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$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 7x^2 - 17x + 10$$

Use the factor theorem and division to factorise  $f(x)$  completely.

$$f(2) = -36$$

$$f(-2) = 0 \quad \therefore (x+2) \text{ is a factor}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2x^2 - 11x + 5 \\
 x + 2 \overline{) 2x^3 - 7x^2 - 17x + 10} \\
 \underline{2x^3 + 4x^2} \phantom{- 17x + 10} \\
 -11x^2 - 17x \phantom{+ 10} \\
 \underline{-11x^2 - 22x} \phantom{+ 10} \\
 5x + 10 \\
 \underline{5x + 10} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = (x+2)(2x^2 - 11x + 5)$$

$$= (x+2)(2x-1)(x-5)$$

2

$$g(x) = 4x^3 - 8x^2 - 35x + 75$$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that  $(x+3)$  is a factor of  $g(x)$

(2)

(b) Hence show that  $g(x)$  can be written in the form  $g(x) = (x+3)(ax+b)^2$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants to be found.

(4)

$$\begin{aligned}
 a/ \quad f(-3) &= 4(-3)^3 - 8(-3)^2 - 35(-3) + 75 \\
 &= 0 \quad \therefore (x+3) \text{ is a factor}
 \end{aligned}$$

b/

$$\begin{array}{r}
 4x^2 - 20x + 25 \\
 x + 3 \overline{) 4x^3 - 8x^2 - 35x + 75} \\
 \underline{4x^3 + 12x^2} \phantom{- 35x + 75} \\
 -20x^2 - 35x \phantom{+ 75} \\
 \underline{-20x^2 - 60x} \phantom{+ 75} \\
 25x + 75 \\
 \underline{25x + 75} \\
 0
 \end{array}$$

$$g(x) = (x+3)(4x^2 - 20x + 25)$$

$$g(x) = (x+3)(2x-5)^2$$

3

$$f(x) = x^3 + 6x^2 + px + q$$

Given that  $f(4) = 0$  and  $f(-5) = 36$

(3)

(a) Find the values of  $p$  and  $q$

(b) Factorise  $f(x)$  completely.

(4)

$$\begin{aligned} a/ \quad (4)^3 + 6(4)^2 + 4p + q &= 0 \\ 4p + q &= -160 \quad (1) \\ (-5)^3 + 6(-5)^2 - 5p + q &= 36 \\ -5p + q &= 11 \quad (2) \end{aligned}$$

Solve simultaneous equations  $p = -19$   $q = -84$

b/  $(x-4)$  is a factor of  $x^3 + 6x^2 - 19x - 84$

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 + 10x + 21 \\ x-4 \overline{) x^3 + 6x^2 - 19x - 84} \\ \underline{x^3 - 4x^2} \phantom{- 84} \\ 10x^2 - 19x \phantom{- 84} \\ \underline{10x^2 - 40x} \phantom{- 84} \\ 21x - 84 \\ \underline{21x - 84} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= (x-4)(x^2 + 10x + 21) \\ &= \underline{\underline{(x-4)(x+7)(x+3)}} \end{aligned}$$

4

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - x^2 - 13x + 14$$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ 

(2)

(b) Hence, or otherwise, solve the equation  $2x^3 - x^2 - 13x + 14 = 0$  giving your answers to 2 decimal places where appropriate

(5)

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad f(2) &= 2(2)^3 - (2)^2 - 13(2) + 14 \\ &= \underline{\underline{0}} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(2) = 0 \quad \therefore (x - 2) \text{ is a factor}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} b) \quad \phantom{x-2} \quad 2x^2 + 3x - 7 \\ x-2 \quad \overline{) \quad 2x^3 - x^2 - 13x + 14} \\ \underline{2x^3 - 4x^2} \phantom{+ 14} \\ \phantom{2x^3} 3x^2 - 13x \phantom{+ 14} \\ \underline{3x^2 - 6x} \phantom{+ 14} \\ \phantom{3x^2} - 7x + 14 \\ \underline{-7x + 14} \\ \phantom{-7x} 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x - 2)(2x^2 + 3x - 7) = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 2}} \quad x = \frac{-3 + \sqrt{65}}{4} \quad x = \frac{-3 - \sqrt{65}}{4}$$

5

$$f(x) = x^3 + kx - 2$$

(a) Given that  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$  find the value of  $k$

(2)

(b) Solve the equation  $f(x) = 0$

(4)

a/  $f(2) = 0$

$$(2)^3 + 2k - 2 = 0$$

$$6 + 2k = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{k = -3}}$$

b/  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 3x - 2$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 x^2 + 2x + 1 \\
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 x - 2 \quad \left| \begin{array}{l} x^3 + 0x^2 - 3x - 2 \\ \underline{-x^3 - 2x^2} \\ 2x^2 - 3x - 2 \\ \underline{-2x^2 - 4x} \\ x - 2 \\ \underline{-x - 2} \\ 0 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

$$(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 1) = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(x + 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 2}} \quad \underline{\underline{x = -1}}$$



7 Prove that  $x^2 - 4x + 7$  is positive for all values of  $x$

$$(x - 2)^2 - 4 + 7$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + 3$$

Must be greater  
than or equal  
to zero

min value is 3  $\therefore$  positive  
for all values of  $x$ .

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8 Disprove the statement:  $n^2 - n + 3$  is a prime number for all values of  $n$

Find a counter example

$$10^2 - 10 + 3 = 93$$

$$93 = 3 \times 31$$

$\therefore$  not prime

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9 Prove that the sum of two consecutive odd numbers is a multiple of 4

$$(2n + 1) + (2n + 3)$$

$$2n + 1 + 2n + 3$$

$$4n + 4$$

$$\underline{\underline{4(n + 1)}}$$

4x something  $\therefore$  multiple of 4

10 Prove that  $(x + y)^2 \neq x^2 + y^2$

Let  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$

$$(2 + 3)^2 = 25$$

$$2^2 + 3^2 = 13$$

$$25 \neq 13$$

$\therefore (x + y)^2 \neq x^2 + y^2$

11 (a) Prove that  $n^2 + n + 11$  is prime for all integers between 1 and 5. (3)

(b) Prove that  $n^2 + n + 11$  is not prime for all values of  $n$  (2)

a/

$$\begin{aligned}(1)^2 + (1) + 11 &= 13 \quad \checkmark \\(2)^2 + (2) + 11 &= 17 \quad \checkmark \\(3)^2 + (3) + 11 &= 23 \quad \checkmark \\(4)^2 + (4) + 11 &= 31 \quad \checkmark \\(5)^2 + (5) + 11 &= 41 \quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

(All prime)

b/

$$(10)^2 + (10) + 11 = 121 \quad 11 \times 11 = 121$$

$\therefore$  Not prime for all values of  $n$ .

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12 Prove by exhaustion that the sum of two even positive integers less than 10 is also even.

$$\begin{array}{lll}2 + 2 = 4 & 4 + 4 = 8 & 6 + 6 = 12 \\2 + 4 = 6 & 4 + 6 = 10 & 6 + 8 = 14 \\2 + 6 = 8 & 4 + 8 = 12 & \\2 + 8 = 10 & & 8 + 8 = 16\end{array}$$

$\therefore$  the sum of two even positive integers less than 10 is even.

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13 "If I multiply a number by 2 and add 5 the result is always greater than the original number."

State, giving a reason, whether the above statement is always true, sometimes true or never true.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{let } n &= 5 & 5 \times 2 + 5 &= 15 & 15 > 5 \\ \text{let } n &= -5 & -5 \times 2 + 5 &= -5 & -5 = -5\end{aligned}$$

Sometimes true

- 14 Prove that  $(2n + 3)^2 - (2n - 3)^2$  is a multiple of 6 for all values of  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} & (2n+3)(2n+3) - (2n-3)(2n-3) \\ & 4n^2 + 6n + 6n + 9 - (4n^2 - 6n - 6n + 9) \\ & 24n \\ & \underline{6(4n)} \end{aligned}$$

$6 \times 4n$  is a multiple of 6 for all values of  $n$ .

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- 15 Prove that the sum of the squares of two consecutive odd integers is always 2 more than a multiple of 8.

$$\begin{aligned} & (2n+1)^2 + (2n+3)^2 \\ & (4n^2 + 2n + 2n + 1) + (4n^2 + 6n + 6n + 9) \\ & 8n^2 + 16n + 10 \\ & 8n^2 + 16n + 8 + 2 \\ & 8(n^2 + 2n + 1) + 2 \end{aligned}$$

$\underbrace{8(n^2 + 2n + 1)}_{\text{multiple of 8}} + 2$   $\therefore$  always 2 more than a multiple of 8.

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- 16 Prove that  $n^2 + 7n + 15 > n + 3$  is true for all values of  $n$

$$\begin{aligned} & n^2 + 6n + 12 > 0 \\ & (n+3)^2 - 9 + 12 > 0 \\ & \underbrace{(n+3)^2 + 3}_{\text{must be greater than or equal to zero}} > 0 \end{aligned}$$

Min value = 3  $\therefore n^2 + 6n + 12$  is always greater than zero.

$$\therefore \underline{\underline{n^2 + 7n + 15 > n + 3}}$$



17 (a) Prove that for positive values of  $a$  and  $b$

$$\frac{9a}{b} + \frac{4b}{a} \geq 12 \quad (4)$$

(b) Prove, by counter example, that this is not true for all values of  $a$  and  $b$ . (1)

a/ 
$$\frac{9a^2}{b} + 4b \geq 12a$$

$$9a^2 + 4b^2 \geq 12ab$$

$$9a^2 - 12ab + 4b^2 \geq 0$$

$$(3a - 2b)(3a - 2b) \geq 0$$

$$(3a - 2b)^2 \geq 0$$

any number squared is greater than or equal to zero.

b/ let  $a = -2$  and  $b = 1$

$$\frac{9(-2)}{1} + \frac{4(1)}{-2} = -20$$

$-20$  is less than  $12$   $\therefore$  not true for all values of  $a$  and  $b$ .

18 A student is investigating the following statement about natural numbers.

" $n^3 - n$  is a multiple of 4"

(a) Prove, using algebra, that the statement is true for all odd numbers. (4)

(b) Use a counterexample to show that the statement is not always true. (1)

a/

$$\begin{aligned} & (2n+1)^3 - (2n+1) \\ & (2n+1)(2n+1)(2n+1) - (2n+1) \\ & (2n+1)(4n^2+4n+1) - (2n+1) \\ & 8n^3+4n^2+8n^2+4n+2n+1 - 2n-1 \\ & 8n^3+12n^2+4n \\ & 4(2n^3+3n^2+1) \quad \therefore n^3-n \text{ is multiple of 4} \\ & \text{for all odd numbers} \end{aligned}$$

b/ let  $n=2$        $2^3 - 2 = 6$       6 is not a multiple  
of 4  
 $\therefore$  not always true

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19 Prove that

$n$  is a prime number greater than 5  $\Rightarrow n^4$  has final digit 1

all prime numbers greater than 5 are not even  
 $\therefore$  do not end in 0, 2, 4, 6 or 8  
do not end in 5 (or they would be divisible  
by 5)  
 $\therefore$  final digit is 3, 7 or 9.

$$3^4 = 81 \quad 7^4 = 2401 \quad 9^4 = 6561$$

$\therefore$  final digit will be 1 for all prime numbers  
greater than 5.

20 Jacob believes that for all positive integers  $n^3 + n + 2$  is a multiple of 4.

Which value of  $n$  shown below is a counter example to Dan's belief?

$n = 2$

$n = 3$

$n = 4$

$n = 5$

$$4^3 + 4 + 2 = 70$$

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21 Given  $(x + 3)$  and  $(x - 5)$  are both factors of  $f(x)$ , where

$$f(x) = px^3 - 7x^2 - 43x + q$$

Find the values of  $p$  and  $q$ .

$$f(-3) = p(-3) - 7(-3)^2 - 43(-3) + q$$

$$0 = -3p + 66 + q$$

$$3p - q = 66 \quad (1)$$

$$f(5) = p(5) - 7(5)^2 - 43(5) + q$$

$$0 = 5p - 390 + q$$

$$5p + q = 390 \quad (2)$$

Solve sim. eq.

$$\underline{\underline{p = 57}}$$

$$\underline{\underline{q = 105}}$$

$$f(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + 9x - 10$$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

(2)

(b) Show that  $f(x) = 0$  only has one real root.

(4)

$$\begin{aligned} a/ \quad f(2) &= (2)^3 - 4(2)^2 + 9(2) - 10 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$f(2) = 0 \quad \therefore (x - 2)$  is a factor

b/

$$\begin{array}{r} x^2 - 2x + 5 \\ x - 2 \overline{) x^3 - 4x^2 + 9x - 10} \\ \underline{x^3 - 2x^2} \phantom{+ 9x - 10} \\ -2x^2 + 9x \phantom{- 10} \\ \underline{-2x^2 + 4x} \phantom{- 10} \\ 5x - 10 \\ \underline{5x - 10} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x - 2)(x^2 - 2x + 5)$$

$$x = 2$$

$x^2 - 2x + 5$  has no real roots as

$$(-2)^2 - 4(1)(5) = -16 \quad b^2 - 4ac < 0 \quad \therefore \text{no real roots}$$

23 (a) Express  $n^3 - n$  as a product of three factors.

(1)

(b) Given that  $n$  is a positive integer, prove that  $n^3 - n$  is a multiple of 6

(3)

a/ 
$$n(n^2 - 1)$$
$$n(n+1)(n-1)$$

b/  $(n-1) \times n \times (n+1)$  is the product of three consecutive numbers.

Every third number is a multiple of 3.

$\therefore (n-1)$  or  $n$  or  $(n+1)$  must be a multiple of 3.

either  $n$  or  $(n+1)$  must be a multiple of 2

Multiple of 2  $\times$  multiple of 3 = multiple of 6.

$\therefore n(n+1)(n-1)$  is a multiple of 6.

24 (a) Prove that for all real values of  $x$ :

$$x^2 + 4x > 2x - 4$$

(3)

(b) "If I add 2 to a number and then square the sum, the result is greater than the square of the original number."

State, giving a reason, if the above statement is always true, sometimes true or never true.

(2)

a/

$$x^2 + 2x + 4 > 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 - 1 + 4 > 0$$

$$(x+1)^2 + 3 > 0$$

Min value = 3

$(x+1)^2$  is greater than or equal to zero.

$$\therefore (x+1)^2 + 3 > 0$$

b/

$$(n+2)^2 > n^2$$

True for positive numbers eg let  $n=2$

$$(2+2)^2 = 16$$

$$2^2 = 4$$

$$16 > 4$$

Not true for all negative numbers

eg.  $(-3+2)^2 = 1$

$$(-3)^2 = 9$$

$\therefore$  Sometimes true

$$f(x) = 4x^3 - 8x^2 - 35x + 75$$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that  $(x + 3)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

(2)

(b) Hence, show that  $f(x)$  can be written in the form  $f(x) = (x + 3)(ax + b)^2$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers to be found.

(4)

$$\begin{aligned} a/ \quad f(-3) &= 4(-3)^3 - 8(-3)^2 - 35(-3) + 75 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (x+3)$  is a factor.

b/

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x^2 - 20x + 25 \\ x + 3 \overline{) 4x^3 - 8x^2 - 35x + 75} \\ \underline{4x^3 + 12x^2} \phantom{- 35x + 75} \\ -20x^2 - 35x \phantom{+ 75} \\ \underline{-20x^2 - 60x} \phantom{+ 75} \\ 25x + 75 \\ \underline{25x + 75} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(x + 3)(4x^2 - 20x + 25) \\ &\underline{\underline{(x + 3)(2x - 5)^2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = 2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 12$$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ . (2)

(b) Hence, show that  $f(x) = 0$  only has two distinct real roots (4)

(c) Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  (3)

(d) Deduce, giving a reason for your answer, the number of real roots of the equation:

$$2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 10 = 0 \quad (2)$$

Given that  $k$  is a constant and the curve with equation  $y = f(x + k)$  passes through the origin,

(e) find the two possible values of  $k$  (2)

a/ 
$$f(2) = 2(2)^3 - 5(2)^2 - 4(2) + 12$$
  

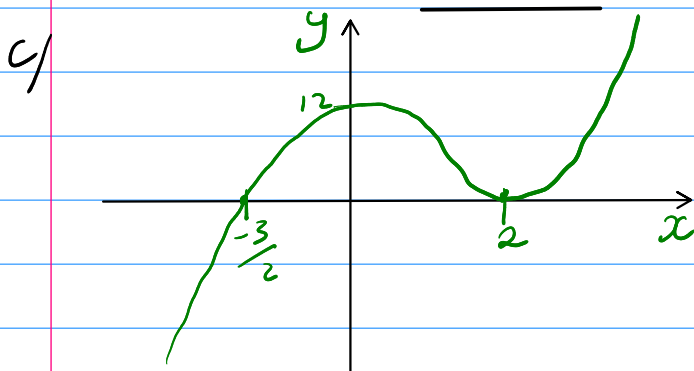
$$= 0$$

$\therefore (x - 2)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

b/ 
$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - x - 6 \\ x - 2 \overline{) 2x^3 - 5x^2 - 4x + 12} \\ \underline{2x^3 - 4x^2} \phantom{+ 12} \\ -x^2 - 4x \phantom{+ 12} \\ \underline{-x^2 + 2x} \phantom{+ 12} \\ -6x + 12 \\ \underline{-6x + 12} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &(x - 2)(2x^2 - x - 6) \\ &(x - 2)(2x + 3)(x - 2) \\ &(2x + 3)(x - 2)^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\underline{x = -\frac{3}{2}} \quad \underline{x = 2}$$



d/ 3 real roots  
 $f(x) - 2$  will cross the  
 $x$  axis 3 times.

e/  $\frac{3}{2}$  or  $-2$



27 Prove that  $n^3 + 2$  is not divisible by 8

$n$  can be either even or odd

if  $n$  is even  $(2n)^3 + 2$   
 $8n^3 + 2$   
 $8(n^3) + 2$

2 more than a multiple of 8 is not divisible by 8.

if  $n$  is odd  $(2n+1)^3 + 2$   
 $(2n+1)(2n+1)(2n+1) + 2$   
 $(2n+1)(4n^2+4n+1) + 2$   
 $8n^3+4n^2+8n^2+4n+2n+1+2$   
 $8n^3+12n^2+6n+3$   
 $2(4n^3+6n^2+3n)+3$

even + 3 is odd. Odd numbers are not divisible by 8.

$\therefore n^3 + 2$  is not divisible by 8.

1, 8, 27, 64, 125, 216  
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 one more   one less   multiple of 9   one more   one less   multiple of 9

All numbers are  $3n$ ,  $3n-1$  or  $3n+1$   
 (three times table or one more or one less)

$$\begin{aligned} (3n)^3 &= 27n^3 = 9(3n^3) && \text{multiple of 9} \\ (3n-1)^3 &= (3n-1)(3n-1)(3n-1) \\ &= (3n-1)(9n^2-6n+1) \\ &= 27n^3-9n^2-18n^2+6n+3n-1 \\ &= 27n^3-27n^2+9n-1 \\ &= 9(3n^3-9n^2+n)-1 \end{aligned}$$

one less than a multiple of 9

$$\begin{aligned} (3n+1)^3 &= (3n+1)(3n+1)(3n+1) \\ &= (3n+1)(9n^2+6n+1) \\ &= 27n^3+9n^2+18n^2+6n+3n+1 \\ &= 27n^3+27n^2+9n+1 \\ &= 9(3n^3+3n^2+1)+1 \end{aligned}$$

one more than a multiple of 9.

∴ all cube numbers are either a multiple of 9, one more than a multiple of 9 or one less than a multiple of 9.

$$g(x) = 2x^3 + x^2 - 38x + 35$$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that  $(x + 5)$  is a factor of  $g(x)$ .

(2)

(b) Hence, show that  $g(x)$  can be written as the product of three linear factors.

(4)

$$\begin{aligned} a) \quad g(-5) &= 2(-5)^3 + (-5)^2 - 38(-5) + 35 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore (x+5)$  is a factor.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 - 9x + 7 \\ x+5 \overline{) 2x^3 + x^2 - 38x + 35} \\ \underline{2x^3 + 10x^2} \phantom{+ 35} \\ -9x^2 - 38x \phantom{+ 35} \\ \underline{-9x^2 - 45x} \phantom{+ 35} \\ 7x + 35 \\ \underline{7x + 35} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$g(x) = (x+5)(2x^2 - 9x + 7)$$

$$g(x) = \underline{\underline{(x+5)(2x-7)(x-1)}}$$

30  $N$  is an integer that is not divisible by 3. Prove that  $N^2$  is of the form  $3p + 1$ , where  $p$  is an integer.

$N$  is one more or one less than a multiple of 3.  
 $N = 3n + 1$  or  $N = 3n - 1$

$$N^2 = (3n + 1)^2$$

$$= (3n + 1)(3n + 1)$$

$$= 9n^2 + 6n + 1$$

$$= (9n^2 + 6n) + 1$$

$$= 3(3n^2 + 2n) + 1$$

$$N^2 = (3n - 1)^2$$

$$= (3n - 1)(3n - 1)$$

$$= 9n^2 - 6n + 1$$

$$= (9n^2 - 6n) + 1$$

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

$3n^2 + 2n$  and  $3n^2 - 2n$  are integers  $\therefore N^2$   
is in the form  $3p + 1$ .

31 In this question you must show detailed reasoning.

The polynomial  $f(x)$  is defined by  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 9x^2 - 6x - 5$

(a) Show that  $f(1) = 0$

(1)

(b) Solve the equation  $f(x) = 0$

(4)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{a)} \quad f(1) &= 2(1)^3 + 9(1)^2 - 6(1) - 5 \\ &= \underline{\underline{0}} \end{aligned}$$

b)  $(x - 1)$  is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x^2 + 11x + 5 \\ x - 1 \overline{) 2x^3 + 9x^2 - 6x - 5} \\ \underline{2x^3 - 2x^2} \phantom{- 5} \\ 11x^2 - 6x \phantom{- 5} \\ \underline{11x^2 - 11x} \phantom{- 5} \\ 5x - 5 \\ \underline{5x - 5} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x - 1)(2x^2 + 11x + 5) = 0$$

$$(x - 1)(2x + 1)(x + 5) = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = 1}} \quad \underline{\underline{x = -\frac{1}{2}}} \quad \underline{\underline{x = -5}}$$

32 (a) Prove that the following statement is not true.

$m$  is an odd number greater than 1  $\Rightarrow m^2 + 4$  is prime. (1)

(b) By considering separately the case when  $n$  is odd and the case when  $n$  is even, prove that the following statement is true.

$n$  is a positive integer  $\Rightarrow n^2 + 1$  is not a multiple of 4. (4)

a/ Let  $m = 9$

$$9^2 + 4 = 85 \quad 85 = 5 \times 17 \therefore \text{not prime.}$$

$\therefore m^2 + 4$  is not always prime.

b/ Let  $n = 2m$  (even)

$$(2m)^2 + 1 = 4m^2 + 1$$

one more than a multiple of 4 is not a multiple of 4.

Let  $n = 2m+1$  (odd)

$$\begin{aligned} (2m+1)^2 + 1 &= 4m^2 + 4m + 1 + 1 \\ &= 4(m^2 + m) + 2 \end{aligned}$$

two more than a multiple of 4 is not a multiple of 4

$\therefore n^2 + 1$  is not a multiple of 4.

33 The cubic polynomial  $6x^3 + kx^2 + 25x - 12$  is denoted by  $f(x)$ .  
It is given that  $(2x + 3)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that  $k = 25$ . (2)

(b) Using this value of  $k$ , factorise  $f(x)$  completely. (3)

$$a/ \quad f\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) = 0$$

$$6\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 + k\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + 25\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right) - 12 = 0$$

$$k\left(\frac{9}{4}\right) - \frac{279}{4} = 0$$

$$k = \frac{279}{4} \div \frac{9}{4}$$

$$= 31$$

b/

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 + 11x - 4 \\ 2x + 3 \overline{) 6x^3 + 31x^2 + 25x - 12} \\ \underline{6x^3 + 9x^2} \phantom{+ 25x - 12} \\ 22x^2 + 25x \phantom{- 12} \\ \underline{22x^2 + 33x} \phantom{- 12} \\ -8x - 12 \\ \underline{-8x - 12} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = (2x + 3)(3x - 1)(x + 4)$$

34  $f(x) = 3x^3 - 19x + 24$

(a) Use the factor theorem to show that  $(x + 3)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

(2)

(b) Solve the equation  $f(x) = 0$ .

(3)

$$f(-3) = 3(-3)^3 - 19(-3) + 24$$
$$= 0$$

$\therefore (x + 3)$  is a factor

$$\begin{array}{r} 3x^2 - 9x + 8 \\ x + 3 \overline{) 3x^3 + 0x^2 - 19x + 24} \\ \underline{3x^3 + 9x^2} \phantom{+ 24} \\ -9x^2 - 19x \phantom{+ 24} \\ \underline{-9x^2 - 27x} \phantom{+ 24} \\ 8x + 24 \\ \underline{8x + 24} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$(x + 3)(3x^2 - 9x + 8) = 0$$

$$\underline{\underline{x = -3}}$$

no real solutions



35 Find a counter example to disprove the statements:

(a) When  $n$  is a prime number  $n^2$  is always odd

(2)

(b)  $(x+2)^2$  is always greater than  $x^2+2$

(2)

let  $n=2$

a/  $2^2 = 4$       4 is not odd

$\therefore n^2$  is not always odd

b/ let  $x=-2$

$$(-2+2)^2 = 0 \quad (-2)^2 + 2 = 6$$

0 is not greater than 6  $\therefore (x+2)^2$  is not always greater than  $x^2+2$