

### Exercise 8B

1 a Let  $f(n) = 8^n - 1$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$$\therefore f(1) = 8^1 - 1 = 7, \text{ which is divisible by } 7.$$

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is divisible by } 7 \text{ when } n = 1.$$

Assume that for  $n = k$ ,

$$f(k) = 8^k - 1 \text{ is divisible by } 7 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = 8^{k+1} - 1$$

$$= 8^k \cdot 8^1 - 1$$

$$= 8(8^k) - 1$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) - f(k) = [8(8^k) - 1] - [8^k - 1]$$

$$= 8(8^k) - 1 - 8^k + 1$$

$$= 7(8^k)$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = f(k) + 7(8^k)$$

As both  $f(k)$  and  $7(8^k)$  are divisible by 7 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 7. Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 7 when  $n = 1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is divisible by 7 when  $n = k$ , then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 7 when  $n = k + 1$ . As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 7 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 7 for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.

b Let  $f(n) = 3^{2n} - 1$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$$\therefore f(1) = 3^{2(1)} - 1 = 9 - 1 = 8, \text{ which is divisible by } 8.$$

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is divisible by } 8 \text{ when } n = 1.$$

Assume that for  $n = k$ ,

$$f(k) = 3^{2k} - 1 \text{ is divisible by } 8 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = 3^{2(k+1)} - 1$$

$$= 3^{2k+2} - 1$$

$$= 3^{2k} \cdot 3^2 - 1$$

$$= 9(3^{2k}) - 1$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) - f(k) = [9(3^{2k}) - 1] - [3^{2k} - 1]$$

$$= 9(3^{2k}) - 1 - 3^{2k} + 1$$

$$= 8(3^{2k})$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = f(k) + 8(3^{2k})$$

As both  $f(k)$  and  $8(3^{2k})$  are divisible by 8 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 8. Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 8 when  $n = k + 1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is divisible by 8 when  $n = k$ , then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 8 when  $n = k + 1$ . As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 8 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 8 for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.

**1 c** Let  $f(n) = 5^n + 9^n + 2$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$$\therefore f(1) = 5^1 + 9^1 + 2 = 5 + 9 + 2 = 16, \text{ which is divisible by 4.}$$

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is divisible by 4 when } n = 1.$$

Assume that for  $n = k$ ,

$$f(k) = 5^k + 9^k + 2 \text{ is divisible by 4 for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = 5^{k+1} + 9^{k+1} + 2$$

$$= 5^k \cdot 5^1 + 9^k \cdot 9^1 + 2$$

$$= 5(5^k) + 9(9^k) + 2$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) - f(k) = [5(5^k) + 9(9^k) + 2] - [5^k + 9^k + 2]$$

$$= 5(5^k) + 9(9^k) + 2 - 5^k - 9^k - 2$$

$$= 4(5^k) + 8(9^k)$$

$$= 4[5^k + 2(9^k)]$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = f(k) + 4[5^k + 2(9^k)]$$

As both  $f(k)$  and  $4[5^k + 2(9^k)]$  are divisible by 4 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 4. Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 4 when  $n = k + 1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is indivisible by 4 when  $n = k$ , then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 4 when  $n = k + 1$ . As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 4 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 4 for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.

**d** Let  $f(n) = 2^{4n} - 1$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$$\therefore f(1) = 2^{4(1)} - 1 = 16 - 1 = 15, \text{ which is divisible by 15.}$$

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is divisible by 15 when } n = 1.$$

Assume that for  $n = k$ ,

$$f(k) = 2^{4k} - 1 \text{ is divisible by 15 for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = 2^{4(k+1)} - 1$$

$$= 2^{4k+4} - 1$$

$$= 2^{4k} \cdot 2^4 - 1$$

$$= 16(2^{4k}) - 1$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) - f(k) = [16(2^{4k}) - 1] - [2^{4k} - 1]$$

$$= 16(2^{4k}) - 1 - 2^{4k} + 1$$

$$= 15(8^k)$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = f(k) + 15(8^k)$$

As both  $f(k)$  and  $15(8^k)$  are divisible by 15 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 15. Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 15 when  $n = k + 1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is divisible by 15 when  $n = k$ , then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 15 when  $n = k + 1$ . As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 15 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 15 for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.

1 e Let  $f(n) = 3^{2n-1} + 1$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$$\therefore f(1) = 3^{2(1)-1} + 1 = 3 + 1 = 4, \text{ which is divisible by 4.}$$

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is divisible by 4 when } n = 1.$$

Assume that for  $n = k$ ,

$$f(k) = 3^{2k-1} + 1 \text{ is divisible by 4 for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = 3^{2(k+1)-1} + 1$$

$$= 3^{2k+2-1} + 1$$

$$= 3^{2k-1} \cdot 3^2 + 1$$

$$= 9(3^{2k-1}) + 1$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) - f(k) = [9(3^{2k-1}) + 1] - [3^{2k-1} + 1]$$

$$= 9(3^{2k-1}) + 1 - 3^{2k-1} - 1$$

$$= 8(3^{2k-1})$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = f(k) + 8(3^{2k-1})$$

As both  $f(k)$  and  $8(3^{2k-1})$  are divisible by 4 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 4. Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 4 when  $n = k + 1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is divisible by 4 when  $n = k$ , then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 4 when  $n = k + 1$ . As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 4 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 4 for  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.

f Let  $f(n) = n^3 + 6n^2 + 8n$ , where  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$$\therefore f(1) = 1 + 6 + 8 = 15, \text{ which is divisible by 3.}$$

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is divisible by 3 when } n = 1.$$

Assume that for  $n = k$ ,

$$f(k) = k^3 + 6k^2 + 8k \text{ is divisible by 3 for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = (k+1)^3 + 6(k+1)^2 + 8(k+1)$$

$$= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 6(k^2 + 2k + 1) + 8(k+1)$$

$$= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 6k^2 + 12k + 6 + 8k + 8$$

$$= k^3 + 9k^2 + 23k + 15$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) - f(k) = [k^3 + 9k^2 + 23k + 15] - [k^3 + 6k^2 + 8k]$$

$$= 3k^2 + 15k + 15$$

$$= 3(k^2 + 5k + 5)$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = f(k) + 3(k^2 + 5k + 5)$$

As both  $f(k)$  and  $3(k^2 + 5k + 5)$  are divisible by 3 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 3.

Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 3 when  $n = k + 1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is divisible by 3 when  $n = k$ , then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 3 when  $n = k + 1$ . As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 3 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 3 for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.

**1 g** Let  $f(n) = n^3 + 5n$ , where  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$$\therefore f(1) = 1 + 5 = 6, \text{ which is divisible by } 6.$$

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is divisible by } 6 \text{ when } n = 1.$$

Assume that for  $n = k$ ,

$$f(k) = k^3 + 5k \text{ is divisible by } 6 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(k+1) &= (k+1)^3 + 5(k+1) \\ &= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 5(k+1) \\ &= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 + 5k + 5 \\ &= k^3 + 3k^2 + 8k + 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(k+1) - f(k) &= [k^3 + 3k^2 + 8k + 6] - [k^3 + 5k] \\ &= 3k^2 + 3k + 6 \\ &= 3k(k+1) + 6 \\ &= 3(2m) + 6 \\ &= 6m + 6 \\ &= 6(m+1) \end{aligned}$$

Let  $k(k+1) = 2m, m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , as the product of two consecutive integers must be even.

$$\therefore f(k+1) = f(k) + 6(m+1).$$

As both  $f(k)$  and  $6(m+1)$  are divisible by 6 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 6. Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 6 when  $n = k+1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is divisible by 6 when  $n = k$  then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 6 when  $n = k+1$ . As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 6 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 6 for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.

**h** Let  $f(n) = 2^n \cdot 3^{2n} - 1$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$$\therefore f(1) = 2^1 \cdot 3^{2(1)} - 1 = 2(9) - 1 = 18 - 1 = 17, \text{ which is divisible by } 17.$$

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is divisible by } 17 \text{ when } n = 1.$$

Assume that for  $n = k$

$$f(k) = 2^k \cdot 3^{2k} - 1 \text{ is divisible by } 17 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(k+1) &= 2^{k+1} \cdot 3^{2(k+1)} - 1 \\ &= 2^k (2)^1 (3)^{2k} (3)^2 - 1 \\ &= 2^k (2)^1 (3)^{2k} (9) - 1 \\ &= 18(2^k \cdot 3^{2k}) - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(k+1) - f(k) &= [18(2^k \cdot 3^{2k}) - 1] - [2^k \cdot 3^{2k} - 1] \\ &= 18(2^k \cdot 3^{2k}) - 1 - 2^k \cdot 3^{2k} + 1 \\ &= 17(2^k \cdot 3^{2k}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = f(k) + 17(2^k \cdot 3^{2k})$$

As both  $f(k)$  and  $17(2^k \cdot 3^{2k})$  are divisible by 17 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 17.

Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 17 when  $n = k+1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is divisible by 17 when  $n = k$ , then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 17 when  $n = k+1$ . As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 17 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 17 for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.

2 a  $f(k+1) = 13^{k+1} - 6^{k+1} = 13 \times 13^k - 6 \times 6^k = 6(13^k - 6^k) + 7 \times 13^k = 6f(k) + 7(13^k)$

b Basis:  $n = 1$ :  $f(1) = 13 - 6 = 7$  is divisible by 7.

Assumption:  $f(k)$  is divisible by 7.

Induction:  $f(k+1) = 6f(k) + 7(13^k)$  by part a.

So if the statement holds for  $n = k$ , it holds for  $n = k + 1$ .

Conclusion: The statement holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

3 a  $g(k+1) = 5^{2(k+1)} - 6(k+1) + 8 = 25 \times 5^{2k} - 6k + 2$   
 $= 25(5^{2k} - 6k + 8) + 144k - 198$   
 $= 25g(k) + 9(16k - 22)$

b Basis:  $n = 1$ :  $g(1) = 5^2 - 6 + 8 = 27$  is divisible by 9.

Assumption:  $g(k)$  is divisible by 9.

Induction:  $g(k+1) = 25g(k) + 9(16k - 22)$  by part a.

So if the statement holds for  $n = k$ , it holds for  $n = k + 1$ .

Conclusion: The statement holds for all  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

4  $f(n) = 8^n - 3^n$ , where  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$\therefore f(1) = 8^1 - 3^1 = 5$ , which is divisible by 5.

$\therefore f(n)$  is divisible by 5 when  $n = 1$ .

Assume that for  $n = k$ ,

$f(k) = 8^k - 3^k$  is divisible by 5 for  $k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ .

$\therefore f(k+1) = 8^{k+1} - 3^{k+1}$

$= 8^k \cdot 8^1 - 3^k \cdot 3^1$

$= 8(8^k) - 3(3^k)$

$\therefore f(k+1) - 3f(k) = [8(8^k) - 3(3^k)] - 3[8^k - 3^k]$

$= 8(8^k) - 3(3^k) - 3(8^k) + 3(3^k)$

$= 5(8^k)$

From (a),  $f(k+1) = f(k) + 5(8^k)$

As both  $f(k)$  and  $5(8^k)$  are divisible by 5 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 5.

Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 5 when  $n = k + 1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is divisible by 5 when  $n = k$ , then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also be divisible by 5 when  $n = k + 1$ .

As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 5 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 5 for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.

$$5 \quad f(n) = 3^{2n+2} + 8n - 9, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\therefore f(1) = 3^{2(1)+2} + 8(1) - 9$$

$$= 3^4 + 8 - 9 = 81 - 1 = 80, \text{ which is divisible by } 8.$$

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is divisible by } 8 \text{ when } n = 1.$$

Assume that for  $n = k$ ,

$$f(k) = 3^{2k+2} + 8k - 9 \text{ is divisible by } 8 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$f(k+1) = 3^{2(k+1)+2} + 8(k+1) - 9$$

$$= 3^{2k+2+2} + 8(k+1) - 9$$

$$= 3^{2k+2} \cdot (3^2) + 8k + 8 - 9$$

$$= 9(3^{2k+2}) + 8k - 1$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) - f(k) = [9(3^{2k+2}) + 8k - 1] - [3^{2k+2} + 8k - 9]$$

$$= 9(3^{2k+2}) + 8k - 1 - 3^{2k+2} - 8k + 9$$

$$= 8(3^{2k+2}) + 8$$

$$= 8[3^{2k+2} + 1]$$

$$\therefore f(k+1) = f(k) + 8[3^{2k+2} + 1]$$

As both  $f(k)$  and  $8[3^{2k+2} + 1]$  are divisible by 8 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 8.

Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 8 when  $n = k + 1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is divisible by 8 when  $n = k$ , then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 8 when  $n = k + 1$ . As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 8 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 8 for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.

$$6 \quad f(n) = 2^{6n} + 3^{2n-2}, \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\therefore f(1) = 2^{6(1)} + 3^{2(1)-2} = 2^6 + 3^0 = 64 + 1 = 65, \text{ which is divisible by } 5.$$

$$\therefore f(n) \text{ is divisible by } 5 \text{ when } n = 1.$$

Assume that for  $n = k$ .

$$f(k) = 2^{6k} + 3^{2k-2} \text{ is divisible by } 5 \text{ for } k \in \mathbb{Z}^+.$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(k+1) &= 2^{6(k+1)} + 3^{2(k+1)-2} \\ &= 2^{6k+6} + 3^{2k+2-2} \\ &= 2^6(2^{6k}) + 3^2(3^{2k-2}) \\ &= 64(2^{6k}) + 9(3^{2k-2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(k+1) - f(k) &= [64(2^{6k}) + 9(3^{2k-2})] - [2^{6k} + 3^{2k-2}] \\ &= 64(2^{6k}) + 9(3^{2k-2}) - 2^{6k} - 3^{2k-2} \\ &= 63(2^{6k}) + 8(3^{2k-2}) \\ &= 63(2^{6k}) + 63(3^{2k-2}) - 55(3^{2k-2}) \\ &= 63[2^{6k} + 3^{2k-2}] - 55(3^{2k-2}) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(k+1) &= f(k) + 63[2^{6k} + 3^{2k-2}] - 55(3^{2k-2}) \\ &= f(k) + 63f(k) - 55(3^{2k-2}) \\ &= 64f(k) - 55(3^{2k-2}) \\ \therefore f(k+1) &= 64f(k) - 55(3^{2k-2}) \end{aligned}$$

As both  $64f(k)$  and  $-55(3^{2k-2})$  are divisible by 5 then the sum of these two terms must also be divisible by 5.

Therefore  $f(n)$  is divisible by 5 when  $n = k + 1$ .

If  $f(n)$  is divisible by 5 when  $n = k$  then it has been shown that  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 5 when  $n = k + 1$ . As  $f(n)$  is divisible by 5 when  $n = 1$ ,  $f(n)$  is also divisible by 5 for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  by mathematical induction.