

Prove that  $5^{2n+1} + 11^{2n+1} + 17^{2n+1}$  is divisible by 33 for every non-negative integer  $n$ .

$$33 = 3 \times 11$$

$$5^{2n+1} \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$11^{2n+1} \equiv 2 \pmod{3}$$

$$17^{2n+1} \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \quad \begin{array}{l} 17 \equiv 2 \\ 17^2 \equiv 1 \end{array}$$

$$5 \equiv 2$$

$$5^2 \equiv 1$$

$$5^3 \equiv 2$$

$\vdots$

$$11 \equiv 2$$

$$11^2 \equiv 1$$

$$11^3 \equiv 2$$

So

$$\begin{aligned} 5^{2n+1} + 11^{2n+1} + 17^{2n+1} &\equiv 2 + 2 + 2 \\ &\equiv 6 \\ &\equiv 0 \pmod{3} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  divisible by 3

$$11^{2n+1} \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

$$\text{Now } 5^{2n+1} = (11 - 6)^{2n+1}$$

$$\equiv (-6)^{2n+1} \pmod{11}$$

$$\text{and } 17^{2n+1} = (11+6)^{2n+1}$$

$$\equiv 6^{2n+1} \pmod{11}$$

$$\therefore 5^{2n+1} + 11^{2n+1} + 17^{2n+1} \equiv (-6)^{2n+1} + 0 + 6^{2n+1}$$

$\pmod{11}$

$$\equiv -6^{2n+1} + 6^{2n+1}$$

$\pmod{11}$

$$\therefore \text{divisible by } 11 \quad \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$$

Since the number is divisible by both 3

and 11, it is also divisible by 33.