

### Question #9888

For any positive integer  $n$ , prove that  $n^3 - n$  is divisible by 6.

Write  $n^3 - n = n(n - 1)(n + 1)$ . Note that there is definitely an even number among  $n, n - 1, n + 1$ , and due to they are consecutive integers, one of them is divisible by 3. 2 and 3 are mutually prime, hence  $n(n - 1)(n + 1)$  is divisible by 6. And we are done.