

1. Show that 1001 is divisible by 7, by 11, and by 13.
2. Find the quotient and remainder in the division algorithm when the following numbers are divided by 17.
 - (a) 100
 - (b) 289
 - (c) -100
3. Prove the following:
 - (a) If $a|b$ and $b|a$, then $a = \pm b$.
 - (b) If $a|b$ and $c|d$, then $ac|bd$.
 - (c) If $a|b$, then $a^k|b^k$ for all positive integers k .
4. Show that if a is an integer, then 3 divides $a^3 - a$.
5. Show that the fourth power of any integer is either of the form $5k$ or $5k+1$.
6. Verify that $2|a(a+1)$ and $3|a(a+1)(a+2)$ for any integer a .
7. Show that if a is odd, then $32|(a^2+3)(a^2+7)$.
8. Prove that if a is an integer not divisible by 2 or 3, then $24|(a^2+23)$.
9. Prove that the sum of the squares of two odd integers cannot be a perfect square.

Solutions.

1. Note that $1001 = 7 \cdot 143 = 11 \cdot 91 = 13 \cdot 77$ where $143, 91, 77 \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that 1001 is divisible by 7, by 11, and by 13.
2. (a) $100 = 17 \cdot 5 + 15$ so that the quotient and remainder when 100 is divided by 17 are 5 and 15, respectively.
 (b) $289 = 17 \cdot 17 + 0$ so that the quotient and remainder when 289 is divided by 17 are 17 and 0, respectively.
 (c) $-100 = 17 \cdot -6 + 2$ so that the quotient and remainder when -100 is divided by 17 are -6 and 2, respectively.
3. (a) Suppose that $a|b$ and $b|a$. Then, by definition, there exists $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = am$ and $a = bn$. If $b = 0$, then $a = 0n = 0$. Note that $0 = \pm 0$ so that $a = \pm b$. Otherwise, assume that $b \neq 0$. Then, $b = (bn)m = b(nm)$ so that $1 = nm$. Since $m \in \mathbb{Z}$, then $n|1$ so that $n = \pm 1$. Thus, $a = b \cdot \pm 1 = \pm b$.
 (b) Suppose that $a|b$ and $c|d$. Then, by definition, there exists $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = am$ and $d = cn$. Hence, $bd = (am)(cn) = ac(mn)$ where $mn \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus, by definition, $ac|bd$.
 (c) Suppose that $a|b$. Then, by definition, there exists $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b = am$. Hence, $b^1 = a^1m$ so that $a^1|b^1$. Let k be a positive integer. Suppose that $a^k|b^k$. Then, by definition, there exists $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $b^k = a^kn$. Thus, $(b^k)(b) = (a^kn)(am)$. Hence, $b^{k+1} = a^{k+1}(mn)$ where $mn \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus, by definition, $a^{k+1}|b^{k+1}$. By the principle of mathematical induction, $a^k|b^k$ for all positive integers k .
4. By the division algorithm, any integer a can be written in one of the following forms:

$$a = 3q,$$

$$a = 3q + 1, \text{ and}$$

$$a = 3q + 2$$

where $q \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $a = 3q$ then $a^3 - a = 27q^3 - 3q = 3(9q^3 - q)$, where $9q^3 - q \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $3|a^3 - a$. If $a = 3q + 1$ then $a^3 - a = 27q^3 + 27q^2 + 9q + 1 - (3q + 1) = 27q^3 + 27q^2 + 6q = 3(9q^3 + 9q^2 + 2q)$, where $9q^3 + 9q^2 + 2q \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $3|a^3 - a$. If $a = 3q + 2$ then $a^3 - a = 27q^3 + 54q^2 + 36q + 8 - (3q + 2) = 27q^3 + 54q^2 + 33q + 6 = 3(9q^3 + 18q^2 + 11q + 2)$, where $9q^3 + 18q^2 + 11q + 2 \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $3|a^3 - a$. Thus, $3|a^3 - a$ for any integer a .

5. Let n be an integer. By the division algorithm, n can be written in one of the following forms:

$$n = 5q,$$

$$n = 5q + 1,$$

$$n = 5q + 2,$$

$$n = 5q + 3, \text{ and}$$

$$n = 5q + 4$$

where $q \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $n = 5q$ then $n^4 = 625q^4 = 5(125q^4)$. Taking $k = 125q^4 \in \mathbb{Z}$, we can write n^4 as $5k$. If $n = 5q + 1$ then $n^4 = 625q^4 + 500q^3 + 150q^2 + 20q + 1 = 5(125q^4 + 100q^3 + 30q^2 + 4q) + 1$. Taking $k = 125q^4 + 100q^3 + 30q^2 + 4q \in \mathbb{Z}$, we can write n^4 as $5k + 1$. If $n = 5q + 2$ then $n^4 = 625q^4 + 1000q^3 + 600q^2 + 160q + 16 = 5(125q^4 + 200q^3 + 120q^2 + 32q + 3) + 1$. Taking $k = 125q^4 + 200q^3 + 120q^2 + 32q + 3 \in \mathbb{Z}$, we can write n^4 as $5k + 1$. If $n = 5q + 3$ then $n^4 = 625q^4 + 1500q^3 + 1350q^2 + 540q + 81 = 5(125q^4 + 300q^3 + 270q^2 + 108q + 16) + 1$. Taking $k = 125q^4 + 300q^3 + 270q^2 + 108q + 16 \in \mathbb{Z}$, we can write n^4 as $5k + 1$. If $n = 5q + 4$ then $n^4 = 625q^4 + 2000q^3 + 2400q^2 + 1280q + 256 = 5(125q^4 + 400q^3 + 480q^2 + 256q + 51) + 1$. Taking $k = 125q^4 + 400q^3 + 480q^2 + 256q + 51 \in \mathbb{Z}$, we can write n^4 as $5k + 1$. Thus, the fourth power of any integer is either of the form $5k$ or $5k + 1$.

6. Let a be an integer. Then $a(a + 1) \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $3|3a(a + 1)$. We know that $3|a^3 - a = a(a + 1)(a - 1)$. Thus, $3|a(a + 1)(a - 1) + 3a(a + 1) = a(a + 1)(a - 1 + 3) = a(a + 1)(a + 2)$. By the division algorithm, either $a = 2q$ or $a = 2q + 1$ for some $q \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $a = 2q$ then $a(a + 1) = 2q(2q + 1) = 2(q(2q + 1))$, where $q(2q + 1) \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $2|a(a + 1)$. If $a = 2q + 1$ then $a(a + 1) = (2q + 1)(2q + 1 + 1) = 2((q + 1)(2q + 1))$, where $(q + 1)(2q + 1) \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $2|a(a + 1)$.
7. Suppose that a is odd. Thus, $a = 2q + 1$ for some $q \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence, $a^2 + 3 = 4q^2 + 4q + 1 + 3 = 4(q^2 + q + 1)$ and $a^2 + 7 = 4q^2 + 4q + 1 + 7 = 4(q^2 + q + 2)$. We know that $2|q(q + 1)$ and $2|2$ so that $2|q(q + 1) + 2 = q^2 + q + 2$. Thus, by definition, $q^2 + q + 2 = 2k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence, $(a^2 + 3)(a^2 + 7) = (4(q^2 + q + 1))(4(2k)) = 32k(q^2 + q + 1) = 32(k(q^2 + q + 1))$, where $k(q^2 + q + 1) \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $32|(a^2 + 3)(a^2 + 7)$.
8. Suppose that a is an integer not divisible by 2 or 3. By the division algorithm, any integer a can be written in one of the following forms:

$$a = 6q,$$

$$a = 6q + 1,$$

$$a = 6q + 2,$$

$$a = 6q + 3,$$

$$a = 6q + 4, \text{ and}$$

$$a = 6q + 5$$

where $q \in \mathbb{Z}$. Since a is not divisible by 3, we get that $a \neq 6q = 3(2q)$ and $a \neq 6q + 3 = 3(2q + 1)$. Since a is not divisible by 2, we additionally get that $a \neq 6q + 2 = 2(3q + 1)$ and $a \neq 6q + 4 = 2(3q + 2)$. Thus, either $a = 6q + 1$

or $a = 6q + 5$. If $a = 6q + 1$ then $a^2 + 23 = 36q^2 + 12q + 1 + 23 = 24(q^2 + 1) + 12(q^2 + q)$. We know that $2|q^2 + q$ so that for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$, $q^2 + q = 2k$. Thus, $a^2 + 23 = 24(q^2 + 1) + 12(2k) = 24(q^2 + 1 + k)$, where $q^2 + 1 + k \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $24|a^2 + 23$. If $a = 6q + 5$ then $a^2 + 23 = 36q^2 + 60q + 25 + 23 = 24(q^2 + 2q + 2) + 12(q^2 + q) = 24(q^2 + 2q + 2) + 12(2k) = 24(q^2 + 2q + 2 + k)$, where $q^2 + 2q + 2 + k \in \mathbb{Z}$ so that $24|a^2 + 23$.

9. Let a and b be odd integers. Thus, $a = 2m + 1$ and $b = 2n + 1$ for some $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Assume, for the sake of contradiction, that the sum of their squares is a perfect square. Thus, for some $c \in \mathbb{Z}$, $a^2 + b^2 = c^2$. Note that $a^2 = 4m^2 + 4m + 1$ and $b^2 = 4n^2 + 4n + 1$ so that $c^2 = 4m^2 + 4m + 1 + 4n^2 + 4n + 1 = 4(m^2 + m + n^2 + n) + 2$, where $m^2 + m + n^2 + n \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $0 \leq 2 < 4$ so that the remainder when c^2 is divided by 4 is 2. By the division algorithm, either $c = 2k$ or $c = 2k + 1$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$. Thus, either $c^2 = 4k^2$ or $c^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 4(k^2 + k) + 1$, where $k^2, k^2 + k \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $0 \leq 0, 1 < 4$ so that the remainder when c^2 is divided by 4 is either 0 or 1. Thus, we get that 2 is either 0 or 1, which is absurd. Thus, the sum of the squares of two odd integers cannot be a perfect square.