

(Q2)

**Theorem 1.** *Prove that if  $|2x + 2| < 4$ , then  $|x^3 + 1| < 26$ .*

*Proof.* We can factorize the inequality as follows:

$$|2x + 2| < 4 \implies 2|x + 1| < 4 \implies |x + 1| < 2$$

Thus, it follows that:

$$\begin{aligned} |x + 1| < 2 &\implies -2 < x + 1 < 2 \\ &\implies -3 < x < 1 \\ &\implies -27 < x^3 < 1 \\ &\implies -26 < x^3 + 1 < 2 \\ &\implies |x^3 + 1| < 26 \end{aligned}$$

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