

Solution for Problem O387

We check the modulo 7 of the expression $3^{(6n-3)} + 3^{(3n-1)} + 1$.

$$3^{(6n-3)} = 3^{3(2n-1)} = 27^{(2n-1)} \equiv (-1)^{(2n-1)} \equiv -1 \pmod{7}$$

$$3^{(3n-1)} = (9)(3^{3n-3}) = (9)27^{(n-1)} \equiv (9)(-1)^{(n-1)} \equiv (2)(-1)^{(n-1)} \pmod{7}$$

$$3^{(6n-3)} + 3^{(3n-1)} + 1 \equiv (-1 + (2)(-1)^{(n-1)} + 1) \pmod{7} \equiv (2)(-1)^{(n-1)} \pmod{7} \equiv 2, 5 \pmod{7}$$

But cubic residue modulo 7 is 0, 1, 6. Hence given expression can't be a perfect cube.