

Question 3.- Say whether the following is true or false and support your answer by a proof: For any integer n , the number n^2+n+1 is odd.

We will proof that such statement is true but, before that we ought to recall some facts we have seen during the course:

- 1.- $(\forall n \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}) \text{ s.t. } \text{Odd}(n) \Rightarrow n = 2m+1$
Odd(x) meaning that x has the property of being odd
- 2.- $(\forall n \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists m \in \mathbb{Z}) \text{ s.t. } \text{Even}(n) \Rightarrow n = 2m$
Even(x) meaning that x has the property of being even
- 3.- The product of an even integer and an odd integer will be another even integer
 - 3.1.- Let's take any two p,q integers s.t. $\text{Odd}(p) \wedge \text{Even}(q)$
 - 3.2.- $(\exists m \in \mathbb{Z})(\exists n \in \mathbb{Z})(p=2m+1 \wedge q=2n)$
 - 3.3.- The product of p,q
 $(2m+1)2n = 4mn + 2n = 2(2mn+n)$
 - 3.4.- As $(2mn + n)$ is an integer itself, $2(2mn+n)$ is an even integer

On that basis, we can proceed with the proof.

Proof: We will compare the number n^2+n+1 with the form of odd numbers seen $(2m+1)$

- 1.- We equate
 $n^2+n+1 = 2m + 1$
- 2.- 1 is canceled in both sides of the equation and factorize the left side
 $n^2+n = 2m \Rightarrow n(n+1) = 2m$
- 3.- $n(n+1)$ is the product of two consecutive numbers so
 $(\text{Odd}(n) \wedge \text{Even}(n+1)) \vee (\text{Even}(n) \wedge \text{Odd}(n+1))$
- 4.- Thus $n(n+1)$ is the product of an even number and an odd number, resulting in another even number that can take the form $2m$
- 5.- We have confirmed the equation and thus the truth of the statement presented in the question.
QED.