

10. Given that  $a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab$ , deduce an expression for (i)  $a^2 + c^2$  and (ii)  $c^2 + d^2$ .

(iii) Use these results to prove that

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + bc + ca \text{ for all real values of } a, b \text{ and } c.$$

If  $a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab$  (i)

$$a^2 + c^2 \geq 2ac$$

(ii)

$$c^2 + d^2 \geq 2cd$$

(iii)

\* there seems to be a mistake in the question here! part (iii) does not include the letter "d". So result (ii) cannot be used to prove part (iii).

Proof of part (iii)

$$a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab$$

$$a^2 + c^2 \geq 2ac$$

$$b^2 + c^2 \geq 2bc$$

Add LHS & RHS  $\Rightarrow$

$$2a^2 + 2b^2 + 2c^2 \geq 2ab + 2ac + 2bc$$

$\div 2 \Rightarrow$

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 \geq ab + ac + bc$$

QED