

$$h = nk^2h^2 + ml^2h^2 = (nk^2 + ml^2)h^2 = zh^2 \quad (1/3) \quad \checkmark$$

with  $z = nk^2 + ml^2$  as required  $\checkmark 3/3$

ii)  $\text{hcf}(a^2, b^2) = H = zh^2$

But if  $\text{hcf}(a, b) = h$

$$\text{hcf}(a/h, b/h) = 1$$

Contradictory statements.

Since if  $\text{hcf}(a/h, b/h) = d \neq 1$

then  $a = adh, b = bhd, \text{hcf}(a, b) = dh \neq h$

which contradicts that  $\text{hcf}(a, b) = h$

$$\text{hcf}(a^2, b^2) = \text{hcf}(k^2h^2, l^2h^2) = h^2 \cdot \text{hcf}(k^2, l^2) = h^2 \cdot 1 = h^2$$

$$\therefore \text{hcf}(a^2, b^2) = h^2$$

Alternatively  $H = \text{hcf}(a^2, b^2) = zh^2$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{zh^2} \text{hcf}(a^2, b^2) = \frac{1}{z} \text{hcf}\left(\frac{a^2}{h^2}, \frac{b^2}{h^2}\right) = 1 \quad *$$

$$\frac{1}{z} \text{hcf}(k^2, l^2) = 1$$

But  $\text{hcf}(k, l) = 1$ . if  $k = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_n^{k_n}$

and  $l = p_1^{l_1} p_2^{l_2} \dots p_n^{l_n}$  where  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_n, p_{j+1}, \dots, p_{j+m}$

are all distinct primes then  $\text{hcf}(k^2, l^2) = \text{hcf}(p_1^{2k_1}, p_2^{2k_2}, \dots, p_n^{2k_n}, p_{j+1}^{2k_{j+1}}, \dots, p_{j+m}^{2k_{j+m}})$

$= \text{hcf}(p_1^{2k_1}, p_2^{2k_2}, \dots, p_n^{2k_n}, p_{j+1}^{2k_{j+1}}, \dots, p_{j+m}^{2k_{j+m}}) = 1$  but

$\frac{1}{z} \text{hcf}(k^2, l^2)$  is an integer  $\therefore z = 1$

\* Proof of  $\frac{1}{h^2} \text{hcf}(a^2, b^2) = \text{hcf}\left(\frac{a^2}{h^2}, \frac{b^2}{h^2}\right)$

Since  $\text{hcf}(a^2, b^2) = zh^2$ ,  $a^2/h^2$  and  $b^2/h^2$

are integers, and  $h|a, h|b$  we can write

$\text{hcf}(a^2, b^2) = ma^2 + nb^2$ ,  $\text{hcf}\left(\frac{a^2}{h^2}, \frac{b^2}{h^2}\right) = r\left(\frac{a^2}{h^2}\right) + s\left(\frac{b^2}{h^2}\right)$

but then  $\text{hcf}\left(\frac{a^2}{h^2}, \frac{b^2}{h^2}\right) = \frac{1}{h^2} (ra^2 + sb^2)$

$$= \frac{1}{h^2} \cdot \text{hcf}(a^2, b^2) + \text{an integer}$$

Also  $\frac{1}{h^2} \text{hcf}(a^2, b^2) = \frac{1}{h^2} (ma^2 + nb^2)$

$$= m\left(\frac{a^2}{h^2}\right) + n\left(\frac{b^2}{h^2}\right)$$

$$= u \cdot \text{hcf}\left(\frac{a^2}{h^2}, \frac{b^2}{h^2}\right)$$

where  $u$  is an integer. Hence

each of  $\text{hcf}\left(\frac{a^2}{h^2}, \frac{b^2}{h^2}\right)$  and  $\frac{1}{h^2} \text{hcf}(a^2, b^2)$