

Statement: Prove that for any integer  $n$ , at least one of the integers  $n$ ,  $n + 2$ ,  $n + 4$  is divisible by 3.

(Idea:)

proof:

An arbitrary integer  $n$  can be of 3 forms. :  $3k$ ,  $3k+1$ ,  $3k+2$

case 1:  $n=3k$

$n$  is divisible by 3

case 2:  $n=3k+1$

$$n+2=3k+3$$

$$n+2=3(k+1)$$

$n+2$  is divisible by 3

case 3:  $n=3k+2$

$$n+4=3k+6$$

$$n+4=3(k+2)$$

$n+4$  is divisible by 3

$\therefore$  For any integer  $n$ , we have 3 divides  $n$  or 3 divides  $n+2$  or 3 divides  $n+4$ .