

Prove that $1^{99} + 2^{99} + 3^{99} + 4^{99} + 5^{99}$ is divisible by 5.

Clearly 5^{99} is divisible by 5.

We have $1^{99} = 1$.

Now, consider the pattern in the units digit of powers of 2, 3 and 4:

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2^1 = 2 \\ 2^2 = 4 \\ 2^3 = 8 \\ 2^4 \equiv 6 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$2^5 \equiv 2$$

⋮

$$2^{99} \equiv 8 \text{ since}$$

$$99 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} 3^1 = 3 \\ 3^2 = 9 \\ 3^3 \equiv 7 \\ 3^4 \equiv 1 \end{array} \right.$$

$$3^5 \equiv 3$$

⋮

$$3^{99} \equiv 7 \text{ since}$$

$$99 \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} 4^1 = 4 \\ 4^2 \equiv 6 \\ 4^3 \equiv 4 \\ 4^4 \equiv 6 \end{array} \right.$$

⋮

$$4^{99} \equiv 4 \text{ since}$$

$$99 \equiv 1 \pmod{2}$$

$$\text{Hence } 1^{99} + \dots + 4^{99} \equiv 1 + 8 + 7 + 4 \pmod{10}$$

$$\equiv 0 \pmod{10}$$

$$\equiv 0 \pmod{5}$$

and so $1^{99} + \dots + 5^{99}$ is divisible by 5.