

3.3.2a) Prove that $1 + p_1p_2$ is always a perfect square given that p_1, p_2 are twin primes.

Proof. We have $p_1 + 2 = p_2$.

This means we can show p_1 as $n - 1$ and p_2 as $n + 1$.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & p_1p_2 + 1 \\ &= (n - 1)(n + 1) + 1 \\ &= n^2 + 1 - 1 \\ &= n^2. \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, the square of any integer is one more than the product of the numbers on either side of it, implying $1 + p_1p_2 = n^2$ for all twin primes p_1, p_2 . \square

3.3.2b) Prove that the sum of twin primes p_1, p_2 is divisible by 12 given $p_1, p_2 > 3$.

Proof. We have $p_1 + 2 = p_2$.

We know by the division algorithm all primes $p > 3$ can be shown as $p = 6k + 1$ or $p = 6k + 5$ for some $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

We know $p_1 + 2 = p_2$ so $p_1 \neq 6k + 1$ because $6k + 1 + 2 = 6k + 3 \neq 6s + 1$ or $6s + 5 \forall s \in \mathbb{Z}$.

Therefore we know $p_1 = 6k + 5$.

This implies

$$p_2 = p_1 + 2 = 6k + 5 + 2 = 6k + 7 = 6(k + 1) + 1$$

which can represent a prime number.

We have

$$\begin{aligned} & p_1 + p_2 \\ &= p_1 + p_1 + 2 \\ &= 2(6k + 5) + 2 \\ &= 12k + 10 + 2 \\ &= 12k + 12 \\ &= 12(k + 1). \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that $12 \mid 12(k + 1) \implies 12 \mid p_1 + p_2$. \square