

Solution

1. Prove: If x is an even integer then $3x + 5$ is an odd integer.

Let $x = 2k$ by definition of an even number.

Proof: $3(2k) + 5$ By substitution

$6k + 5$ By algebra

$6k + 4 + 1$ By algebra

$= 2(3k+2) + 1$ By algebra

Since $3k$ is an integer then $2(3k+2)+1$ is odd by the definition of odd

2. Prove: If the square of an integer x is even, then x is even.

Assume x is odd; therefore, $x = 2k+1$, by the definition of odd, where k is a specific but arbitrarily chosen integer.

Now, prove x^2 is odd.

Proof: $(2k+1)^2 = 4k^2+4k+1$ By substitution

$= 2(2k^2+2k)+1$ By algebra

Let $p = 2k^2+2k$, then $= 2p+1$, and that means it is odd. Therefore, if the contrapositive is true, the original proof is true (since the original theorem is logically equivalent to the contrapositive).

3. Prove: for all integers n , n^2+n+1 is odd

(hint, use proof by cases, where one case starts with n is even, the second case starts with n is odd).

Case #1: n is even, so $n = 2k$ By the definition of even

Substitute $n = (2k)^2+2k+1$

$= 4k^2+2k+1$ By algebra

$= 2(2k^2+k)+1$ which is odd. ($2k^2+k$ is an integer and $2(2k^2+k)+1$ is odd.

Case #2: n is odd, so $n = 2k+1$ By the definition of odd

Substitute $n = (2k+1)^2+(2k+1)+1$

$= 4k^2+4k+1+2k+1+1$ By algebra

$= 4k^2+6k+2+1$

$= 2(\underbrace{2k^2+3k+1}_{\text{integer}})+1$ which is odd.

Since both cases are true, the original statement is proven to be true.