

HOMEWORK 3 — TOM MULVEY  
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3.8 ) Prove if  $x$  is an odd int, then  $9x+5$  is even

*Proof.* Assume  $x$  is an odd integer, then..

$$x = 2k + 1 \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z}$$

$$\text{It follows that } 9x + 5 = 9(2k + 1) + 5$$

$$= 18k + 14$$

$$= 2(9k + 7) \text{ where } 9k+7 \text{ is an integer}$$

This is obviously even. □

3.20 )

*Proof.* let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  Prove that  $3x + 1$  is even  $\iff 5x - 2$  is odd

**Lemma 1.** Let  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$ . If  $3x + 1$  is even then  $x$  is odd.

*Proof (lemma):* We will prove this lemma by the contrapositive approach. If  $x$  is even, then  $3x + 1$  is odd. If  $x$  is even, it follows that  $x = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$3x + 1 = 3(2k) + 1 = 3 \cdot \text{an even integer} + 1$$

This is obviously odd.

Proof: For the forward direction, I will prove directly. Let  $3x + 1$  be an even integer. by the lemma, the integer  $x$  is odd. Since  $x$  is odd,  $x = 2k + 1$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Thus

$$5x - 2 = 5(2k + 1) - 2 = 10k + 5 - 2 = 10k + 3$$

$$= 3(2k + 1) + 4k$$

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

$$= 3 \cdot \text{an odd integer} + \text{an even integer}$$

$$= \text{an odd integer}$$

For the reverse direction, I will prove by the contrapositive.

The proof is similar in the reverse direction as the forward. □

3.26 ) Prove that if  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  then  $n^2 - 3n + 9$  is odd.

*Proof.* I will argue by cases that if  $n$  is either odd OR even,  $n^2 - 3n + 9$  is odd.

CASE 1:  $n$  is even      If  $n$  is even, it follows that  $n=2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{thus } n^2 - 3n + 9 &= (2k)^2 - 3(2k) + 9 \\ &= 4k^2 - 6k + 9 \\ &= 4k^2 - 3(2k + 3) \\ &= \text{even integer} - 3 \cdot (\text{odd integer}) \\ &\quad \text{odd integer}\end{aligned}$$

CASE 2:  $n$  is odd

$$\begin{aligned}\text{If } n \text{ is odd, it follows that } n &= 2k + 1 \text{ for some } k \in \mathbb{Z} \\ \text{thus } n^2 - 3n + 9 &= (2k + 1)^2 - 3(2k + 1) + 9 \\ &= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 - 6k - 3 + 9 \\ &= 4k^2 - 2k + 7 \\ &= 2(2k^2 - k) + 7 \\ &= \text{even integer} + \text{odd integer} \\ &= \text{obviously odd}\end{aligned}$$

$n^2 - 3n + 9$  is odd when  $n$  is odd or even

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