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Math 301

HW 4

1. For every integer n , if n is odd then $n^2 + n + 1$ is odd

Proof.

$$\begin{aligned}n^2 + n + 1 &= (2k_1 + 1)^2 + (2k_1 + 1) + 1 \text{ by the definition of odd integer.} \\&= 4k_1^2 + 4k_1 + 1 + 2k_1 + 1 + 1 \\&= 4k_1^2 + 6k_1 + 2 + 1\end{aligned}$$

Suppose $k_2 = 2k_1^2 + 3k_1 + 1$, then the format above can be expressed in

$$\begin{aligned}n^2 + n + 1 &= 2(2k_1^2 + 3k_1 + 1) + 1 \\&= 2k_2 + 1\end{aligned}$$

Therefore, by the definition of odd integer, $n^2 + n + 1$ is odd

2. For all real numbers r and s , if both r and s are rational then rs is also rational.

Proof.

$r = \frac{a}{b}$ and $s = \frac{c}{d}$ while $b \neq 0$ and $d \neq 0$ By the definition of rational number.

$rs = \frac{ac}{bd}$, and $bd \neq 0$ since $xy = 0 \rightarrow x = 0$ or $y = 0$ and by property of implication $x \neq 0$ and $y \neq 0$ then $xy \neq 0$.

Suppose $p = ac$ and $q = bd$.

$$rs = \frac{p}{q} \text{ and } q \neq 0$$

Therefore, rs is rational by the def. of rational number.