

1. (a) Prove that there are infinitely many primes  $p$  such that  $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ . *Hint: try to proceed the same way as in Euclid's proof of the statement that there are infinitely many prime numbers; but instead of making the number  $N = p_1 \dots p_n + 1$ , make a number  $N$  that is definitely congruent to 3 modulo 4 (and that still differs by 1 from a number that is divisible by all of  $p_1, \dots, p_k$ ).*  
(b) Could this proof have worked for the primes congruent to 1 modulo 4?
2. Prove that the number 123456782 cannot be represented as  $a^2 + 3b^2$  for any integers  $a$  and  $b$ . (*Hint: Consider the remainder  $\pmod{3}$ ).*
3. Prove that there do not exist integers  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  such that

$$12345678910111213 = a^2 + 25b^2 + 5c^2.$$