

There is a prime p s.t. $16p+1$ is the cube of a positive integer. Find p

$$16p + 1 = n^3$$

$$\Rightarrow n^3 - 1 = 16p$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-1)(n^2+n+1) = 16p$$

Now, either $(n-1)|p$ or $(n^2+n+1)|p$. But since p is a prime, we must have $n-1=p$ or $n^2+n+1=p$.

Note that $n-1=1$ and n^2+n+1 (the other factor of p) are both impossible since

$$n-1=1 \Rightarrow n=2$$

$$\Rightarrow \underbrace{16p+1}_{\text{odd}} = \underbrace{2^3}_{\text{even}}$$

contradiction
X

$$\text{and } n^2+n+1=1 \Rightarrow n=0$$

$$\Rightarrow 16p+1=0 \quad X$$

So we now analyse cases:

Case 1

$$n-1 = p \quad \text{and} \quad n^2+n+1 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2+n-15=0$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta = 1-4(-15) \\ = 61 \quad \times$$

Impossible - n needs to be an integer

Case 2

$$n-1 = 16 \quad \text{and} \quad n^2+n+1 = p$$

$$\Rightarrow n=17 \quad \text{and} \quad \text{so}$$

$$p = 289 + 17 + 1 = \textcircled{307}$$