

**Proposition 1.** Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . If  $n \geq 12$ , then there are non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $n = 4a + 5b$ .

*Proof. Base Case* ( $n = 12$ ): Let  $n = 12$ .  $n = 4(3) + 5(0)$ , so the proposition is true for  $n = 12$ .

**Inductive step:** Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose that  $k = 4a + 5b$  where  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a, b \geq 0$ . Note that  $4(-1) + 5(1) = 1$  and that  $4(4) + 5(-3) = 1$ . Consider  $k + 1$ . By the inductive hypothesis,  $k + 1 = 4a + 5b + 1$ . If  $a > 0$ , we can perform the following substitution:

$$k + 1 = 4a + 5b + (4(-1) + 5(1))$$

Now,  $k + 1 = 4(a - 1) + 5(b + 1)$ , where  $(a - 1)$  and  $(b + 1)$  are non-negative integers. If  $a = 0$ , we can perform a different substitution:

$$k + 1 = 4a + 5b + (4(4) + 5(-3))$$

Now  $k + 1 = 4(a + 4) + 5(b - 3)$ , where  $(a + 4)$  and  $(b - 3)$  are non-negative integers. Thus,  $k + 1 = 4a + 5b$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  with  $a, b \geq 0$ .

By induction, the proposition is true. □

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*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , and suppose that  $n \geq 12$ , then there are non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $n = 4a + 5b$ .  $12 = 4 \times 3$ ;  $13 = 4 \times 2 + 5$ ;  $14 = 4 + 5 \times 2$ ;  $15 = 5 \times 3$ . For  $n \geq 15$ , let  $k = n \bmod 4$  ( $0 \leq k < 4$ ). By induction hypothesis,  $n - k = 4a + 5b$  for some  $a, b \geq 0$ . Thus  $n = 4(a + 1) + 5b$ , so  $n = 4a + 5b$ . We proved this through induction. □

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*Proof.* Let  $n = 12$ . Then,  $12 = 4(3) + 5(0)$ , where  $a = 3$  and  $b = 0$ . Since  $a$  and  $b$  are non-negative integers,  $n = 12$  is true. Likewise, when  $n = 13$ ,  $13 = 4(2) + 5(1)$ , where  $a = 2$  and  $b = 1$ .

Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , such that  $k \geq 12$  and  $k = 4a + 5b$ , where  $a, b \geq 0$ .

Now,  $k + 1 = 4a + 5b + 1 = 4a + 5b + (5 - 4) = 4(a - 4) + 5b + 5 = 4(a - 1) + 5(b + 1)$ .

Thus,  $k + 1$  is also true. Since  $k$  is true and  $k + 1$  is true, then there are non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  when  $n \geq 12$ , such that  $n = 4a + 5b$ . □

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*Proof.* First, when  $n=12$ , we have  $12 = 4(3) + 5(0)$ , where  $a = 3$  and  $b = 0$  which verifies the base case because  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and are non-negative. Proving by strong induction, we assume that there is integer  $k \geq 12$  such that for every integer  $i \in 12, 13, \dots, k$ , there are non-negative integers  $a, b$  such that  $i = 4a + 5b$ . We will use cases to prove that this implies the result for  $k + 1$ :

**case 1:**  $k = 12$ : In this case,  $k + 1 = 13 = 4(2) + 5(1)$ .

**case 2:**  $k = 13$ : For this case,  $k + 1 = 14 = 4(1) + 5(2)$ , and a pattern is beginning to develop between the coefficients of 4 and 5, decreasing and increasing, respectively.

**case 3:**  $k = 14$ : Again, we see that  $k + 1 = 4(0) + 5(3)$ , reinforcing the pattern.

**case 4:**  $k \geq 15$ . Then we can say that  $(k + 1) - 4 = k - 3$ . This is an integer between 12 and  $k$ , and by the inductive hypothesis, there are non-negative integers  $a, b$  such that  $(k + 1) - 4 = 4a + 5b$ . This gives:

$$k + 1 = 4a + 5b + 4 = 4(a + 1) + 5b$$

Since  $(a + 1), b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and are non-negative, this proves the result, thus proving the case and concluding the proof. □

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*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Base Case 1.  $n = 12$ . Let  $a = 3$  and  $b = 0$ . Then  $n = 4(3) + 5(0)$ . So  $n = 12$ .

Base Case 2.  $n = 13$ . Let  $a = 2$  and  $b = 1$ . Then  $n = 4(2) + 5(1)$ . So  $n = 13$ .

Base Case 3.  $n = 14$ . Let  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$ . Then  $n = 4(1) + 5(2)$ . So  $n = 14$ .

Base Case 4.  $n = 15$ . Let  $a = 0$  and  $b = 3$ . Then  $n = 4(0) + 5(3)$ . So  $n = 15$ .

Prove  $n = 4a + 5b$  for all non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  where  $n \geq 12$ .

Strong Inductive Hypothesis.

Suppose that for some  $n \geq 12$ , we also have that  $12 \leq k \leq n$ , there exists non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $k = 4a + 5b$ .

Inductive Step. Show that  $n + 1 \geq 16$ .

Realize that  $n + 1$  is the same as  $n - 3 + 4$ . Where  $n - 3 \geq 12$ .

Using strong inductive hypothesis,  $n - 3 = 4a + 5b$  for non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$ .

Notice that  $n + 1$  can be written as  $4(a + 1) + 5b$ .

Therefore, by strong induction, there are non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $n = 4a + 5b$  where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \geq 12$ .

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*Proof.* Let  $n, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and suppose  $n \geq 12$  and  $a, b \geq 0$

Let  $n = 12$ ,  $a = 3$ ,  $b = 0$ .

Then,

$$12 = 4(3) + 5(0)$$

$$12 = 12 + 0$$

$$12 = 12$$

For the sake of contradiction, suppose  $n \neq 4a + 5b$  for all  $n \geq 12$  and  $a, b \geq 0$ .

Let  $k > 12$  be the smallest integer for which  $k \neq 4a + 5b$ .

For  $k - 1 = 4a + 5b$ ,

$$k = 4a + 5b + 1$$

$$k = 4a + 5b + 5 - 4$$

$$k = 4(a - 1) + 5(b + 1)$$

This means that  $k = 4a + 5b$  since  $k = 4(a - 1) + 5(b + 1)$  contradicts the form  $k \neq 4a + 5b$ .

Thus, it was wrong to assume that it is untrue that  $n = 4a + 5b$  for all  $n \geq 12$ .

Therefore,  $n = 4a + 5b$  for all  $n \geq 12$  .

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*Proof.* Base Case:

$$n = 12 \Rightarrow 4(3) + 5(0)$$

$$n = 13 \Rightarrow 4(2) + 5(1)$$

$$n = 14 \Rightarrow 4(1) + 5(2)$$

$$n = 15 \Rightarrow 4(0) + 5(3)$$

I.H. Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $12 \leq n \leq k$  and  $k \geq 15, k \in \mathbb{N}$ . Now we must prove that  $S_k \Rightarrow S_{k+1}$

If  $k \geq 15$ , then  $k+1 = k-3+4$  where  $k-3 \geq 12$ . We then observe that  $k-3 = 4a+5b$  for some non-negative integers  $a, b$ . Hence, because you add another 4,  $k+1 = k-3 = 4(a+1) + 5b$ , where  $a+1$  and  $b$  are non-negative integers. Thus, by strong induction, the equation holds.  $\square$

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*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and suppose  $n \geq 12$ .

Base Case: Let  $n = 12$ , then  $12 = 4a + 5b$  which holds for  $a = 3$  and  $b = 0$ ,  
 $12 = 4(3) + 5(0)$ .

Since  $n \geq 12$ , let  $n = 13$ , then  $a = 2$  and  $b = 1$ ,  $13 = 4(2) + 5(1)$ .

Also  $n = 14$ , which holds for  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$ ,  $14 = 4(1) + 5(2)$ .

And  $n = 15$ , which holds for  $a = 0$  and  $b = 3$ ,  $15 = 4(0) + 5(3)$ .

Then  $n = 16$ , which holds for  $a = 4$  and  $b = 0$ ,  $16 = 4(4) + 5(0)$ .

Inductive Step: Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}, k \geq 12, k = 4a + 5b$ .

Consider  $n = (k+1) - 5$ , since  $k \geq 16$  was proved by the base cases, then  $m \geq 12$ .

So  $k-4$  can be plugged in  $k-4 = 4a+5b$ .

Thus  $k = 4(a+1) + 5b$ , and  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Therefore the proposition is true by induction.  $\square$

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*Proof.* Proof by strong induction. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . The base cases are given below.

$$n = 12 : 4(3) + 5(0) = 12$$

$$n = 13 : 4(2) + 5(1) = 13$$

$$n = 14 : 4(1) + 5(2) = 14$$

$$n = 15 : 4(0) + 5(3) = 15$$

The inductive hypothesis is given as follows, if  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n > 15$ . Assume if  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $12 \leq k < n$ , then there are non-negative integers  $a, b$  with  $4a + 5b = k$ . Consider  $n = (n - 4) + 4$ . Then  $n - 4 > 15 - 4 = 11$ , so  $12 \leq n - 4 < n$ . By the inductive hypothesis  $\exists a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , where  $a, b \geq 0$ , and  $4a + 5b = n - 4$ . If  $4a + 5b = n - 4$  then

$$n - 4 - 4a = 5b$$

$$n - 4(1 + a) = 5b$$

$$n = 5b + 4(a + 1)$$

Hence by strong induction the proof is true that if  $n \geq 12$  then there are non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $n = 4a + 5b$ . □

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*Proof.*

**Base case 1.** Suppose  $n \geq 12$  and  $n = 4a + 5b$  with  $a$  and  $b$  being non-negative integers.

$$n = 12 = 4(3) + 5(0)$$

$$n = 13 = 4(2) + 5(1)$$

$$n = 14 = 4(1) + 5(2)$$

$$n = 15 = 4(0) + 5(3)$$

**Induction 1.** Suppose  $12 \geq m \geq k$  where  $m = 4a + 5b$ .

Hence, by strong induction hypothesis, we have that  $n - 2 = 4a + 5b$  for some non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$ .

Then,  $n + 1 = n - 2 + 3 = 4(a + 1) + b$  where  $a+1$  and  $b$  are non-negative integers

Therefore, by strong induction, there are non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $n = 4a + 5b$ . □

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*Proof.* Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $n \geq 12$ , and  $a, b \geq 0$ .

Let  $n = 12$ . Then  $12 = 4a + 5b$ . Observe that when  $a = 3$  and  $b = 0$ , it follows that  $4(3) + 5(0) = 12$ .

For sake of contradiction, suppose  $n \neq 4a + 5b$  for all  $a, b \geq 0$ . Let  $k > 12$  be the smallest integer for which  $k \neq 4a + 5b$ . Then  $k - 1 = 4a + 5b$ , so  $k = 4a + 5b + 1$ . It follows that  $k = 4a + 5b + 1 = 4a + 5b + 5 - 4 = 4(a - 1) + 5(b + 1)$ , which is a contradiction since  $(a - 1), (b + 1) \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a - 1 \geq 0$  since  $a = 3$  in the smallest case of  $n = 12$ . Therefore  $n = 4a + 5b$  is true for every  $n \geq 12$ . □

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*Proof.* by induction:

Base Case:

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} (n = 12) : 12 &= 4a + 5b = 4(3) + 5(0) = 12 \\ (n = 13) : 13 &= 4a + 5b = 4(2) + 5(1) = 13 \\ (n = 14) : 14 &= 4a + 5b = 4(1) + 5(2) = 14 \\ (n = 15) : 15 &= 4a + 5b = 4(0) + 5(3) = 15 \end{aligned}$$

Inductive Step (strong induction): Suppose for some  $n, k \in \mathbb{N} \geq 8$ , For every  $8 \leq n \leq k$ , there exist non-negative integers such that  $k = 4a + 5b$ . Suppose  $k \geq 16$ . By Assumption,  $k-3$  is true. By the Inductive Hypothesis,  $k-3 = 4a + 5b$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  because  $k-3 \geq 12$ . Therefore, we know  $k+1$  is true because  $(k-3) + 4 = k+1$ .  $\square$

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*Proof.* Suppose  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n \geq 12$ .

Suppose  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a, b \geq 0$ .

Base Cases: Let  $n = 12$ . Then,  $12 = 4(3) + 5(0)$ .

Let  $n = 13$ . Then,  $13 = 4(2) + 5(1)$ .

Let  $n = 14$ . Then,  $14 = 4(1) + 5(2)$ .

Let  $n = 15$ . Then,  $15 = 4(0) + 5(3)$ .

Let  $n = 16$ . Then,  $16 = 4(4) + 5(0)$ .

Inductive Step: Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 12$ . Suppose  $\forall l \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $12 \leq l < k$ ,  $l = 4a + 5b$ .

Let  $l = k - 5$ .

Moreover,  $l + 1 = 4a + 5b$

$(k - 5) + 1 = 4a + 5b$  (by Inductive Hypothesis)

$k - 4 = 4a + 5b$

$k = 4a + 5b + 4$

$k = (4a + 4) + 5b$

$k = 4(a + 1) + 5b$  and  $a + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$

Thus,  $k$  matches the form of  $n$ .

Therefore,  $k + 1 = 4a + 5b$ .

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*Proof.* Base Case: Let  $n = 12$ . Then consider  $a = 3$  and  $b = 0$ . Thus both  $a$  and  $b$  are non-negative integers and  $12 = 4a + 5b = 4 * 3 + 5 * 0 = 12 + 0 = 12$ .

Inductive Step: Let  $k \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $k \geq 12$ . If  $k = 4a + 5b$  for some non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$ , then  $k+1 = 4c + 5d$  for some non-negative integers  $c$  and  $d$ .

Consider  $c = a - 1$  and  $d = b + 1$ . Then  $k+1 = 4c + 5d = 4(a-1) + 5(b+1) = 4a - 4 + 5b + 5 = 4a + 5b + 1 = k + 1$ .

Therefore, for  $n \geq 12$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , there are non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $n = 4a + 5b$   $\square$

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*Proof.* The proof is by strong induction. Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \geq 0$ .

**Base case.**  $n = 12$  can be written as  $4(3) + 5(0)$  where  $a = 3$  and  $b = 0$ .

**Strong inductive hypothesis.** Suppose that for some natural number  $n \geq 12$ , there exists an integer  $k$  where  $12 \leq k \leq n$  such that  $k = 4a + 5b$ .

**Inductive step.**

Observe  $n = 13$ . Then,  $n + 1 = 14$ .  $14 = 4(1) + 5(2)$  where  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$ .

Observe  $n \geq 14$ . Then,  $n + 1 = n - 2 + 3$  where  $n - 2 \geq 12$ . Thus,  $n - 2 = 4a + 5b$  for some non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$ . Since  $n - 2 + 3 = 3(a + 1) + b$  where  $a+1$  and  $b$  are non-negative integers, then there are non-negative integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $n = 4a + 5b$ .

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