

## Q2

Note that using the substitution  $y = x^{100}$  reduces  $P(x)$  to  $P^*(y) = A_0 + A_1y + A_2y^2$ . The product of  $R^*(y) = P^*(y)P^*(y)$  of these two polynomials is of degree 4 so to uniquely determine  $R^*(y)$  we need 5 of its values. Thus, we evaluate  $P^*(y)$  at 5 values of its argument  $x$ , by letting  $x = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ . We then obtain from these 5 values of  $R^*(y)$  its coefficients, by solving the corresponding system of linear equation in coefficients  $r_0, \dots, r_4$  such that  $R^*(j) = r_0 + r_1x + \dots + r_4x$ . Thus we solve the system  $\sum_{j=0}^4 r_j i^j = R^*(i) : -2 \leq i \leq 2$ . We now form the polynomial  $R^*(j) = r_0 + r_1x + \dots + r_4x$  with thus obtained  $r_j$  and finally substitute back  $y$  with  $x^{100}$  obtaining  $R(x) = P(x)P(x)$ .