

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 $\sqrt{2} = \frac{p}{q}$, $q \neq 0$.

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

$$\Rightarrow p^2 \text{ is even}$$

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

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

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

$$\Rightarrow q^2 \text{ is even}$$

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

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

Rewriting:

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

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

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