

3.1.3a Prove the assertion, any prime of the form $3n + 1$ is also of the form $6m + 1$

Proof. Let p be a prime of the form $3n + 1$. Assume n is odd. Then $3n$ is odd, $3n + 1$ is even. Also $3n + 1 > 2$, for all $n \geq 1$. Thus, $p = 3n + 1$ cannot be prime if n is odd. Thus, n must be even. Let $n = 2k$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Notice.

$$p = 3n + 1 = 3(2k) + 1 = 6k + 1$$

Therefore, any prime of the form $3n + 1$ is also of the form $6m + 1$ □

3.1.3e Prove the assertion, the only prime of the form $n^2 - 4$ is 5.

Proof. $5 = 3^2 - 4$ so, 5 is of the form $n^2 - 4$.

For $n > 5$, $n^2 - 4 > 0$. Since $n > 3 \Rightarrow n^2 - 4 = (n - 2)(n + 2)$.

Then, $(n - 2) > 1$ and it's a factor of $n^2 - 4$, so $n^2 - 4$ cannot be prime. Therefore, the only prime of the form $n^2 - 4$ is 5. □

3.1.04 If $p \geq 5$ is a prime number, show that $p^2 + 2$ is composite.

Proof. Let $p \geq 5$ be a prime number. Then,

$$p^2 + 2 = (p^2 - 1) + 3 = (p - 1)(p + 1) + 3$$

But p on the form $p = 3k + 1$ or $p = 3k + 2$

Case 1: $p = 3k + 1 \Rightarrow p - 1 = 3k \Rightarrow 3|(p - 1) \Rightarrow 3|(p - 1)(p + 1) + 3$. So, $3|(p^2 + 2) \Rightarrow p^2 + 2$ is composite.

Case 2: $p = 3k + 2 \Rightarrow p + 1 = 3(k + 1) \Rightarrow 3|(p + 1) \Rightarrow 3|(p - 1)(p + 1) + 3$. So, $3|(p^2 + 2) \Rightarrow p^2 + 2$ is composite.

Therefore, for $p \geq 5$ that is a prime number, $p^2 + 2$ is composite. □

3.1.10 If $p \neq 5$ is an odd prime, prove that either $p^2 - 1$ or $p^2 + 1$ is divisible by 10.

Proof. Let $p \neq 5$ be an odd prime. Then by division algorithm $p = 10q + r$, for some $q, r \in \mathbb{Z}$. r must be 1, 3, 7, or 9.

Case 1: $r = 1, p = 10q + 1 \Rightarrow p^2 - 1 = 100q^2 + 20q = 10(10q^2 + 2q + 0) \Rightarrow 10|(p^2 - 1)$.

Case 2: $r = 3, p = 10q + 3 \Rightarrow p^2 + 1 = 100q^2 + 60q + 10 = 10(10q^2 + 6q + 1) \Rightarrow 10|(p^2 + 1)$.

Case 3: $r = 7, p = 10q + 7 \Rightarrow p^2 + 1 = 100q^2 + 140q + 50 = 10(10q^2 + 14q + 5) \Rightarrow 10|(p^2 + 1)$.

Case 4: $r = 9, p = 10q + 9 \Rightarrow p^2 - 1 = 100q^2 + 180q + 80 = 10(10q^2 + 18q + 8) \Rightarrow 10|(p^2 - 1)$.

Therefore, in all cases either $10|(p^2 - 1)$ or $10|(p^2 + 1)$ □

3.1.15 Prove that a positive integer $a > 1$ is a square if and only if in the canonical form of a all the exponents of the primes are even integers.

Proof. Let a be a square, $a = k^2$, $k = p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \cdots p_s^{r_s}$, p_i is prime.

Then, $a = k^2 = (p_1^{r_1} p_2^{r_2} \cdots p_s^{r_s})^2 = p_1^{2r_1} p_2^{2r_2} \cdots p_s^{2r_s}$

Thus, all the exponents are even.

Assume all the exponents are even. That is $a = p_1^{2m_1} p_2^{2m_2} \cdots p_s^{2m_s}$

$a = (p_1^{m_1} p_2^{m_2} \cdots p_s^{m_s})^2$

Thus, a is square.

Therefore, a positive integer $a > 1$ is a square if and only if in the canonical form of a all the exponents of the primes are even integers. \square