 \cdot 116 = 812$	$7 \cdot 140 = 980$
$7 \cdot 36 = 252$	$7 \cdot 63 = 441$	$7 \cdot 90 = 630$	$7 \cdot 117 = 819$	$7 \cdot 141 = 987$
$7 \cdot 37 = 259$	$7 \cdot 64 = 448$	$7 \cdot 91 = 637$	$7 \cdot 118 = 826$	$7 \cdot 142 = 994$
$7 \cdot 38 = 266$	$7 \cdot 65 = 455$	$7 \cdot 92 = 644$	$7 \cdot 119 = 833$	
$7 \cdot 39 = 273$	$7 \cdot 66 = 462$	$7 \cdot 93 = 651$	$7 \cdot 120 = 840$	
$7 \cdot 40 = 280$	$7 \cdot 67 = 469$	$7 \cdot 94 = 658$	$7 \cdot 121 = 847$	
$7 \cdot 41 = 287$	$7 \cdot 68 = 476$	$7 \cdot 95 = 665$	$7 \cdot 122 = 854$	

3. By counting,  $|S| = 128$ .

□

**Definition.** A *perfect square* is a natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $n = k^2$ .

**Q 7.** Show that if  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  are odd natural numbers, then  $m^2 + n^2$  is not a perfect square.

*Proof.*

1. Given 2 odd natural numbers  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $m = 2a + 1, n = 2b + 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} m^2 + n^2 &= (2a + 1)^2 + (2b + 1)^2 \\ &= 4a^2 + 4a + 1 + 4b^2 + 4b + 1 \\ &= 4a^2 + 4b^2 + 4a + 4b + 2 \\ m^2 + n^2 &= 2(2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2a + 2b + 1) \end{aligned} \tag{7.1}$$

$$m^2 + n^2 = 4(a^2 + a + b^2 + b) + 2 \tag{7.2}$$

2. Suppose for a contradiction  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $k^2 = m^2 + n^2$ , from (7.1)

$$k^2 = 2(2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2a + 2b + 1)$$

in particular,  $k^2 > 0$  and  $k^2$  is even.

**Claim.**  $k$  is even.

- If not,  $\exists l \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $k = 2l + 1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} k^2 &= (2l + 1)^2 \\ &= 4l^2 + 4l + 1 \\ &= 2(2l^2 + 2l) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

- implying  $k^2$  is odd, a contradiction

3. So  $k$  is even, then  $\exists c \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $k = 2c$ , which implies  $k^2 = 4c^2$ , in particular,  $4 \mid k^2$ .

4. But from (7.2),

$$k^2 = 4(a^2 + a + b^2 + b) + 2$$

by division algorithm applied on  $k^2$  with  $d = 4$ , get  $q = a^2 + a + b^2 + b \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r = 2$ , which means in particular,  $4 \nmid k^2$ , a contradiction.

5. Therefore, for any odd  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there does not exist  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $k^2 = m^2 + n^2$ , and  $m^2 + n^2$  is not a perfect square.  $\square$

**Q 8.** Show that if  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  are natural numbers not divisible by 3, then  $m^2 + n^2$  is not a perfect square.

*Proof.*

1. Given  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , suppose for a contradiction  $m^2 + n^2$  is a perfect square, where  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m^2 + n^2 = k^2$ .

2. Apply division algorithm on  $k$  with  $d = 3$ , we have

$$k = 3q_k + r_k$$

where  $q_k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r_k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  are uniquely determined by  $k$ .

3. Since  $3 \nmid m$  and  $3 \nmid n$ , repeating the division algorithm,

$$m = 3q_m + r_m$$

$$n = 3q_n + r_n$$

where  $q_m, q_n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r_m, r_n \in \{1, 2\}$  are uniquely determined by  $m, n$  respectively.

4. Since  $m^2 + n^2$  is a perfect square,

$$\begin{aligned} m^2 + n^2 &= k^2 \\ (3q_m + r_m)^2 + (3q_n + r_n)^2 &= (3q_k + r_k)^2 \\ 9q_m^2 + 6q_m r_m + r_m^2 + 9q_n^2 + 6q_n r_n + r_n^2 &= 9q_k^2 + 6q_k r_k + r_k^2 \\ 3(3q_m^2 + 2q_m r_m + 3q_n^2 + 2q_n r_n) + r_m^2 + r_n^2 &= 3(3q_k^2 + 2q_k r_k) + r_k^2 \end{aligned} \quad (8.1)$$

5. For readability, define  $e_1, e_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and rewrite (8.1)

$$\begin{aligned} e_1 &:= 3q_m^2 + 2q_m r_m + 3q_n^2 + 2q_n r_n \\ e_2 &:= 3q_k^2 + 2q_k r_k \\ 3e_1 + r_m^2 + r_n^2 &= 3e_2 + r_k^2 \end{aligned} \quad (8.2)$$

6. By enumerating possible values,  $r_m^2 + r_n^2 \in \{2, 5, 8\}$ ,  $r_k^2 \in \{0, 1, 4\}$

7. When applying division algorithm on LHS of (8.2) with  $d = 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} m^2 + n^2 &= 3e_1 + 2 \text{ or} \\ m^2 + n^2 &= 3e_1 + 5 = 3(e_1 + 1) + 2 \text{ or} \\ m^2 + n^2 &= 3e_1 + 8 = 3(e_1 + 2) + 2 \end{aligned}$$

In any case, LHS has  $r = 2$  when applied division algorithm with  $d = 3$

8. However, when applying division algorithm on RHS of (8.2) with  $d = 3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} k^2 &= 3e_2 \text{ or} \\ k^2 &= 3e_2 + 1 \text{ or} \\ k^2 &= 3e_2 + 4 = 3(e_2 + 1) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

In no case does RHS have  $r = 2$ , a contradiction.

9. Hence for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  not divisible by 3,  $m^2 + n^2$  is not a perfect square. □

**Q 9. (a)** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove or disprove: if there exists a prime number  $p$  such that  $2^n = p + 1$ , then  $n$  is prime.

*Proof.*

1. If prime number  $p$  exists, such that  $2^n = p + 1$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
2. Since  $2^0 = 0 + 1$  and 0 is not prime,  $n \neq 0$ .
3. Suppose for contradiction  $n$  is not prime, so  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $n = a(b + 1)$ ,  $a > 1, b > 0$ , then

$$2^n = 2^{a(b+1)} = p + 1$$

take  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  to be the number where  $d + 1 = 2^a$ .

4. Consider the sum

$$\sum_{i=0}^{b+1} 2^{ai} = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{b+1} 2^{ai}$$

LHS: expand by definition; RHS: factor  $2^a$  from every term in the summation

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{a(b+1)} + \sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} &= 1 + 2^a \sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} \\ p + 1 + \sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} &= 1 + (d + 1) \sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} \\ p + \sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} &= (d + 1) \sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} \\ p + \sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} &= d \sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} + \sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} \\ p &= d \sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} \end{aligned}$$

5. so  $d \mid p$ , but because  $a > 1$ ,

$$2^a > 2$$

$$d > 1$$

and because  $b > 0$

$$\sum_{i=0}^b 2^{ai} \geq 1 + 2^a > 1$$

6. Contradicting primality of  $p$ . □

**(b)** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove or disprove: if  $n$  is prime, then there exists a prime number  $p$  such that  $2^n = p + 1$ .

**False.** Take  $n = 109$  which is prime, then

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{109} &= 649037107316853453566312041152512 \\ &= 649037107316853453566312041152511 + 1 \\ &= (745988807 \cdot 870035986098720987332873) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Q 10. (a)** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove or disprove: if  $2^n + 1$  is prime, then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = 2^k$ .

**False.** Take  $n = 0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$2^0 + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

is prime, but there does not exist  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $2^k = 0$ .

**(b)** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove or disprove: if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = 2^k$ , then  $2^n + 1$  is prime.

**False.** Take  $n = 2^7 = 128$ , then

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{128} + 1 &= 340282366920938463463374607431768211456 + 1 \\ &= 340282366920938463463374607431768211457 \\ &= 59649589127497217 \cdot 5704689200685129054721 \end{aligned}$$

**Q 11.** Let  $p$  be a prime number. Show that if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $p = 3k + 1$ , then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $p = 6n + 1$ .

*Proof.*

1. Let  $p$  be a prime number, suppose there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $p = 3k + 1$ .
2. Consider the case  $k$  is odd, so  $\exists l \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $2l + 1 = k$ , then

$$p = 3(2l + 1) + 1 = 6l + 4 = 2(3l + 2)$$

have  $2 \mid p$  and  $p \geq 4 \implies p \neq 2$ , contradicting primality of  $p$ . So  $k$  cannot be odd.

3. Hence  $k$  is even,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $2n = k$ , then

$$p = 3(2n) + 1 = 6n + 1.$$

So  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  exists. □



**Q 12.** Show that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = 3k + 2$ , there exists a prime number  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d \mid n$  and there exists  $k' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d = 3k' + 2$ .

*Proof.*

1. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , suppose there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = 3k + 2$ .
2. Consider the subset  $D \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$D := \{ d \in \mathbb{N} : d \mid n \wedge (\exists k' \in \mathbb{N}. d = 3k' + 2) \}$$

3. Clearly  $n \in D$ , as  $n \mid n$  and  $n = 3k + 2$ , so in particular,  $D \neq \emptyset$ .
4. By well-ordering principle,  $D$  has smallest element  $d_0 = 3k_0 + 2$ .

**Claim.**  $d_0$  is prime.

- (1). If not,  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}. a \neq 1, b \neq 1, d_0 = ab$ ,

$$d_0 = ab = 3k_0 + 2 \tag{12.1}$$

- (2). Apply division algorithm on  $a$  and  $b$  with divisor 3,

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \alpha \cdot 3 + \beta \\ b &= \gamma \cdot 3 + \delta \end{aligned}$$

where  $\alpha, \gamma \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\beta, \delta \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  are uniquely determined by  $a, b$  respectively.

- (3). rewrite (12.1)

$$\begin{aligned} d_0 = 3k_0 + 2 &= (3\alpha + \beta)(3\gamma + \delta) \\ &= 9\alpha\gamma + 3\alpha\delta + 3\beta\gamma + \beta\delta \\ 3k_0 + 2 &= 3(3\alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma) + \beta\delta \end{aligned} \tag{12.2}$$

- (4). By enumeration of possibilities,  $\beta\delta \in \{0, 1, 2, 4\}$ , then for (12.2) to be consistent when applied division algorithm with divisor 3,  $\beta\delta = 2$ .
- (5). Without loss of generality, assume  $\beta = 2, \delta = 1$ , then

$$a = 3\alpha + 2, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}$$

also notice that  $a \mid d_0$  and  $d_0 \mid n$ , so  $a \mid n$  and as a result  $a \in D$ .

- (6). However, from (12.1),  $a \mid d_0 \implies a \leq d_0$ , but  $b \neq 1$  so we have  $a \neq d_0$ , then  $a < d_0$ , contradicting with  $d_0$  being smallest in  $D$ .
5. Hence  $d_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  is a prime satisfying  $d_0 \mid n$  and  $\exists k' \in \mathbb{N}. d_0 = 3k' + 2$ . □