

1. (a) Show that the five consecutive integers that begin with the number $(1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 \times 5 \times 6) + 2$ are all non-primes.
 (b) Is it true that for any finite integer N , there exists a run of N consecutive integers, all of which are non-prime? Explain your answer.
2. Australian Tax File Numbers are generated using a check-digit error detection algorithm kept secret by the Tax Office to prevent people creating fake but valid-looking numbers. The algorithm was rather easily discovered by examining large numbers of examples; here are the details: The numbers are 9-digits long; a number $n_1n_2n_3n_4n_5n_6n_7n_8n_9$ is a valid Tax File Number if and only if it satisfies the equation,

$$n_1 + 4n_2 + 3n_3 + 7n_4 + 5n_5 + 8n_6 + 6n_7 + 9n_8 + 10n_9 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}.$$

For example, the number 555 000 555 is a valid Tax File Number, because

$$\begin{aligned} 5 \times 1 + 5 \times 4 + 5 \times 3 + 0 \times 7 + 0 \times 5 + 0 \times 8 + 5 \times 6 + 5 \times 9 + 5 \times 10 \\ = 5 + 20 + 15 + 0 + 0 + 0 + 30 + 45 + 50 = 165 = 15 \times 11 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}. \end{aligned}$$

- (a) Show that 262 702 231 is not a valid Tax File Number.
- (b) With what digit should you swap the 7 to make 262 702 231 a valid Tax File Number?
3. Decide which of the following numbers are rational and rewrite them as fractions:
 $\sqrt{5}$, $1.98 = 1.989898\dots$, $\sqrt{9}$, $0.101001000100001000001\dots$, 3.14159265 .
4. Let q and r be rational numbers with $q < r$. Find an *irrational* number lying between them on the real number line, i.e., an irrational number I such that $q < I < r$. Be sure to clearly explain why your number I is irrational. You may use without proof the fact that $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number. (*Hint.* The number $1/\sqrt{2}$ satisfies the inequality $0 < 1/\sqrt{2} < 1$.)
5. Is it possible to build an irrational number whose decimal digits are just 1's and 2's and only finitely many 2's appear? If so, describe such a number. If not, explain why not.