

**Theorem 21** For all integers  $a$  and  $b$  with  $b > 0$ , there exist unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that  $a = bq + r$ , and  $0 \leq r < b$ .

**Proof:** Let  $a = -5$  and  $b = 2$ . Then,

$$-5 = 2 \times (-3) + 1$$

So, for  $a = -5$  and  $b = 2$ , there exists a unique  $q$  and  $r$  belonging to the set of integers such that  $a = 2q + r$  with  $0 \leq r < 2$  (i.e.,  $r = 0$  or  $1$ ).

By, theorem 16, every integer is either odd or even.

**Corollary 1** For any integer  $a$ ,  $b$  with  $b > 1$ , there exists a unique  $r$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

Such that  $a \equiv r \pmod{b}$  and  $0 \leq r < b$

When  $b = 3$ , for any  $z \in \mathbb{Z}$ , there exists a unique integer  $r$  such that  $a \equiv r \pmod{3}$  and  $r \in \{0, 1, 2\}$ .

**Theorem 21** For every integer  $n$ ,  $n^3 \equiv n \pmod{3}$

**Proof:** By corollary 1, we only have one of the three cases

Case 1:  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$

$$n^3 \equiv n \pmod{3} \longrightarrow 3 \mid (n^3 - n)$$

$$3 \mid (n^3 - n) \longrightarrow (n)(n - 1)(n + 1)$$

By theorem 20, we will have  $n^3 \equiv 0^3 \pmod{3}$

Remark: By reflexivity,  $a \equiv b \pmod{n} \longrightarrow b \equiv a \pmod{n}$ .

Case 2:  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$

$n \equiv 1 \pmod{3}$ , By theorem 20,  $n^3 \equiv 1^3 \pmod{3}$

Similarly,  $n \equiv n^3 \pmod{3}$

Case 3:  $n \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$

**Theorem 19** Let  $n$  belong to  $\mathbb{Z}$ , Then  $n$  is even if and only if  $n^2$  is even. Similarly,  $n$  is odd if and only if  $n^2$  is odd.

**Proof:**

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Suppose,  $n$  is even. Goal:  $n^2$  is even.

Then  $n = 2k$  for some  $k$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

So,  $n^2 = (2k) * n = 2(kn)$ , where  $kn$  is in  $\mathbb{Z}$  by the closure of  $\mathbb{Z}$

Hence  $n^2$  is even.

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Need to prove: if  $n^2$  is even, then  $n$  is even.

$$(P \implies Q) \equiv (\neg Q \implies \neg P)$$

Contrapositive:

If  $n$  is not even, then  $n^2$  is not even.

By theorem 16. If an integer is not even, then it is odd.

Suppose  $n$  is odd. Then  $n = 2k + 1$  for some  $k$  in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\text{So } n^2 = (2k + 1)^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1.$$

Since  $2k^2 + 2k \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n^2$  is odd.

**Revisit** Let  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . We say  $x$  is rational if there exist integers  $p$  and  $q$  with  $q \neq 0$  such that  $x = \frac{p}{q}$ . We say  $x$  is irrational if it is not rational.

**Theorem 17:**  $\sqrt{2}$  is not rational.

**Proof:** There exist  $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$ ,  $q \neq 0$ .

$$2 = \frac{p^2}{q^2} \Rightarrow 2q^2 = p^2$$

$\Rightarrow p^2$  is even

$\Rightarrow p$  is even ( $p = 2k$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

$$\Rightarrow 2q^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2.$$

$$q^2 = 2k^2$$

$\Rightarrow q^2$  is even

$\Rightarrow q$  is even ( $q = 2L$ , where  $L \in \mathbb{Z}$ )

$\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$   $p$  is negative and  $-p$  is positive.

**Rewriting:**

Assume  $p$  is positive (if  $-p$  negative, we have  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{-p}{-q}$  so we choose  $-p$ )

Consider  $S = \{p \in \mathbb{Z}^+ \mid \sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q} \text{ for } q \in \mathbb{Z}, q \neq 0\}$ .

Note  $S \neq \emptyset$ . Then by the well-ordering property.

$S$  has a smallest element  $p_0$  such that  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p_0}{q_0}$  for some  $q_0 \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $q_0 \neq 0$ , where  $p_0$  is  $p$  not  $p$  subscript 0.

Then  $2 = \frac{p_0^2}{q_0^2}$  so  $2q_0^2 = p_0^2$ , which implies  $p_0^2$  is even.

By Theorem 19,  $p_0$  is even, so  $p_0 = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

$$\Rightarrow 0 < k < p_0$$

Plug it into our original equation to have:

$$2q_0^2 = (2k)^2 = 4k^2 \Rightarrow q_0^2 = 2k^2$$

So,  $q_0^2$  is even. By Theorem 19,  $q_0$  is even.

This implies  $q_0 = 2L$  for some  $L \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{Then } \sqrt{2} = \frac{p_0}{q_0} = \frac{2k}{2L} = \frac{k}{L} \Rightarrow k \in S.$$

Since  $k < p_0$ , we have a contradiction.

Hence,  $\sqrt{2}$  is not rational.

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**Remark:** We use proof by contradiction, then we prove that the well ordering property is contradicted