

problem 5 solution

Proof:-

Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Using Euclid's Division lemma we have  $n = 3q + r$  where  $r \in 0, 1, 2$ .

Hence every integer is of one of the forms  $3q$  or  $3q+1$  or  $3q+2$   $q \in \mathbb{Z}$

Case I:  $n = 3q$

Hence  $3|q$  and the statement is correct in this case

Case II:-  $n = 3q + 1$

$$\Rightarrow n + 2 = 3q + 1 + 2 = 3q + 3 = 3(q + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow n + 2 = 3(q + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3|n + 2$$

Hence the above statement is correct in this case

Case III:-  $n = 3q + 2$

$$\Rightarrow n + 4 = 3q + 2 + 4 = 3q + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow n + 4 = 3(q + 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3|n + 4$$

Hence the statement is correct in this case

Hence the statement is correct in all cases and hence is correct  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$