

I.7. Prove that the sum of any two odd integers is even.

Let the two odd integers be **m** and **n**.

From the definition of odd numbers, we have:

$$m = 2k + 1, \text{ where } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

and

$$n = 2j + 1, \text{ where } j \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Then:

$$m + n = (2k + 1) + (2j + 1) = 2k + 2j + 2 = 2(k + j + 1)$$

$$\text{Let: } k + j + 1 = x$$

Since  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $j \in \mathbb{Z}$ , then  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\text{So: } m + n = 2x \rightarrow \text{even}$$