

For any integer  $n$ , the number  $n^2 + n + 1$  is odd.

The statement is true.

Proof:

Given an arbitrary integer  $n$ , it's either even or odd.

if  $n$  is even, it can be expressed as  $n = 2k, k \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Substitute into  $n^2 + n + 1$  gives  $4k^2 + 2k + 1 = 2(2k^2 + k) + 1$ . Let  $k' = 2k^2 + k$ , the formula can be expressed as  $2k' + 1, k \in \mathcal{Z}$  which is odd as required.

if  $n$  is odd, it can be expressed as  $n = 2k + 1, k \in \mathcal{Z}$ . Substitute into  $n^2 + n + 1$  gives  $4k^2 + 6k + 3 = 2(2k^2 + 3k + 1) + 1$ . Let  $k' = 2k^2 + 3k + 1$ , the formula can be expressed as  $2k' + 1, k \in \mathcal{Z}$  which is odd as required.

$n^2 + n + 1$  is odd when  $n$  is odd and when  $n$  is even, so for any integer  $n$ , it is odd as required.