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I've already done this with my proof that primes are infinite that uses **Fermat's Last Theorem** ( $n = 3$  case) and **Schur's Theorem (From Ramsey Theory)**.