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**J.2412 Prove that 5 divide  $n(4n^2 + 1)(6n^2 + 1)$ , for any natural number  $n$ .**

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For  $n = 5k$ , it is obvious that 5 divide  $n(4n^2 + 1)(6n^2 + 1)$ .

For  $n = 5k \pm 1$ , we have  $4n^2 + 1 = 4(5k \pm 1)^2 + 1 = 5(20k^2 \pm 8k + 1)$ .

For  $n = 5k \pm 2$ , we have  $6n^2 + 1 = 6(5k \pm 2)^2 + 1 = 5(30k^2 \pm 24k + 5)$ .

It follows that 5 divide  $n(4n^2 + 1)(6n^2 + 1)$ .