

3. Say whether the following is true or false and support your answer by a proof: For any integer n , the number n^2+n+1 is odd.

Claim: $\forall n \in \mathbb{Z} [2 \nmid n^2+n+1]$

Proof: Given an $n \in \mathbb{Z}$, by the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic, we know that $2 \mid n$ iff $2 \mid n^2$. We also know that for all $b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$

if $2 \mid b$ and $2 \mid c$ then $2 \mid b+c$, and,

if $2 \nmid b$ and $2 \nmid c$ then $2 \mid b+c$ too.

Set $b=n^2$ and $c=n$. Then, no matter if $2 \mid n$ or $2 \nmid n$, it is always the case that $2 \mid n^2+n$, hence, $2 \nmid n^2+n+1$, proving the original claim. \square