

# Algebraic Proof [www.maths.com](http://www.maths.com)

①  $n^2 + 10n + 25 - n^2 = 10n + 25$   
 $\equiv 5(2n+5) \checkmark$

②  $(4n^2 + 4n + 1) - (4n^2 - 4n + 1)$   
 $\equiv 4n - - 4n$   
 $\equiv 8n \checkmark$

③  $n^2 + 6n + 9 + n^2 - 5 \equiv 2n^2 + 6n + 4$   
 $\equiv 2(n^2 + 3n + 2)$   
 $\equiv 2(n+1)(n+2) \checkmark$

④  $(n^2 + 6n + 9) - (n^2 - 6n + 9) \equiv$   
 $\equiv 6n - - 6n$   
 $\equiv 12n \therefore \text{a multiple of } 12$

⑤  $(n^2 + 6n + 9) + (n^2 + 10n + 25) \equiv 2n^2 + 16n + 34 \equiv 2(n^2 + 8n + 17)$   
 $\therefore \text{always even as it's a multiple of } 2. \text{ (or divisible by } 2)$

⑥ Common factor of  $(n-4)^2$

$$\begin{aligned} & (n-4)^2(1 + (n-4)) \\ & \equiv (n-4)^2(n-3) \\ & \equiv (n-3)(n-4)^2 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

⑦ Complete the square

$$\begin{aligned} & (n-4)^2 - 16 + 18 \\ & \equiv (n-4)^2 + 2 \end{aligned}$$

The least value of  $(n-4)^2$  is 0  
 $\therefore$  the least value of  $(n-4)^2 + 2$  is 2 which is  $> 0$ .

⑧  $(4 + 12n + 9n^2) + (16 + 8n + n^2)$

$$\equiv 20 + 20n + 10n^2$$

$$\equiv 10(2 + 2n + n^2) \checkmark$$

$\therefore$  divisible by 10

⑨ An odd number can be written as  $2n+1$ .

Expanding

$$n^2 + n^2 + 2n + 1$$

$$\equiv 2n^2 + 2n + 1$$

$$\equiv 2(n^2 + n) + 1$$

$\therefore$  odd as  $2(n^2 + n)$  is always even so  $2(n^2 + n) + 1$  will always be odd.

⑩ let the integers be  $n$  and  $n+1$   
 $n + n + 1 \equiv 2n + 1$

$2n$  is always even  $\therefore 2n+1$  is always odd  $\checkmark$

(11) let the two consecutive odd integers be  $2n-1$  and  $2n+1$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore (2n+1) - (2n-1) \\ \equiv 1 - (-1) \\ \equiv 2\end{aligned}$$

(12) let the consecutive even integers be  $2n-2, 2n$  and  $2n+2$ .

$$(2n-2) + (2n) + (2n+2) = 6n$$

$\therefore$  a multiple of 6.

(13) let the consecutive even integers be  $2n$  and  $2n+2$

$$2n \times 2n+2$$

$$\equiv 2n \times 2(n+1)$$

$$\equiv 4n(n+1)$$

$\therefore$  always a multiple of 4.

(14) let the consecutive integers be  $(n-1), n$  and  $(n+1)$ .

$$\begin{aligned}(n-1)^2 + n^2 + (n+1)^2 \\ \equiv n^2 - 2n + 1 + n^2 + n^2 + 2n + 1 \\ \equiv 3n^2 + 2 \\ \equiv 3n^2 + 3 - 1 \\ \equiv 3(n^2 + 1) - 1\end{aligned}$$

$\checkmark$  one less than a multiple of 3.

(15)  $-4n^2 + 8n - 5$

complete the square

$$\begin{aligned}-4[n^2 - 2n] - 5 \\ -4[(n-1)^2 - 1] - 5 \\ -4(n-1)^2 + 4 - 5 \\ -4(n-1)^2 - 1\end{aligned}$$

we know  $-4(n-1)^2 < 0$  for all values of  $n$   $\therefore -4(n-1)^2 - 1 < 0$  too. (or the max value of the expression is -1 which is  $< 0$ )

(16) let the numbers be  $2n+1$  and  $2n+1$

$$\begin{aligned}(2n+1)^3 + (2n-1)^3 &\quad \text{Binomial Expansion.} \\ \equiv 8n^3 + 3(2n)^2(1) + 3(2n)(1) + 1 &\quad \leftarrow \\ \quad + 8n^3 + 3(2n)^2(-1) + 3(2n)(-1)^2 + (-1)^3 \\ \equiv 16n^3 + 12n \\ \equiv 4[4n^3 + 3] \\ \therefore \text{divisible by 4.} &\quad \checkmark\end{aligned}$$

(17)  $2n+2$  and  $2n$  are consecutive even integers

$$\begin{aligned}(2n+2)^3 - (2n)^3 \\ \equiv 8n^3 + 3(2n)^2(2) + 3(2n)(2)^2 + 8 - 8n^3 \\ \equiv 24n^2 + 24n + 8\end{aligned}$$

$\equiv 8[3n^2 + 3n + 1]$   $\therefore$  a multiple of 8. The least multiple of 8  $\therefore 8[3n^2 + 3n + 1] \geq 8$ .