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In-class Problem 1 (Chapter 1, Exercise 29) Let n be a positive integer with $n \neq 1$. Prove that if $n^2 + 1$ is prime, then $n^2 + 1$ can be written in the form $4k + 1$ with $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Hint: Try showing the statement is true for all odd integers greater than 1.

Solution: Assume that n is a positive integer, $n \neq 1$, and $n^2 + 1$ is prime. If n is odd, then n^2 is odd, which would imply $n^2 + 1 = 2$, the only even prime. However, $n \neq 1$ by assumption. Thus, n is even.

By definition of even, there exists $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ such that $n = 2j$ and $n^2 = 4j^2$. Thus, $n^2 + 1 = 4j^2 + 1$ when $k = j^2$.

In-class Problem 2 (Chapter 1, Exercise 33) Prove or disprove the following conjecture, which is similar to the Twin Prime Conjecture:

Conjecture 1. There are infinitely many prime number p for which $p + 2$ and $p + 4$ are also prime numbers.

Hint: Show that the only prime where $p + 2$ and $p + 4$ are also prime is $p = 3$.

In-class Problem 3 Without looking up the proof, prove Proposition 1.10: Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $(a, b) = d$. Then

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ \bar{a} & \bar{b} \end{pmatrix} = 1.$$