

Direct Proofs and Proofs by Contrapositive **Solution**

Part One. Prove each of the following statements:

1. For all integers n , if n is odd then $3n+5$ is even.
2. If a is any odd integer and b is any even integer, then $2a + 3b$ is even.

(Note: The definition of an **odd** integer is an integer that can be expressed as $2k + 1$, where k is an integer. The definition of an **even** integer is an integer that can be expressed as $2k$, where k is an integer.)

1. For all integers n , if n is odd then $3n+5$ is even.

Proof.

Assume n is an odd integer. By definition of odd, $n = 2k+1$ for some integer k .

By substitution,

$$\begin{aligned} 3n+5 &= 3(2k+1) + 5 \\ &= 6k+3 + 5 \\ &= 6k+8 \\ &= 2(3k+4) \end{aligned}$$

Let $t=3k+4$. t is an integer because it is a sum of products of integers.

We have that $3n+5 = 2t$, where t is an integer. By definition of even, $3n+5$ is even.

2. If a is any odd integer and b is any even integer, then $2a + 3b$ is even.

Proof.

Assume a is an odd integer and b is an even integer.

By definition of odd, $a = 2n+1$ for some integer n . By definition of even, $b = 2m$ for some integer m .

By substitution,

$$\begin{aligned} 2a + 3b &= 2(2n+1) + 3(2m) \\ &= 4n + 2 + 6m \\ &= 2(2n + 1 + 3m). \end{aligned}$$

Let $x = 2n + 1 + 3m$. Then, x is an integer because it is a sum of products of integers.

We have that $2a + 3b = 2x$ where x is an integer. By definition of even, $2a + 3b$ is even.

Part Two. Fill in the blanks in the following proof by contrapositive that for all integers n , if 5 does not divide n^2 then 5 does not divide n . (Note: $5 \mid n$ means that 5 divides n or n is divisible by 5.)

Proof (by contrapositive): [The contrapositive is: For all integers n , if $5 \mid n$ then $5 \mid n^2$.]

Suppose n is any integer such that (a). [We must show that (b).]

By definition of divisibility, $n = \underline{(c)}$ for some integer k . By substitution, $n^2 = \underline{(d)} = 5(5k^2)$. But $5k^2$ is an integer because it is a product of integers. Hence $n^2 = 5 \cdot (\text{an integer})$, and so (e) [as was to be shown].

(a) $5 \mid n$

(b) $5 \mid n^2$

(c) $5k$

(d) $(5k)^2$

(e) $5 \mid n^2$