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Answer

$P(n) \Rightarrow 2^n - 1$  is divisible by 3

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we need to prove  $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $P(n)$  is true.

Using Induction to prove this:

~~Induction~~ Base Case:

$P(1) \Leftrightarrow 2^1 - 1$  is divisible by 3  
 $\Rightarrow 3$  is divisible by 3

so  $P(1)$  is true. ✓

Induction step:  $\forall k \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $P(k) \rightarrow P(k+1)$

Assuming  $P(k)$  to be true for some  $k \in \mathbb{N}$   
so  $3 \mid 2^k - 1$  ✓

for  $k+1$

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{k+1} - 1 &= 2^{k+2} - 1 \quad \text{②} = 4 \cdot 2^k - 1 \quad \checkmark \\ &= 3 \cdot 2^k + 2^k - 1 \end{aligned}$$

2 as  $3 \mid 3 \cdot 2^{2k}$  &  $3 \mid 2^{2k} - 1$

$\therefore 3 \mid 2^{2(k+1)} - 1$

$\therefore P(k+1)$  i.e.  $2^{2(k+1)} - 1$  is divisible by 3  
is true.

Hence by Induction we proved that

$\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $2^n - 1$  is divisible by 3. ✓

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given :  $d = \gcd(a, b)$

~~$d = sa + tb$  for  $s, t \in \mathbb{Z}$~~

T.P.  $\Rightarrow d$  is smallest +ve integer expressed as an integer L.C. of  $a$  &  $b$ .

Proof :

~~Let  $r$  be the smallest +ve integer.~~

Let the smallest +ve integer expressed as L.C. of  $a$  &  $b$  be  $r$ .

given by  $r = s'a + t'b$  for  $s', t' \in \mathbb{Z}$

as it is the smallest,  $r \leq d$  holds true

as  $d$  is  $\gcd(a, b)$

$$d | a \text{ & } d | b \therefore d | s'a + t'b$$

$$\therefore d | r \text{ why?}$$

$$\Rightarrow d \leq r \quad (2)$$

by (1) & (2)

$$d = r$$

Hence we proved that  $d$  is the smallest +ve integer which can be expressed as an integer linear combination of  $a$  &  $b$ .

① Given "A" a set of  $n$  integers,

Let  $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n\}$

where  $\forall i, a_i$  is an element of set A.

now Let's make another set S.

whose elements are  $s_j = \sum_{i=1}^j a_i$  i.e.  $\begin{cases} a_1, \\ a_1 + a_2, \\ a_1 + a_2 + a_3, \\ \vdots \\ a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n \end{cases}$



now, two cases.

if  $\exists j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  s.t.  $n \mid s_j$

then  $B = \{a_1, \dots, a_j\} \subseteq A$

s.t.  $\sum_{i=1}^j a_i = s_j$  is divisible by  $n$ .

Hence proved the required statement

Else  $\forall j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$   $n \nmid s_j$  or  $s_j \bmod n \neq 0$

when divided by  $n$  the remainders can be

now  $\Rightarrow \{1, \dots, n-1\}$

$\hookrightarrow n-1$  possible options.

but the elements in the set S are  $n$

so by Pigeon hole principle

$\exists i, j \in \{1, \dots, n\}$  s.t.  $s_i \bmod n = s_j \bmod n$

$i \neq j$

$n \mid s_j - s_i$  where ~~j > i~~  $j > i$  without loss  
of generality. 5

$\therefore B = \{a_{i+1}, \dots, a_j\} \subseteq A$  s.t.

$$\sum_{k=i+1}^j a_k = \sum_{k=1}^j a_k - \sum_{k=1}^i a_k \quad \text{(cancel)} \\ = s_j - s_i$$

$s_j - s_i$  is divisible by  $n$

Hence proved

{ a set  $B \subseteq A$  & sum of integers in  $B$  is  
divisible by  $n$ .

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given  $\Rightarrow 0 \leq l \leq k \leq n, l, k, n \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{L.H.S.} \Rightarrow \binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{l} = \binom{n}{l} \binom{n-l}{k-l}$$

proof  $\Rightarrow$  The problem can be interpreted as from a group of  $n$  candidates we need to ~~select~~

~~L.H.S.~~ choose some as constables  
~~(k)~~ and some as senior officers ~~for~~ for a police station.

L.H.S.  $\Rightarrow$  from  $n$  candidates we first choose  $k$   $\Rightarrow$  total chosen people, from that we choose  $l$  ~~as~~ candidates to become senior officer

$$\Rightarrow \binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{l} \quad \text{R.H.S.}$$

R.H.S.  $\Rightarrow$  from  $n$  candidates we choose  $l$  senior officers directly and ~~and~~  $k-l$  constables from remaining candidates.

$$\Rightarrow \binom{n}{l} \binom{n-l}{k-l}$$

in both these ~~ways~~ ways we have found all possible combination of people with position for a police station  $\therefore \text{L.H.S.} = \text{R.H.S.}$

Otherwise mathematically,

$$\binom{n}{k} \binom{k}{\ell} \rightarrow \frac{\cancel{m}}{\cancel{n-k} \cancel{k}} \times \frac{\cancel{k}}{\cancel{k-\ell} \cancel{\ell}}$$

$$= \cancel{\frac{m}{\ell}} \frac{\cancel{m}}{\cancel{\ell}} \times \frac{1}{\cancel{k-\ell} \cancel{n-k}}$$

multiply & divide by  
m-l

$$= \frac{\cancel{m}}{\cancel{\ell} \cancel{m-l}} \times \frac{\cancel{m-l}}{\cancel{k-\ell} \cancel{n-k}}$$

$$= \binom{n}{\ell} \binom{n-l}{k-\ell}$$

n.p.