

**Problem 1.** *Let  $n$  be a natural number.*

*(a) Show that  $n(n+1)$  is always divisible by 2.*

*(b) Show that  $n(n+1)(n+2)$  is always divisible by 3.*

*(c) More generally, suppose that  $m$  is another natural number. Show that  $n(n+1)\dots(n+m-1)$  is always divisible by  $m$ .*

**Problem 2.** *Suppose  $p$  is a prime number, and that  $p > 3$ .*

*(a) What is the remainder if you divide  $p^2$  by 3?*

*(b) Using (a), prove that  $2p^2 + 1$  cannot be prime.*

**Problem 3.** *Suppose that the natural numbers  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  satisfy  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$ . Show that at least one of them must be divisible by 3.*

**Problem 4.** *In the last homework we showed that if  $x$  is any natural number, then  $x$  and  $x^3$  have the same remainders when divided by 6. Use this to prove the following:*

*Say  $a, b$  and  $c$  are natural numbers and that  $a + b + c$  is divisible by 6. Show that  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$  is also divisible by 6.*

**Problem 5.** *Given 30 integers, show that two of them can be chosen whose difference is divisible by 29.*