

You must show your work to get full credit.

1. Define d is a **divisor** of n where d and n are integers.

$d \neq 0$ and $n = k(d)$ for some integers.
(I will take $n = (\text{integer})d$.)

2. Show that if n is odd that $n^2 - 1$ is divisible by 4.

If n is odd then $n = 2k+1$ for some integer k . Thus

$$\begin{aligned} n^2 - 1 &= (2k+1)^2 - 1 \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 - 1 \\ &= 4(k^2 + k) \\ &= 4(\text{integer}). \end{aligned}$$

Thus $n^2 - 1$ is divisible by 4.

3. Show that if a and b are divisible by d then so is $3a + 4b$.

a divisible by $d \Rightarrow a = kd$ for some k
 b divisible by $d \Rightarrow b = ld$ for some l

$$\begin{aligned} 3a + 4b &= 3kd + 4ld \\ &= (3k + 4l)d \\ &= (\text{integer})d \end{aligned}$$

Thus $d \mid (3a + 4b)$