

## Prove each of the following. Explicitly list the type of proof used.

1.  $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}, n^2 \geq n$

2. Given any two consecutive integers, one is even and one is odd.

3. Given three consecutive integers, one is divisible by 3.

*Sketch:* The integers will be of form  $n, n + 1, n + 2$ .

Apply quotient/remainder property to  $n$  with  $d = 3$ , then use cases on  $r$

4. Given four consecutive integers, one is divisible by 4.

5. If  $p > 3$  is prime, then  $p^2 - 1$  is divisible by 24.

*Hint:*  $p^2 - 1 = (p - 1)(p + 1)$ , and apply previous two results

6. Prove that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

*Sketch:*

- Suppose  $\sqrt{2} \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $\sqrt{2} = \frac{a}{b}$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $b \neq 0$ .
- Argue that you can assume  $a$  and  $b$  are not both even.
- Do some more stuff. (This is like a Bake-Off technical challenge)
- Get a contradiction.
- Conclude  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.