

A solution for Sec 4.5, #13, that uses
DIVISION INTO CASES, But not Theorem (NIB) 3.

To Prove: For any integer n , $n^2 - 2$ is not divisible by 4.

Proof: let n be any integer.

By the Parity Corollary, n is even OR n is odd.

CASE 1 (n is even):

Suppose n is even.

Then, there exists an integer k such that $n = 2k$.

Suppose, by way of contradiction, that $n^2 - 2$ is divisible
by 4.

Then $n^2 - 2 = 4t$, for some integer t .

$\therefore (2k)^2 - 2 = 4t$, by substitution.

$\therefore 4k^2 - 2 = 4t$, and so, $4k^2 - 4t = 2$.

$\therefore 2 = 4(k^2 - t)$, and $k^2 - t$ is an integer.

$\therefore 4 \mid 2$

By Theorem 4.3.1, $4 \leq 2$, which contradicts the fact
that $4 > 2$.

$\therefore n^2 - 2$ is not divisible by 4, in the case that
 n is even, by proof-by-contradiction.

[END of CASE 1]

[The proof continues with CASE 2 on the next page]

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CASE 2 (n is odd):

Suppose n is odd.

Then, there exists an integer k such that
 $n = 2k + 1$.

Suppose, by way of contradiction, that $n^2 - 2$ is divisible by 4.

Then $n^2 - 2 = 4t$ for some integer t .

$\therefore (2k+1)^2 - 2 = 4t$, by substitution.

\therefore By rules of algebra, $(4k^2 + 4k + 1) - 2 = 4t$.

$\therefore 4k^2 + 4k - 1 = 4t$, and so, $4k^2 + 4k - 4t = 1$.

$\therefore 4(k^2 + k - t) = 1$, and $(k^2 + k - t)$ is an integer.

$\therefore 4 \mid 1$.

\therefore By Theorem 4.3.1, $4 \leq 1$, which contradicts the fact that $4 > 1$.

$\therefore n^2 - 2$ is not divisible by 4, in the case that n is odd, by proof-by-contradiction. [END of CASE 2].

$\therefore n^2 - 2$ is not divisible by 4, in general!

\therefore For any integer n , $n^2 - 2$ is not divisible by 4, by Direct Proof.

Q.E.D.