

1 Proof 1

Claim: If n is an odd integer, then there is an integer m such that $n = 4m + 1$ or $n = 4m + 3$

n is an odd integer. If n is an odd integer, by definition, $n = 2x + 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{Z}$. Therefore, $2x + 1 = 4m + 1$ or $2x + 1 = 4m + 3$. This simplifies to $x = 2m$ or $x = 2m + 1$.

By definition, if x is an integer, then there is an integer m such that $x = 2m$ or $x = 2m + 1$. Within the set of integers, any individual number can either be even or odd, in other words, $\{2n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} \cup \{2n + 1 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\} = \mathbb{Z}$.

This means that, since x is an integer, x is either even or odd. If x is even, $x = 2y$ where y is an integer, which implies that there is some integer m such that $2y = 2m \implies y = m$ which we know to be true. Similarly, if x is odd, $x = 2y + 1$ where y is again an integer. This implies that there is some integer m such that $2y + 1 = 2m + 1 \implies 2y = 2m \implies y = m$ which we also know to be true.

Therefore, if n is an odd integer, then there must be some integer m such that n either equals $4m + 1$ or $4m + 3$.

2 Proof 2

Claim: Every non-empty finite set of unique integers has a smallest number.

Given the set $S = \{s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n\}$, consisting of n unique terms, we know that $n > 0$, and S contains at least one element. Since S consists of unique numbers, we know that $s_1 \neq s_2 \neq s_3 \dots \neq s_n$, in other words, each value of S is distinct. Because of this, we can infer that each value is either larger or smaller than each other value in S . Because of this fact, we know that there must be some number s_x such that $s_x < S \setminus s_x$. Therefore, every non empty finite set of unique integers must contain a smallest number.

3 Proof 3

Claim: For any real number x , $x^2 - 4x + 3 > 0$

We can restate this claim; if x is real, then $x^2 - 4x + 3 > 0$. Solving for x with the quadratic formula yields zeros for this equation at $1 + \frac{\sqrt{-2}}{2}$ and $1 - \frac{\sqrt{-2}}{2}$. These are both imaginary roots, which means the only 2 points at which this equation is equal to zero are not real. We can infer from the fact

that x does not cross the horizontal axis in the real domain, that it is never less than zero in said real domain. Therefore, while x is real $x^2 - 4x + 3 > 0$.