

Statement: For any integer  $n$ , the number  $n^2 + n + 1$  is odd.

(Idea:)

proof:

let  $n$  be an arbitrary integer

case 1:  $n$  is even

let  $n = 2k$

$$n^2 + n + 1 = (2k)^2 + (2k) + 1$$

$$n^2 + n + 1 = 4k^2 + 2k + 1$$

$$n^2 + n + 1 = 2(2k^2 + k) + 1$$

which is of form  $2m+1$  ie odd.

Case 2:  $n$  is odd

let  $n = 2k + 1$

$$n^2 + n + 1 = (2k + 1)^2 + (2k + 1) + 1$$

$$n^2 + n + 1 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 2k + 1 + 1$$

$$n^2 + n + 1 = 4k^2 + 6k + 3$$

$$n^2 + n + 1 = 2(2k^2 + 3k + 1) + 1$$

which is of form  $2m+1$  ie, odd

In either case, it is odd

$\therefore$  For any natural number  $n$ ,  $n^2 + n + 1$  is an odd number