

20 The sum of any even and any odd integer is odd.

Proof

Suppose m and n are integers such that m is even and n is odd. Then exists integers i and j such that $m = 2i$ and $n = 2j + 1$. It follows that

$$\begin{aligned} m+n &= 2i + 2j + 1 \\ &= 2(i+j) + 1 \end{aligned}$$

Since the set of integers is closed under multiplication and addition, $2(i+j) = 2r$ for some integer r .

Therefore, $m+n = 2r+1$. So by the \Leftarrow part of the definition of odd number, $m+n$ is an odd integer.

✓ Hence, if m is even and n is odd, then $m+n$ is odd. That is, the sum of any even and any odd integer is odd.

Once again, I wasn't really sure where I was going when I started this proof. I just followed through the steps of a proof and it isn't until I get through the algebra that it all comes together.

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