

## Sample Proof: zfisher

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Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 0$ ,  $3n^2 + 15n + 12$  is even.

**Proof :**  $3n^2 + 15n + 12 = [n^2 + n] + [2(n^2 + 7n + 6)]$ . Since  $n^2 + 7n + 6$  is an integer, the latter term in brackets is even. Also,  $n^2 + n = n(n + 1)$  is the product of an even and odd integer, which must be even. Since the two summands in brackets are even, the sum is even for all integers  $n \geq 0$ .