

3.3.20) Prove $p, p^2 + 8$ are primes $\implies p^3 + 4$ is prime.

Proof. We know any prime $p > 3$ can take the form $p = 6k + 1$ or $p = 6k + 5$.
Take $p = 6k + 1$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 + 8 &= (6k + 1)^2 + 8 \\ &= 36k^2 + 12k + 1 + 8 \\ &= 36k^2 + 12k + 9 \\ &= 6(6k^2 + 2k + 1) + 3. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that $6(6k^2 + 2k + 1) + 3$ is not a prime.

Take $p = 6k + 5$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 + 8 &= (6k + 5)^2 + 8 \\ &= 36k^2 + 60k + 25 + 8 \\ &= 36k^2 + 60k + 33 \\ &= 6(6k^2 + 10k + 5) + 3. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that $6(6k^2 + 10k + 5) + 3$ is not prime. Therefore, we can conclude $p \leq 3$. This means we have at least $p \in \{2, 3\}$.

Take $p = 2$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 + 8 &= 2^2 + 8 \\ &= 4 + 8 \\ &= 12. \end{aligned}$$

It is clear that 12 is not prime. Therefore $p \neq 2$.

Take $p = 3$. We have

$$\begin{aligned} p^2 + 8 &= 3^2 + 8 \\ &= 9 + 8 \\ &= 17. \end{aligned}$$

17 is prime, so the condition holds if and only if $p = 3$. We have $p = 3$. Take

$$\begin{aligned} p^3 + 4 &= 3^3 + 4 \\ &= 27 + 4 \\ &= 31. \end{aligned}$$

31 is prime. Therefore, we have that $p, p^2 + 8$ are primes $\implies p^3 + 4$ is prime. \square