## MA1100 Homework 4

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**Q 1.** (a) Show that for any  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $a \mid b$  and  $c \mid d$ , then  $ac \mid bd$ . *Proof.* 

1. For any  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $a \mid b$  and  $c \mid d$ , then the following holds,

$$\exists k_1 \in \mathbb{N}. \ a \cdot k_1 = b$$
$$\exists k_2 \in \mathbb{N}. \ c \cdot k_2 = d$$

- 2. then  $bd = (ak_1) \cdot (ck_2) = (ac) \cdot (k_1k_2)$ , so  $ac \mid bd$ .
- **(b)** Show that for any  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$  with c > 0, if  $ac \mid bc$ , then  $a \mid b$ . *Proof.* 
  - 1. For any  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{N}$  where c > 0, if  $ac \mid bc$ , then

$$\exists k \in \mathbb{N}. \ ac \cdot k = bc$$

- 2. Since  $c \neq 0$ , by cancellation property of  $\cdot$ , ak = b, so  $a \mid b$ .
- **Q 2.** Show that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the product  $n(n^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6. *Proof.* 
  - 1. Consider the following subset of  $\mathbb{N}$ ,

$$S := \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : 6 \mid n(n^2 + 5) \right\}$$

- 2. Then  $0 \in S$ , because  $6 \cdot 0 = 0 = 0(0^2 + 5)$  so  $6 \mid 0(0^2 + 5)$ .
- 3. For any  $n \in S$ ,  $6 \mid n(n^2 + 5)$  so  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $6 \cdot k = n(n^2 + 5)$ , then

$$(n+1) ((n+1)^{2} + 5)) = (n+1)(n^{2} + 2n + 6)$$

$$= n^{3} + 2n^{2} + 6n + n^{2} + 2n + 6$$

$$= n^{3} + 3n^{2} + 8n + 6$$

$$= n^{3} + 5n + 3n^{2} + 3n + 6$$

$$= n(n^{2} + 5) + 3 \cdot n(n+1) + 6$$

$$(n+1) ((n+1)^{2} + 5)) = 6k + 3 \cdot n(n+1) + 6$$

$$(2.1)$$

**Known Result.**  $n \in S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$  is even or odd.

(1). Case n is even, so  $\exists l_1 \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $n = 2l_1$ , then (2.1) can be rewritten as

$$(n+1) ((n+1)^2 + 5) = 6k + 3 \cdot (2l_1)(n+1) + 6$$
$$= 6k + 6 \cdot l_1(n+1) + 6$$
$$= 6(k+l_1(n+1) + 1)$$

Hence  $6 \mid (n+1)((n+1)^2 + 5)$  and  $n+1 \in S$ .

(2). Case n is odd, so  $\exists l_2 \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $n = 2l_2 + 1$ , then (2.1) can be rewritten as

$$(n+1) ((n+1)^2 + 5) = 6k + 3 \cdot n(2l_2 + 1 + 1) + 6$$
$$= 6k + 6 \cdot n(l_2 + 1) + 6$$
$$= 6(k + n(l_2 + 1) + 1)$$

Hence  $6 \mid (n+1)((n+1)^2 + 5)$  and  $n+1 \in S$ .

- 4. Therefore by induction,  $S = \mathbb{N}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n(n^2 + 5)$  is divisible by 6.
- **Q 3.** Show that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , the number  $3n^7 + 7n^3 + 11n$  is divisible by 21.

Proof.

1. Consider the subset  $S \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$S := \left\{ n \in \mathbb{N} : 21 \mid 3n^7 + 7n^3 + 11n \right\}$$

- 2. Then  $0 \in S$ , because  $21 \cdot 0 = 0 = 3 \cdot 0^7 + 7 \cdot 0^3 + 11 \cdot 0$ , which means  $21 \mid 3 \cdot 0^7 + 7 \cdot 0^3 + 11 \cdot 0$ .
- 3. For any  $n \in S$ ,  $21 \mid 3n^7 + 7n^3 + 11n$ , so  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $21 \cdot k = 3n^7 + 7n^3 + 11n$ , then

$$3(n+1)^{7} + 7(n+1)^{3} + 11(n+1)$$

$$= 3(n^{7} + 7n^{6} + 21n^{5} + 35n^{4} + 35n^{3} + 21n^{2} + 7n + 1)$$

$$+ 7(n^{3} + 3n^{2} + 3n + 1) + 11n + 11$$

$$= 3n^{7} + 21n^{6} + 63n^{5} + 105n^{4} + 105n^{3} + 63n^{2} + 21n + 3$$

$$+ 7n^{3} + 21n^{2} + 21n + 7 + 11n + 11$$

$$= 3n^{7} + 21n^{6} + 63n^{5} + 105n^{4} + 105n^{3} + 84n^{2} + 42n + 21 + 7n^{3} + 11n$$

$$= 21k + 21n^{6} + (21 \cdot 3)n^{5} + (21 \cdot 5)n^{4} + (21 \cdot 5)n^{3} + (21 \cdot 4)n^{2} + (21 \cdot 2)n + 21$$

$$= 21(k + n^{6} + 3n^{5} + 5n^{4} + 5n^{3} + 4n^{2} + 2n + 1)$$

Hence  $21 \mid 3(n+1)^7 + 7(n+1)^3 + 11(n+1), n+1 \in S$ .

4. Therefore by induction,  $S = \mathbb{N}$ , for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $3n^7 + 7n^3 + 11n$  is divisible by 21.

**Q 4.** Show that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $n^2 + 2$  is not divisible by 4.

Proof.

1. Base cases.

$$0^{2} + 2 = 2 = 4 \cdot 0 + 2 \implies 4 \nmid 2$$
  
 $1^{2} + 2 = 3 = 4 \cdot 0 + 3 \implies 4 \nmid 3$ 

2. Induction step. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $4 \nmid n^2 + 2$ ,

$$\exists q \in \mathbb{N}, r \in \{1, 2, 3\}. \ n^2 + 2 = 4 \cdot q + r$$

then  $4 \nmid (n+2)^2 + 2$ , because

$$(n+2)^{2} + 2 = n^{2} + 4n + 4 + 2$$

$$= 4q + r + 4n + 4$$

$$= 4q + 4n + 4 + r$$

$$= 4(q+n+1) + r$$

- 3. Since  $q + n + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ , by division algorithm  $4 \nmid (n + 2)^2 + 2$ .
- 4. Therefore by induction,  $n^2 + 2$  is not divisible by 4 for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**Q 5.** Show that if  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  are <u>odd</u> natural numbers, then  $m^2 + n^2$  is even but not divisible by 4.

Proof.

1.  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  are odd, so  $\exists k, l \in \mathbb{N}$ . m = 2k + 1, n = 2l + 1, then

$$m^{2} + n^{2} = (2k+1)^{2} + (2l+1)^{2}$$

$$= 4k^{2} + 4k + 1 + 4l^{2} + 4l + 1$$

$$= 2(2k^{2} + 2l^{2} + 2k + 2l + 1)$$

$$= 4(k^{2} + l^{2} + k + l) + 2$$
(5.1)

- 2. From (5.1), since  $k^2 + l^2 + 2k + 2l + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $m^2 + n^2$  is even.
- 3. By division algorithm on  $m^2 + n^2$  with d = 4, from (5.2), we see that the (uniquely determined)  $q = k^2 + l^2 + k + l \in \mathbb{N}$  and r = 2, in particular,  $r \neq 0$ , so  $4 \nmid m^2 + n^2$ .  $\square$

- **Q 6.** Determine how many natural numbers  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $100 \le n \le 1000$  are divisible by 7.
  - 1. The set of all natural numbers  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  in  $100 \le n \le 1000$  where  $7 \mid n$  is

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S := \begin{cases} 105, 112, 119, 126, 133, 140, 147, 154, 161, 168, 175, 182, 189, 196, \\ 203, 210, 217, 224, 231, 238, 245, 252, 259, 266, 273, 280, 287, 294, \\ 301, 308, 315, 322, 329, 336, 343, 350, 357, 364, 371, 378, 385, 392, 399, \\ 406, 413, 420, 427, 434, 441, 448, 455, 462, 469, 476, 483, 490, 497, \\ 504, 511, 518, 525, 532, 539, 546, 553, 560, 567, 574, 581, 588, 595, \\ 602, 609, 616, 623, 630, 637, 644, 651, 658, 665, 672, 679, 686, 693, \\ 700, 707, 714, 721, 728, 735, 742, 749, 756, 763, 770, 777, 784, 791, 798, \\ 805, 812, 819, 826, 833, 840, 847, 854, 861, 868, 875, 882, 889, 896, \\ 903, 910, 917, 924, 931, 938, 945, 952, 959, 966, 973, 980, 987, 994 \end{cases}
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2. It can be verified that

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7 \cdot 96
7 \cdot 15 = 105
                     7 \cdot 42
                               = 294
                                           7 \cdot 69
                                                    =483
                                                                           = 672
7 \cdot 16
         = 112
                     7 \cdot 43
                               = 301
                                          7 \cdot 70
                                                    = 490
                                                                 7 \cdot 97
                                                                           = 679
7 \cdot 17
         = 119
                     7 \cdot 44
                               = 308
                                          7 \cdot 71
                                                    =497
                                                                 7 \cdot 98
                                                                           = 686
7 \cdot 18
         = 126
                     7 \cdot 45
                               = 315
                                          7 \cdot 72
                                                    = 504
                                                                 7 \cdot 99
                                                                           = 693
                                                                                       7 \cdot 123
                                                                                                  = 861
7 \cdot 19
         = 133
                     7 \cdot 46
                               = 322
                                          7 \cdot 73
                                                    = 511
                                                                7 \cdot 100
                                                                           =700
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                                                                                                  = 868
7 \cdot 20
                                          7 \cdot 74
                                                    = 518
                                                                7 \cdot 101
         = 140
                     7 \cdot 47
                               = 329
                                                                           =707
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                                                                                                  = 875
7 \cdot 21
         = 147
                     7 \cdot 48
                               = 336
                                          7 \cdot 75
                                                                7 \cdot 102
                                                    = 525
                                                                           =714
                                                                                       7 \cdot 126
                                                                                                   = 882
7 \cdot 22
         = 154
                     7 \cdot 49
                               = 343
                                          7 \cdot 76
                                                    = 532
                                                                7 \cdot 103
                                                                           = 721
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7 \cdot 23
         = 161
                     7 \cdot 50
                               = 350
                                          7 \cdot 77
                                                    = 539
                                                                7 \cdot 104
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7 \cdot 24
         = 168
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7 \cdot 26
         = 182
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                               = 385
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7 \cdot 29
         = 203
                     7 \cdot 56
                               = 392
                                          7 \cdot 83
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         = 210
                     7 \cdot 57
                               = 399
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         = 217
                     7 \cdot 58
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7 \cdot 32
         = 224
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         = 231
7 \cdot 33
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                               = 420
                                          7 \cdot 87
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7 \cdot 34
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                               =427
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7 \cdot 38
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                     7 \cdot 65
                               = 455
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7 \cdot 39
         = 273
                     7 \cdot 66
                               = 462
                                          7 \cdot 93
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7 \cdot 40 = 280
                     7 \cdot 67
                               = 469
                                          7 \cdot 94
                                                    = 658
                                                                7 \cdot 121
                                                                           = 847
7 \cdot 41
         = 287
                     7 \cdot 68
                              =476
                                          7 \cdot 95
                                                    = 665
                                                                7 \cdot 122
                                                                           = 854
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3. By counting, |S| = 128.

**Definition.** A perfect square is a natural number  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $n = k^2$ .

**Q 7.** Show that if  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  are <u>odd</u> natural numbers, then  $m^2 + n^2$  is not a perfect square. *Proof.* 

1. Given 2 odd natural numbers  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}, \exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}. m = 2a + 1, n = 2b + 1$ , then

$$m^{2} + n^{2} = (2a + 1)^{2} + (2b + 1)^{2}$$

$$= 4a^{2} + 4a + 1 + 4b^{2} + 4b + 1$$

$$= 4a^{2} + 4b^{2} + 4a + 4b + 2$$

$$m^{2} + n^{2} = 2(2a^{2} + 2b^{2} + 2a + 2b + 1)$$

$$m^{2} + n^{2} = 4(a^{2} + a + b^{2} + b) + 2$$

$$(7.1)$$

2. Suppose for a contradiction  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}.\ k^2 = m^2 + n^2$ , from (7.1)

$$k^2 = 2(2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2a + 2b + 1)$$

in particular,  $k^2 > 0$  and  $k^2$  is even.

Claim. k is even.

• If not,  $\exists l \in \mathbb{N}$ . k = 2l + 1, then

$$k^{2} = (2l + 1)^{2}$$
$$= 4l^{2} + 4l + 1$$
$$= 2(2l^{2} + 2l) + 1$$

- implying  $k^2$  is odd, a contradiction
- 3. So k is even, then  $\exists c \in \mathbb{N}$ . k = 2c, which implies  $k^2 = 4c^2$ , in particular,  $4 \mid k^2$ .
- 4. But from (7.2),

$$k^2 = 4(a^2 + a + b^2 + b) + 2$$

by division algorithm applied on  $k^2$  with d=4, get  $q=a^2+a+b^2+b\in\mathbb{N}$  and r=2, which means in particular,  $4\nmid k^2$ , a contradiction.

5. Therefore, for any odd  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there does not exist  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $k^2 = m^2 + n^2$ , and  $m^2 + n^2$  is not a perfect square.

**Q 8.** Show that if  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  are natural numbers not divisible by 3, then  $m^2 + n^2$  is not a perfect square.

Proof.

- 1. Given  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , suppose for a contradiction  $m^2 + n^2$  is a perfect square, where  $\exists k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $m^2 + n^2 = k^2$ .
- 2. Apply division algorithm on k with d=3, we have

$$k = 3q_k + r_k$$

where  $q_k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r_k \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  are uniquely determined by k.

3. Since  $3 \nmid m$  and  $3 \nmid n$ , repeating the division algorithm,

$$m = 3q_m + r_m$$
$$n = 3q_n + r_n$$

where  $q_m, q_n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $r_m, r_n \in \{1, 2\}$  are uniquely determined by m, n respectively.

4. Since  $m^2 + n^2$  is a perfect square,

$$m^{2} + n^{2} = k^{2}$$

$$(3q_{m} + r_{m})^{2} + (3q_{n} + r_{n})^{2} = (3q_{k} + r_{k})^{2}$$

$$9q_{m}^{2} + 6q_{m}r_{m} + r_{m}^{2} + 9q_{n}^{2} + 6q_{n}r_{n} + r_{n}^{2} = 9q_{k}^{2} + 6q_{k}r_{k} + r_{k}^{2}$$

$$3(3q_{m}^{2} + 2q_{m}r_{m} + 3q_{n}^{2} + 2q_{n}r_{n}) + r_{m}^{2} + r_{n}^{2} = 3(3q_{k}^{2} + 2q_{k}r_{k}) + r_{k}^{2}$$
(8.1)

5. For readability, define  $e_1, e_2 \in \mathbb{N}$  and rewrite (8.1)

$$e_1 := 3q_m^2 + 2q_m r_m + 3q_n^2 + 2q_n r_n$$

$$e_2 := 3q_k^2 + 2q_k r_k$$

$$3e_1 + r_m^2 + r_n^2 = 3e_2 + r_k^2$$
(8.2)

- 6. By enumerating possible values,  $r_m^2+r_n^2\in\{\,2,5,8\,\},\,r_k^2\in\{\,0,1,4\,\}$
- 7. When applying division algorithm on LHS of (8.2) with d=3,

$$m^2 + n^2 = 3e_1 + 2$$
 or  
 $m^2 + n^2 = 3e_1 + 5 = 3(e_1 + 1) + 2$  or  
 $m^2 + n^2 = 3e_1 + 8 = 3(e_1 + 2) + 2$ 

In any case, LHS has r=2 when applied division algorithm with d=3

8. However, when applying division algorithm on RHS of (8.2) with d=3,

$$k^2 = 3e_2$$
 or  
 $k^2 = 3e_2 + 1$  or  
 $k^2 = 3e_2 + 4 = 3(e_2 + 1) + 1$ 

In no case does RHS have r=2, a contradiction.

9. Hence for any  $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$  not divisible by 3,  $m^2 + n^2$  is not a perfect square.

**Q 9.** (a) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove or disprove: if there exists a prime number p such that  $2^n = p+1$ , then n is prime.

Proof.

- 1. If prime number p exists, such that  $2^n = p + 1$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- 2. Since  $2^0 = 0 + 1$  and 0 is not prime,  $n \neq 0$ .
- 3. Suppose for contradiction n is not prime, so  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ . n = a(b+1), a > 1, b > 0, then

$$2^n = 2^{a(b+1)} = p+1$$

take  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  to be the number where  $d+1=2^a$ .

4. Consider the sum

$$\sum_{i=0}^{b+1} 2^{ai} = 1 + \sum_{i=1}^{b+1} 2^{ai}$$

LHS: expand by definition; RHS: factor  $2^a$  from every term in the summation

$$2^{a(b+1)} + \sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai} = 1 + 2^{a} \sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai}$$

$$p+1+\sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai} = 1 + (d+1) \sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai}$$

$$p+\sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai} = (d+1) \sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai}$$

$$p+\sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai} = d \sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai} + \sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai}$$

$$p=d \sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai}$$

5. so  $d \mid p$ , but because a > 1,

$$2^a > 2$$
$$d > 1$$

and because b > 0

$$\sum_{i=0}^{b} 2^{ai} \ge 1 + 2^a > 1$$

- 6. Contradicting primality of p.
- (b) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove or disprove: if n is prime, then there exists a prime number p such that  $2^n = p + 1$ .

**False.** Take n = 109 which is prime, then

$$2^{109} = 649037107316853453566312041152512$$
  
= 649037107316853453566312041152511 + 1  
= (745988807 · 870035986098720987332873) + 1

**Q 10.** (a) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove or disprove: if  $2^n + 1$  is prime, then there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = 2^k$ .

False. Take  $n = 0 \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$2^0 + 1 = 1 + 1 = 2$$

is prime, but there does not exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  where  $2^k = 0$ .

(b) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . Prove or disprove: if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $n = 2^k$ , then  $2^n + 1$  is prime.

False. Take  $n = 2^7 = 128$ , then

$$2^{128} + 1 = 340282366920938463463374607431768211456 + 1$$
  
=  $340282366920938463463374607431768211457$   
=  $59649589127497217 \cdot 5704689200685129054721$ 

**Q 11.** Let p be a prime number. Show that if there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that p = 3k + 1, then there exists  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that p = 6n + 1.

Proof.

- 1. Let p be a prime number, suppose there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that p = 3k + 1.
- 2. Consider the case k is odd, so  $\exists l \in \mathbb{N}. \ 2l+1=k$ , then

$$p = 3(2l+1) + 1 = 6l + 4 = 2(3l+2)$$

have  $2 \mid p$  and  $p \ge 4 \implies p \ne 2$ , contradicting primality of p. So k cannot be odd.

3. Hence k is even,  $\exists n \in \mathbb{N}$ . 2n = k, then

$$p = 3(2n) + 1 = 6n + 1.$$

So  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  exists.

**Q 12.** Show that for any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that n = 3k + 2, there exists a prime number  $d \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $d \mid n$  and there exists  $k' \in \mathbb{N}$  such that d = 3k' + 2.

Proof.

- 1. For any  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , suppose there exists  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  such that n = 3k + 2.
- 2. Consider the subset  $D \subseteq \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$D := \{ d \in \mathbb{N} : d \mid n \land (\exists k' \in \mathbb{N}. \ d = 3k' + 2) \}$$

- 3. Clearly  $n \in D$ , as  $n \mid n$  and n = 3k + 2, so in particular,  $D \neq \emptyset$ .
- 4. By well-ordering principle, D has smallest element  $d_0 = 3k_0 + 2$ .

Claim.  $d_0$  is prime.

(1). If not,  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $a \neq 1, b \neq 1, d_0 = ab$ ,

$$d_0 = ab = 3k_0 + 2 \tag{12.1}$$

(2). Apply division algorithm on a and b with divisor 3,

$$a = \alpha \cdot 3 + \beta$$
$$b = \gamma \cdot 3 + \delta$$

where  $\alpha, \gamma \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $\beta, \delta \in \{0, 1, 2\}$  are uniquely determined by a, b respectively.

(3). rewrite (12.1)

$$d_0 = 3k_0 + 2 = (3\alpha + \beta)(3\gamma + \delta)$$

$$= 9\alpha\gamma + 3\alpha\delta + 3\beta\gamma + \beta\delta$$

$$3k_0 + 2 = 3(3\alpha\gamma + \alpha\delta + \beta\gamma) + \beta\delta$$
(12.2)

- (4). By enumeration of possibilities,  $\beta\delta \in \{0, 1, 2, 4\}$ , then for (12.2) to be consistent when applied division algorithm with divisor 3,  $\beta\delta = 2$ .
- (5). Without loss of generality, assume  $\beta = 2, \delta = 1$ , then

$$a = 3\alpha + 2, \alpha \in \mathbb{N}$$

also notice that  $a \mid d_0$  and  $d_0 \mid n$ , so  $a \mid n$  and as a result  $a \in D$ .

- (6). However, from (12.1),  $a \mid d_0 \implies a \leq d_0$ , but  $b \neq 1$  so we have  $a \neq d_0$ , then  $a < d_0$ , contradicting with  $d_0$  being smallest in D.
- 5. Hence  $d_0 \in \mathbb{N}$  is a prime satisfying  $d_0 \mid n$  and  $\exists k' \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $d_0 = 3k' + 2$ .