

MTH 331 – Homework 1

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Statement 0. *Let a and b be integers. If a is odd and b is odd, then ab is odd.*

Proof. We say that a and b are odd if there exist integers k and h that satisfy $a = 2k + 1$ and $b = 2h + 1$. Therefore $ab = (2k + 1)(2h + 1) = 4kh + 2k + 2h + 1 = 2(2kh + k + h) + 1$ and $2kh + k + h$ is an integer.

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