

Case 1: $a=3p, b=3q, c=3r$ $a^2+b^2+c^2 = 9(p^2+q^2+r^2)$
 $\therefore 9|(a^2+b^2+c^2)$

$a-b=3(p-q)$ $b-c=3(q-r)$ $a-c=3(p-r)$

If $p-q$ or $q-r$ or $p-r$ takes the form of $3x$, for some $x \in \mathbb{Z}$, we are done.

i) ~~$a=3p$~~ Let, $p-q=3x+1$ $q-r=3y+1$ $p-r=3(x+y)+2$

ii) $p-q=3x+1$ $q-r=3y+2$ $p-r=3(x+y+1)$

\hookrightarrow Symmetric case is ~~same~~ similar

iii) $p-q=3x+2$ $q-r=3y+2$ $p-r=3(x+y+1)+1$

$\hookrightarrow p-q=3x+1$ implies $p=3x_1+2$ $q=3x_2+1$
 or, $p=3x_1+1$ $q=3x_2$

$q-r=3y+1$ implies $q=3y_1+2$ $r=3y_2+1$
 or, $q=3y_1+1$ $r=3y_2$

$(15, 12, 9)$ is a counterexample

Prob 26: Prove that if we decrease by 7 the sum of the squares of any three natural, then the result cannot be div by 8.

• By div algo, ~~$a=3$~~ $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{N}, \exists a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$ s.t. ~~$a=2a$ or $2a+1$ or $2a+2$~~
 ~~$a=2a$ or $2a+1$ or $2a+2$~~ $x=2a$ or $2a+1$, $y=2b$ or $2b+1$,
 ~~$z=2c$ or $2c+1$~~ $z=2c$ or $2c+1$

Case 1: $x=2a, y=2b, z=2c$ $x^2+y^2+z^2-7 = 4a^2+4b^2+4c^2-7$
 $= 4(a^2+b^2+c^2-2)+1$

$\therefore 4 \nmid x^2+y^2+z^2 \therefore 8 \nmid x^2+y^2+z^2$

Case 2: $x=2a, y=2b, z=2c+1$ $x^2+y^2+z^2-7 = 4a^2+4b^2+4c^2+4c-6$
 $= 4(a^2+b^2+c^2+c-2)+2$

$\therefore 4 \nmid x^2+y^2+z^2 \therefore 8 \nmid x^2+y^2+z^2$

Case 3: $x=2a, y=2b+1, z=2c+1$ $x^2+y^2+z^2-7 = 4a^2+4b^2+4b+4c^2+4c-5$
 $= 4(a^2+b^2+c^2+c+b-2)+3 \therefore 4 \nmid x^2+y^2+z^2$
 $\therefore 8 \nmid x^2+y^2+z^2$