

# Lesson 7 Problem 2 Solution

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## **Problem 2**

Based on the division problem from last lesson, any positive number  $m$  can be represented uniquely as one of  $6n, 6n + 1, 6n + 2, 6n + 3, 6n + 4, 6n + 5$  for some nonnegative integer  $n$ . If  $m$  is prime, it doesn't have any divisors other than 1 and itself.  $6n, 6n + 2$  and  $6n + 4$  have divisor 2.  $6n + 3$  has divisor 3. So they can't be a prime greater than 3. Therefore a prime number greater than 3 must be able to be represented as either  $6n + 1$  or  $6n + 5$  for some nonnegative integer  $n$ .