

4. **Proposition:** If  $n$  is an odd integer, then  $n^2 + 4n + 6$  is odd.

*Proof.* Let  $n$  be an odd integer, then  $n$  can be expressed as

$$n = 2a + 1 \quad \dots \text{where } a \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$n^2 + 4n + 6 = (2a + 1)^2 + 4(2a + 1) + 6 \quad \text{Substitution for } n$$

$$= 4a^2 + 4a + 1 + 8a + 4 + 6 \quad \text{Expanding the terms}$$

$$= 2(\underbrace{2a^2 + 6a + 5}_b) + 1 \quad \text{From closure, } b \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$= 2b + 1 \quad \text{The result is odd. } \square$$