

$$\begin{aligned}
 n=5K, \quad n^2+4n+6 &= (5K)^2 + 4 \cdot (5K) + 6 = 25K^2 + 20K + 6 = 5(5K^2 + 4K + 1) + 1 \\
 n=5K+1, \quad n^2+4n+6 &= (5K+1)^2 + 4 \cdot (5K+1) + 6 = 25K^2 + 30K + 11 = 5(5K^2 + 6K + 2) + 1 \\
 n=5K+2, \quad n^2+4n+6 &= (5K+2)^2 + 4 \cdot (5K+2) + 6 = 25K^2 + 40K + 18 = 5(5K^2 + 8K + 3) + 3 \\
 n=5K+3, \quad n^2+4n+6 &= (5K+3)^2 + 4 \cdot (5K+3) + 6 = 25K^2 + 50K + 27 = 5(5K^2 + 10K + 5) + 2 \\
 n=5K+4, \quad n^2+4n+6 &= (5K+4)^2 + 4 \cdot (5K+4) + 6 = 25K^2 + 60K + 38 = 5(5K^2 + 12K + 7) + 3
 \end{aligned}$$

∴ In neither case,  $5 \mid n^2+4n+6$

∴  $5 \nmid n^2+4n+6$  ∴  $5(n^2+4n+6)$  is not a perfect square.

**Prob 38:** Prove that there are no natural numbers  $a$  and  $b$  such that

$$a^2 - 3b^2 = 8$$

By division algorithm,  $a$  can be  $2x$  or  $2x+1$ .  $b$  can be  $2y$  or  $2y+1$ , for some  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$$a=2x, b=2y \quad a^2 - 3b^2 = 4x^2 - 3 \cdot 4y^2 = 4(x^2 - 3y^2)$$

Prove,  $x^2 - 3y^2 \neq 2$ . Suppose  $x^2 - 3y^2 = 2$

$$x^2 = 3y^2 + 2$$

$$a^2 = 8 + 3b^2$$

We need to show that  $\nexists a$  such that  $a^2 = 8 + 3b^2$

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$$a=2x, b=2y \quad a^2 = 4x^2 \quad 8 + 3b^2 = 8 + 12y^2 = 4(3y^2 + 2)$$

We will now show that  $x^2 \neq 3y^2 + 2$

By division algorithm,  $x$  can be  $2k_1$  or  $2k_1+1$ .  $y$  can be  $2k_2$  or  $2k_2+1$ , for some  $k_1, k_2 \in \mathbb{N}$

$$x=2k_1, y=2k_2 \quad x^2 = 4k_1^2 \quad 3y^2 + 2 = 3 \cdot 4k_2^2 + 2 = 2(1 + 6k_2^2)$$

By division algorithm,  $k_2$  can be  $2p$  or  $2p+1$  for some  $p \in \mathbb{N}$

$$k_2=2p \quad 2(6k_2^2 + 1) = 2(2 \cdot 6k_2^2 + 1)$$

↪ not div by 2