

## 4 Division with remainder

**Definition 4.1** Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{N}$ .  $a$  is divided by  $b$  with remainder if  $a = bq + r$  where  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $0 \leq r < b$ .  $q$  and  $r$  are called *quotient* and *remainder* of division of  $a$  by  $b$ .

In order to make this terminology well-defined we need to prove the following fundamental theorem:

**Theorem 4.1** Let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $b \in \mathbb{N}$ . Then there exist unique  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a = bq + r$  and  $0 \leq r < b$ .

**Problem 4.1** Fix  $b \in \mathbb{N}$  and assume  $a \geq 0$ . Prove by induction on  $a$  the existence of  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a = bq + r$  and  $0 \leq r < b$ .

**Problem 4.2** Let  $b \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  be negative. Prove the existence of  $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $a = bq + r$  and  $0 \leq r < b$ .

**Problem 4.3** Let  $b \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $0 \leq r < b$ . Prove that if  $r : b$  then  $r = 0$ .

**Problem 4.4** Suppose  $a = bq + r = bq' + r'$  with  $q, q', r, r' \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $0 \leq r < b$  and  $0 \leq r' < b$ . Prove that  $r = r'$ .

**Problem 4.5** Prove Theorem 4.1.

In the following problems assume that  $a$  divided by  $c$  has the remainder  $r$  and  $b$  divided by  $c$  has the remainder  $s$ . In each problem make a table of the resulting remainder for  $c = 3$  and  $c = 4$ .

**Problem 4.6** Find the remainder of  $a + b$  when divided by  $c$ .

**Problem 4.7** Find the remainder of  $a - b$  when divided by  $c$ .

**Problem 4.8** Find the remainder of  $ab$  when divided by  $c$ .

**Problem 4.9** Find the remainder of  $a^2$  when divided by  $c$ .