

Divisibility Tests

Problem 1) Work out divisibility tests for (powers of) 5.

Problem 2) Work out the divisibility test for 9.

Problem 3) Given a collection of distinct primes, p_1, p_2, \dots, p_s Given some integer, m , we know that

$$(p_1 p_2 \cdots p_s) \mid m \text{ if and only if } p_i \mid m \text{ for every } i.$$

With this in mind, construct divisibility tests for, say, 6, 12, 18, 30.

Problem 4) This problem is about testing for divisibility by 7. Here's the rule you're going to prove:

Beginning with some integer x , remove the final digit (the unit entry), then subtract two times the removed digit from x . The new number is divisible by 7 if and only if the original number, x , is.

Problem 5) Using the fact that

$$1001 = 7 \times 11 \times 13 \equiv -1 \pmod{1000},$$

deduce a rule to detect when a number is divisible by the above three primes.

Problem 6) Finally, let's get back to our initial problem: if

$$x = 4, 599, 692, 453, 673, 240,$$

Is x a square?

Which of the first 16 positive integers divide x ? (Hint: keep **Problem 3** in mind).