

3. To prove the statement "For any integer  $n$ , the number  $n^2+n+1$  is odd".

We attempt to prove this using the method of induction.

For  $n=1$ ,  $n^2+n+1 = 3$  which is odd.

Let's assume the statement is true for  $n$   
i.e.,  $n^2+n+1$  is odd.

The equivalent expression for  $(n+1)$  is

$$\begin{aligned}(n+1)^2 + (n+1) + 1 &= (n^2 + 2n + 1) + (n+1) + 1 \\&= n^2 + 3n + 3 \\&= n^2 + 3n + 2 + 1 \\&= (n+1)(n+2) + 1\end{aligned}$$

We see that  $n+1$  &  $n+2$  are any two consecutive integers. So at least one of them is even which in turn means that the product  $(n+1)(n+2)$  is also even. This in turn means that  $(n+1)(n+2)+1$  is always odd.

Hence the statement is true for  $n+1$  as well and by induction is true for all  $n$  i.e. ( $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$ ).