

**Exercise 1.1**

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**1. If  $a$  and  $b$  are two odd positive integers such that  $a > b$ , then prove that one of the two numbers  $(a+b)/2$  and  $(a-b)/2$  is odd and the other is even.**

**Solution:**

We know that any odd positive integer is of the form  $4q+1$  or,  $4q+3$  for some whole number  $q$ .

Now that it's given  $a > b$

So, we can choose  $a = 4q+3$  and  $b = 4q+1$ .

$$\therefore (a+b)/2 = [(4q+3) + (4q+1)]/2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)/2 = (8q+4)/2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b)/2 = 4q+2 = 2(2q+1) \text{ which is clearly an even number.}$$

Now, doing  $(a-b)/2$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)/2 = [(4q+3)-(4q+1)]/2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)/2 = (4q+3-4q-1)/2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)/2 = (2)/2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)/2 = 1 \text{ which is an odd number.}$$

Hence, one of the two numbers  $(a+b)/2$  and  $(a-b)/2$  is odd and the other is even.

**2. Prove that the product of two consecutive positive integers is divisible by 2.**

**Solution:**

Let's consider two consecutive positive integers as  $(n-1)$  and  $n$ .

$$\therefore \text{Their product} = (n-1)n \\ = n^2 - n$$

And then we know that any positive integer is of the form  $2q$  or  $2q+1$ . (From Euclid's division lemma for  $b=2$ )

So, when  $n = 2q$

We have,

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - n = (2q)^2 - 2q$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - n = 4q^2 - 2q$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - n = 2(2q^2 - q)$$

Thus,  $n^2 - n$  is divisible by 2.

Now, when  $n = 2q+1$

We have,

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - n = (2q+1)^2 - (2q+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - n = (4q^2 + 4q + 1 - 2q - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - n = (4q^2 + 2q)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 - n = 2(2q^2 + q)$$

Thus,  $n^2 - n$  is divisible by 2 again.

Hence, the product of two consecutive positive integers is divisible by 2.

**3. Prove that the product of three consecutive positive integers is divisible by 6.****Solution:**

Let  $n$  be any positive integer.

Thus, the three consecutive positive integers are  $n$ ,  $n+1$  and  $n+2$ .

We know that any positive integer can be of the form  $6q$ , or  $6q+1$ , or  $6q+2$ , or  $6q+3$ , or  $6q+4$ , or  $6q+5$ . (From Euclid's division lemma for  $b=6$ )

So,

For  $n=6q$ ,

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6q(6q+1)(6q+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6[q(6q+1)(6q+2)]$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = q(6q+1)(6q+2)]$$

For  $n=6q+1$ ,

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = (6q+1)(6q+2)(6q+3)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6[(6q+1)(3q+1)(2q+1)]$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = (6q+1)(3q+1)(2q+1)]$$

For  $n=6q+2$ ,

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = (6q+2)(6q+3)(6q+4)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6[(3q+1)(2q+1)(6q+4)]$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = (3q+1)(2q+1)(6q+4)]$$

For  $n=6q+3$ ,

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = (6q+3)(6q+4)(6q+5)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6[(2q+1)(3q+2)(6q+5)]$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = (2q+1)(3q+2)(6q+5)]$$

For  $n=6q+4$ ,

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = (6q+4)(6q+5)(6q+6)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6[(3q+2)(3q+1)(2q+2)]$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = (3q+2)(3q+1)(2q+2)]$$

For  $n=6q+5$ ,

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = (6q+5)(6q+6)(6q+7)$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6[(6q+5)(q+1)(6q+7)]$$

$$\Rightarrow n(n+1)(n+2) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = (6q+5)(q+1)(6q+7)]$$

Hence, the product of three consecutive positive integers is divisible by 6.

**4. For any positive integer  $n$ , prove that  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 6.****Solution:**

Let,  $n$  be any positive integer. And since any positive integer can be of the form  $6q$ , or  $6q+1$ , or  $6q+2$ , or  $6q+3$ , or  $6q+4$ , or  $6q+5$ . (From Euclid's division lemma for  $b=6$ )

$$\text{We have } n^3 - n = n(n^2 - 1) = (n-1)n(n+1),$$

For  $n = 6q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = (6q-1)(6q)(6q+1) \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6[(6q-1)q(6q+1)] \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = (6q-1)q(6q+1)]\end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 6q+1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = (6q)(6q+1)(6q+2) \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6[q(6q+1)(6q+2)] \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = q(6q+1)(6q+2)]\end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 6q+2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = (6q+1)(6q+2)(6q+3) \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6[(6q+1)(3q+1)(2q+1)] \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = (6q+1)(3q+1)(2q+1)]\end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 6q+3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = (6q+2)(6q+3)(6q+4) \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6[(3q+1)(2q+1)(6q+4)] \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = (3q+1)(2q+1)(6q+4)]\end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 6q+4$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = (6q+3)(6q+4)(6q+5) \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6[(2q+1)(3q+2)(6q+5)] \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = (2q+1)(3q+2)(6q+5)]\end{aligned}$$

For  $n = 6q+5$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = (6q+4)(6q+5)(6q+6) \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6[(6q+4)(6q+5)(q+1)] \\ \Rightarrow & (n-1)n(n+1) = 6m, \text{ which is divisible by 6. } [m = (6q+4)(6q+5)(q+1)]\end{aligned}$$

Hence, for any positive integer  $n$ ,  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 6.

**5. Prove that if a positive integer is of form  $6q + 5$ , then it is of the form  $3q + 2$  for some integer  $q$ , but not conversely.**

**Solution:**

Let  $n = 6q+5$  be a positive integer for some integer  $q$ .

We know that any positive integer can be of the form  $3k$ , or  $3k+1$ , or  $3k+2$ .

$\therefore q$  can be  $3k$  or,  $3k+1$  or,  $3k+2$ .

If  $q = 3k$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow & n = 6q+5 \\ \Rightarrow & n = 6(3k)+5 \\ \Rightarrow & n = 18k+5 = (18k+3)+2 \\ \Rightarrow & n = 3(6k+1)+2 \\ \Rightarrow & n = 3m+2, \text{ where } m \text{ is some integer}\end{aligned}$$

If  $q = 3k+1$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow n &= 6q+5 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 6(3k+1)+5 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 18k+6+5 = (18k+9)+2 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 3(6k+3)+2 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 3m+2, \text{ where } m \text{ is some integer}\end{aligned}$$

If  $q = 3k+2$ , then

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow n &= 6q+5 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 6(3k+2)+5 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 18k+12+5 = (18k+15)+2 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 3(6k+5)+2 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 3m+2, \text{ where } m \text{ is some integer}\end{aligned}$$

Hence, if a positive integer is of form  $6q + 5$ , then it is of the form  $3q + 2$  for some integer  $q$ .

Conversely,

Let  $n = 3q+2$

And we know that a positive integer can be of the form  $6k$ , or  $6k+1$ , or  $6k+2$ , or  $6k+3$ , or  $6k+4$ , or  $6k+5$ .

So, now if  $q=6k+1$  then

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow n &= 3q+2 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 3(6k+1)+2 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 18k + 5 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 6m+5, \text{ where } m \text{ is some integer}\end{aligned}$$

So, now if  $q=6k+2$  then

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow n &= 3q+2 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 3(6k+2)+2 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 18k + 6 + 2 = 18k+8 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 6(3k + 1) + 2 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 6m+2, \text{ where } m \text{ is some integer}\end{aligned}$$

Now, this is not of the form  $6q + 5$ .

Therefore, if  $n$  is of the form  $3q + 2$ , then is necessary won't be of the form  $6q + 5$ .

**6. Prove that square of any positive integer of the form  $5q + 1$  is of the same form.**

**Solution:**

Here, the integer ' $n$ ' is of the form  $5q+1$ .

$$\Rightarrow n = 5q+1$$

On squaring it,

$$\begin{aligned}\Rightarrow n^2 &= (5q+1)^2 \\ \Rightarrow n^2 &= (25q^2+10q+1) \\ \Rightarrow n^2 &= 5(5q^2+2q)+1\end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 5m+1, \text{ where } m \text{ is some integer.} \quad [\text{For } m = 5q^2+2q]$$

Therefore, the square of any positive integer of the form  $5q + 1$  is of the same form.

## 7. Prove that the square of any positive integer is of the form $3m$ or $3m + 1$ but not of the form $3m + 2$ .

**Solution:**

Let any positive integer 'n' be of the form  $3q$  or,  $3q+1$  or  $3q+2$ . (From Euclid's division lemma for  $b=3$ )

If  $n = 3q$ ,

Then, on squaring

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = (3q)^2 = 9q^2$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 3(3q^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 3m, \text{ where } m \text{ is some integer} \quad [m = 3q^2]$$

If  $n = 3q+1$ ,

Then, on squaring

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = (3q+1)^2 = 9q^2 + 6q + 1$$

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

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 3m + 1, \text{ where } m \text{ is some integer} \quad [m = 3q^2 + 2q]$$

If  $n = 3q+2$ ,

Then, on squaring

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = (3q+2)^2 = 9q^2 + 12q + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 3(3q^2 + 4q + 1) + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 = 3m + 1, \text{ where } m \text{ is some integer} \quad [m = 3q^2 + 4q + 1]$$

Thus, it is observed that the square of any positive integer is of the form  $3m$  or  $3m + 1$  but not of the form  $3m + 2$ .

## 8. Prove that the square of any positive integer is of the form $4q$ or $4q + 1$ for some integer $q$ .

**Solution:**

Let 'a' be any positive integer.

Then,

According to Euclid's division lemma,

$$a = bq + r$$

According to the question, when  $b = 4$ .

$$a = 4k + r, \quad 0 \leq r < 4$$

When  $r = 0$ , we get,  $a = 4k$

$$a^2 = 16k^2 = 4(4k^2) = 4q, \text{ where } q = 4k^2$$

When  $r = 1$ , we get,  $a = 4k + 1$

$$a^2 = (4k + 1)^2 = 16k^2 + 1 + 8k = 4(4k^2 + 2k) + 1 = 4q + 1, \text{ where } q = k(4k + 2)$$

When  $r = 2$ , we get,  $a = 4k + 2$

$$a^2 = (4k + 2)^2 = 16k^2 + 4 + 16k = 4(4k^2 + 4k + 1) = 4q, \text{ where } q = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

When  $r = 3$ , we get,  $a = 4k + 3$

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= (4k + 3)^2 = 16k^2 + 9 + 24k = 4(4k^2 + 6k + 2) + 1 \\ &= 4q + 1, \text{ where } q = 4k^2 + 6k + 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the square of any positive integer is either of the form  $4q$  or  $4q + 1$  for some integer  $q$ .

**9. Prove that the square of any positive integer is of the form  $5q$  or  $5q + 1$ ,  $5q + 4$  for some integer  $q$ .**

**Solution:**

Let 'a' be any positive integer.

Then,

According to Euclid's division lemma,

$$a = bq + r$$

According to the question, when  $b = 5$ .

$$a = 5k + r, \quad 0 \leq r < 5$$

When  $r = 0$ , we get,  $a = 5k$

$$a^2 = 25k^2 = 5(5k^2) = 5q, \text{ where } q = 5k^2$$

When  $r = 1$ , we get,  $a = 5k + 1$

$$a^2 = (5k + 1)^2 = 25k^2 + 1 + 10k = 5k(5k + 2) + 1 = 5q + 1, \text{ where } q = k(5k + 2)$$

When  $r = 2$ , we get,  $a = 5k + 2$

$$a^2 = (5k + 2)^2 = 25k^2 + 4 + 20k = 5(5k^2 + 4k) + 4 = 5q + 4, \text{ where } q = 5k^2 + 4k$$

When  $r = 3$ , we get,  $a = 5k + 3$

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= (5k + 3)^2 = 25k^2 + 9 + 30k = 5(5k^2 + 6k + 1) + 4 \\ &= 5q + 4, \text{ where } q = 5k^2 + 6k + 1 \end{aligned}$$

When  $r = 4$ , we get,  $a = 5k + 4$

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 &= (5k + 4)^2 = 25k^2 + 16 + 40k = 5(5k^2 + 8k + 3) + 1 \\ &= 5q + 1, \text{ where } q = 5k^2 + 8k + 3 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the square of any positive integer is of the form  $5q$  or,  $5q + 1$  or  $5q + 4$  for some integer  $q$ .

**10. Show that the square of odd integer is of the form  $8q + 1$ , for some integer  $q$ .**

**Solution:**

From Euclid's division lemma,

$$a = bq + r; \text{ where } 0 \leq r < b$$

Putting  $b=4$  for the question,

$$\Rightarrow a = 4q + r, \quad 0 \leq r < 4$$

For  $r = 0$ , we get  $a = 4q$ , which is an even number.

For  $r = 1$ , we get  $a = 4q + 1$ , which is an odd number.

On squaring,

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = (4q + 1)^2 = 16q^2 + 1 + 8q = 8(2q^2 + q) + 1 = 8m + 1, \text{ where } m = 2q^2 + q$$

For  $r = 2$ , we get  $a = 4q + 2 = 2(2q + 1)$ , which is an even number.

For  $r = 3$ , we get  $a = 4q + 3$ , which is an odd number.

On squaring,

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = (4q + 3)^2 = 16q^2 + 9 + 24q = 8(2q^2 + 3q + 1) + 1$$

$$= 8m + 1, \text{ where } m = 2q^2 + 3q + 1$$

Thus, the square of an odd integer is of the form  $8q + 1$ , for some integer  $q$ .

**11. Show that any positive odd integer is of the form  $6q + 1$  or  $6q + 3$  or  $6q + 5$ , where  $q$  is some integer.**

**Solution:**

Let 'a' be any positive integer.

Then from Euclid's division lemma,

$$a = bq + r; \text{ where } 0 \leq r < b$$

Putting  $b=6$  we get,

$$\Rightarrow a = 6q + r, 0 \leq r < 6$$

For  $r = 0$ , we get  $a = 6q = 2(3q) = 2m$ , which is an even number. [ $m = 3q$ ]

For  $r = 1$ , we get  $a = 6q + 1 = 2(3q) + 1 = 2m + 1$ , which is an **odd** number. [ $m = 3q$ ]

For  $r = 2$ , we get  $a = 6q + 2 = 2(3q + 1) = 2m$ , which is an even number. [ $m = 3q + 1$ ]

For  $r = 3$ , we get  $a = 6q + 3 = 2(3q + 1) + 1 = 2m + 1$ , which is an **odd** number. [ $m = 3q + 1$ ]

For  $r = 4$ , we get  $a = 6q + 4 = 2(3q + 2) = 2m$ , which is an even number. [ $m = 3q + 2$ ]

For  $r = 5$ , we get  $a = 6q + 5 = 2(3q + 2) + 1 = 2m + 1$ , which is an **odd** number. [ $m = 3q + 2$ ]

Thus, from the above it can be seen that any positive odd integer can be of the form  $6q + 1$  or  $6q + 3$  or  $6q + 5$ , where  $q$  is some integer.

**12. Show that the square of any positive integer cannot be of the form  $6m + 2$  or  $6m + 5$  for any integer  $m$ .**

**Solution:**

Let the positive integer = a

According to Euclid's division algorithm,

$$a = 6q + r, \text{ where } 0 \leq r < 6$$

$$a^2 = (6q + r)^2 = 36q^2 + r^2 + 12qr \quad [\because (a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2]$$

$$a^2 = 6(6q^2 + 2qr) + r^2 \quad \dots(i), \text{ where, } 0 \leq r < 6$$

When  $r = 0$ , substituting  $r = 0$  in Eq.(i), we get

$$a^2 = 6(6q^2) = 6m, \quad \text{where, } m = 6q^2 \text{ is an integer.}$$

When  $r = 1$ , substituting  $r = 1$  in Eq.(i), we get

$$a^2 = 6(6q^2 + 2q) + 1 = 6m + 1, \quad \text{where, } m = (6q^2 + 2q) \text{ is an integer.}$$

When  $r = 2$ , substituting  $r = 2$  in Eq.(i), we get

$$a^2 = 6(6q^2 + 4q) + 4 = 6m + 4, \quad \text{where, } m = (6q^2 + 4q) \text{ is an integer.}$$

When  $r = 3$ , substituting  $r = 3$  in Eq.(i), we get



$$a^2 = 6(6q^2 + 6q) + 9 = 6(6q^2 + 6q) + 6 + 3$$

$$a^2 = 6(6q^2 + 6q + 1) + 3 = 6m + 3, \quad \text{where, } m = (6q^2 + 6q + 1) \text{ is integer.}$$

When  $r = 4$ , substituting  $r = 4$  in Eq.(i) we get

$$a^2 = 6(6q^2 + 8q) + 16$$

$$= 6(6q^2 + 8q) + 12 + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 6(6q^2 + 8q + 2) + 4 = 6m + 4, \quad \text{where, } m = (6q^2 + 8q + 2) \text{ is integer.}$$

When  $r = 5$ , substituting  $r = 5$  in Eq.(i), we get

$$a^2 = 6(6q^2 + 10q) + 25 = 6(6q^2 + 10q) + 24 + 1$$

$$a^2 = 6(6q^2 + 10q + 4) + 1 = 6m + 1, \quad \text{where, } m = (6q^2 + 10q + 4) \text{ is integer.}$$

Hence, the square of any positive integer cannot be of the form  $6m + 2$  or  $6m + 5$  for any integer  $m$ .

Hence Proved.

**13. Show that the cube of a positive integer of the form  $6q + r$ ,  $q$  is an integer and  $r = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  is also of the form  $6m + r$ .**

**Solution:**

Given,  $6q + r$  is a positive integer, where  $q$  is an integer and  $r = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$

Then, the positive integers are of the form  $6q, 6q+1, 6q+2, 6q+3, 6q+4$  and  $6q+5$ .

Taking cube on L.H.S and R.H.S,

For  $6q$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (6q)^3 &= 216q^3 = 6(36q^3) + 0 \\ &= 6m + 0, \quad (\text{where } m \text{ is an integer} = (36q^3)) \end{aligned}$$

For  $6q+1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (6q+1)^3 &= 216q^3 + 108q^2 + 18q + 1 \\ &= 6(36q^3 + 18q^2 + 3q) + 1 \\ &= 6m + 1, \quad (\text{where } m \text{ is an integer} = 36q^3 + 18q^2 + 3q) \end{aligned}$$

For  $6q+2$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (6q+2)^3 &= 216q^3 + 216q^2 + 72q + 8 \\ &= 6(36q^3 + 36q^2 + 12q + 1) + 2 \\ &= 6m + 2, \quad (\text{where } m \text{ is an integer} = 36q^3 + 36q^2 + 12q + 1) \end{aligned}$$

For  $6q+3$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (6q+3)^3 &= 216q^3 + 324q^2 + 162q + 27 \\ &= 6(36q^3 + 54q^2 + 27q + 4) + 3 \\ &= 6m + 3, \quad (\text{where } m \text{ is an integer} = 36q^3 + 54q^2 + 27q + 4) \end{aligned}$$

For  $6q+4$ ,

$$(6q+4)^3 = 216q^3 + 432q^2 + 288q + 64$$



$$\begin{aligned} &= 6(36q^3 + 72q^2 + 48q + 10) + 4 \\ &= 6m + 4, \text{ (where } m \text{ is an integer } = 36q^3 + 72q^2 + 48q + 10) \end{aligned}$$

For  $6q+5$ ,

$$\begin{aligned} (6q+5)^3 &= 216q^3 + 540q^2 + 450q + 125 \\ &= 6(36q^3 + 90q^2 + 75q + 20) + 5 \\ &= 6m + 5, \text{ (where } m \text{ is an integer } = 36q^3 + 90q^2 + 75q + 20) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, the cube of a positive integer of the form  $6q + r$ ,  $q$  is an integer and  $r = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  is also of the form  $6m + r$ .

**14. Show that one and only one out of  $n$ ,  $n + 4$ ,  $n + 8$ ,  $n + 12$  and  $n + 16$  is divisible by 5, where  $n$  is any positive integer.**

**Solution:**

According to Euclid's division Lemma,

Let the positive integer =  $n$

And,  $b=5$

$n = 5q+r$ , where  $q$  is the quotient and  $r$  is the remainder

$0 \leq r < 5$  implies remainders may be 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5

Therefore,  $n$  may be in the form of  $5q, 5q+1, 5q+2, 5q+3, 5q+4$

So, this gives us the following cases:

CASE 1:

When,  $n = 5q$

$$n+4 = 5q+4$$

$$n+8 = 5q+8$$

$$n+12 = 5q+12$$

$$n+16 = 5q+16$$

Here,  $n$  is only divisible by 5

CASE 2:

When,  $n = 5q+1$

$$n+4 = 5q+5 = 5(q+1)$$

$$n+8 = 5q+9$$

$$n+12 = 5q+13$$

$$n+16 = 5q+17$$

Here,  $n + 4$  is only divisible by 5

CASE 3:

When,  $n = 5q+2$

$$n+4 = 5q+6$$

$$n+8 = 5q+10 = 5(q+2)$$

$$n+12 = 5q+14$$

$$n+16 = 5q+18$$

Here,  $n + 8$  is only divisible by 5

CASE 4:

When,  $n = 5q+3$

$$n+4 = 5q+7$$

$$n+8 = 5q+11$$

$$n+12 = 5q+15 = 5(q+3)$$

$$n+16 = 5q+19$$

Here,  $n + 12$  is only divisible by 5

CASE 5:

When,  $n = 5q+4$

$$n+4 = 5q+8$$

$$n+8 = 5q+12$$

$$n+12 = 5q+16$$

$$n+16 = 5q+20 = 5(q+4)$$

Here,  $n + 16$  is only divisible by 5

So, we can conclude that one and only one out of  $n$ ,  $n + 4$ ,  $n + 8$ ,  $n + 12$  and  $n + 16$  is divisible by 5.

Hence Proved

**15. Show that the square of an odd integer can be of the form  $6q + 1$  or  $6q + 3$ , for some integer  $q$ .**

**Solution:**

Let 'a' be an odd integer and  $b = 6$ .

According to Euclid's algorithm,

$$a = 6m + r \text{ for some integer } m \geq 0$$

And  $r = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5$  because  $0 \leq r < 6$ .

So, we have that,

$$a = 6m \text{ or, } 6m + 1 \text{ or, } 6m + 2 \text{ or, } 6m + 3 \text{ or, } 6m + 4 \text{ or } 6m + 5$$

Thus, we are choosing for  $a = 6m + 1$  or,  $6m + 3$  or  $6m + 5$  for it to be an odd integer.

For  $a = 6m + 1$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}(6m + 1)^2 &= 36m^2 + 12m + 1 \\ &= 6(6m^2 + 2m) + 1\end{aligned}$$

$$= 6q + 1, \text{ where } q \text{ is some integer and } q = 6m^2 + 2m.$$

For  $a = 6m + 3$

$$\begin{aligned}(6m + 3)^2 &= 36m^2 + 36m + 9 \\ &= 6(6m^2 + 6m + 1) + 3 \\ &= 6q + 3, \text{ where } q \text{ is some integer and } q = 6m^2 + 6m + 1\end{aligned}$$

For  $a = 6m + 5$ ,

$$\begin{aligned}(6m + 5)^2 &= 36m^2 + 60m + 25 \\ &= 6(6m^2 + 10m + 4) + 1 \\ &= 6q + 1, \text{ where } q \text{ is some integer and } q = 6m^2 + 10m + 4.\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the square of an odd integer is of the form  $6q + 1$  or  $6q + 3$ , for some integer  $q$ .

Hence Proved.

**16. A positive integer is of the form  $3q + 1$ ,  $q$  being a natural number. Can you write its square in any form other than  $3m + 1$ ,  $3m$  or  $3m + 2$  for some integer  $m$ ? Justify your answer.**

**Solution:**

No.

Justification:

By Euclid's Division Lemma,

$$a = bq + r, 0 \leq r < b$$

Here,  $a$  is any positive integer and  $b = 3$ ,

$$\Rightarrow a = 3q + r$$

So,  $a$  can be of the form  $3q$ ,  $3q + 1$  or  $3q + 2$ .

Now, for  $a = 3q$

$$(3q)^2 = 3(3q^2) = 3m \text{ [where } m = 3q^2]$$

for  $a = 3q + 1$

$$(3q + 1)^2 = 9q^2 + 6q + 1 = 3(3q^2 + 2q) + 1 = 3m + 1 \text{ [where } m = 3q^2 + 2q]$$

for  $a = 3q + 2$

$$\begin{aligned}(3q + 2)^2 &= 9q^2 + 12q + 4 = 9q^2 + 12q + 3 + 1 = 3(3q^2 + 4q + 1) + 1 \\ &= 3m + 1 \text{ [where } m = 3q^2 + 4q + 1]\end{aligned}$$

Thus, square of a positive integer of the form  $3q + 1$  is always of the form  $3m + 1$  or  $3m$  for some integer  $m$ .

**17. Show that the square of any positive integer cannot be of the form  $3m + 2$ , where  $m$  is a**

**natural number.**

**Solution:**

Let the positive integer be 'a'

According to Euclid's division lemma,

$$a = bm + r$$

According to the question, we take  $b = 3$

$$a = 3m + r$$

So,  $r = 0, 1, 2$ .

When  $r = 0$ ,  $a = 3m$ .

When  $r = 1$ ,  $a = 3m + 1$ .

When  $r = 2$ ,  $a = 3m + 2$ .

Now,

When  $a = 3m$

$$a^2 = (3m)^2 = 9m^2$$

$$a^2 = 3(3m^2) = 3q, \text{ where } q = 3m^2$$

When  $a = 3m + 1$

$$a^2 = (3m + 1)^2 = 9m^2 + 6m + 1$$

$$a^2 = 3(3m^2 + 2m) + 1 = 3q + 1, \text{ where } q = 3m^2 + 2m$$

When  $a = 3m + 2$

$$a^2 = (3m + 2)^2$$

$$a^2 = 9m^2 + 12m + 4$$

$$a^2 = 3(3m^2 + 4m + 1) + 1$$

$$a^2 = 3q + 1 \text{ where } q = 3m^2 + 4m + 1$$

Therefore, square of any positive integer cannot be of the form  $3q + 2$ , where  $q$  is a natural number.

Hence Proved.