

Exercise 1.1

**Q4**: Use Euclid's division lemma to show that the square of any positive integer is either of form 3m or 3m + 1 for some integer m.

[Hint: Let x be any positive integer then it is of the form 3q, 3q + 1 or 3q + 2. Now square each of these and show that they can be rewritten in the form 3m or 3m + 1.]

## Answer:

Let a be any positive integer and b = 3.

Then a = 3q + r for some integer  $q \ge 0$ 

And r = 0, 1, 2 because  $0 \le r < 3$ 

Therefore, a = 3q or 3q + 1 or 3q + 2

Or,

$$a^{2} = (3q)^{2}$$
 or  $(3q+1)^{2}$  or  $(3q+2)^{2}$   
 $a^{2} = (9q^{2})$  or  $9q^{2} + 6q + 1$  or  $9q^{2} + 12q + 4$   
 $= 3 \times (3q^{2})$  or  $3(3q^{2} + 2q) + 1$  or  $3(3q^{2} + 4q + 1) + 1$   
 $= 3k_{1}$  or  $3k_{2} + 1$  or  $3k_{3} + 1$ 

Where k1, k2, and k3 are some positive integers

Hence, it can be said that the square of any positive integer is either of the form 3m or 3m + 1.

**Q5**: Use Euclid's division lemma to show that the cube of any positive integer is of the form 9m, 9m + 1 or 9m + 8.

## Answer:

Let a be any positive integer and b = 3

$$a = 3q + r$$
, where  $q \ge 0$  and  $0 \le r < 3$ 

$$\therefore a = 3q \text{ or } 3q + 1 \text{ or } 3q + 2$$

Therefore, every number can be represented as these three forms. There are three cases.

Case 1: When a = 3q,

$$a^3 = (3q)^3 = 27q^3 = 9(3q^3) = 9m$$

Where m is an integer such that  $m = 3q^3$ 

**Case 2**: When a = 3q + 1,

$$a3 = (3q + 1)3$$

$$a3 = 27q3 + 27q2 + 9q + 1$$

$$a3 = 9(3q3 + 3q2 + q) + 1$$

$$a_3 = 9m + 1$$

Where m is an integer such that m = (3q3 + 3q2 + q)

**Case 3**: When a = 3q + 2,

$$a3 = (3q + 2)3$$

$$a3 = 27q3 + 54q2 + 36q + 8$$

$$a3 = 9(3q3 + 6q2 + 4q) + 8$$

$$a3 = 9m + 8$$

Where m is an integer such that m = (3q3 + 6q2 + 4q)

Therefore, the cube of any positive integer is of the form 9m, 9m + 1, or 9m + 8.

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