

Study of the parity of even and odd numbers

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Abstract

We will prove that for any natural integer n , if it is even, then its square is also even. In the same way, we will prove that for any natural whole n , if it is odd, its square is also odd.

Theorem 1. *If n is even, then n^2 is also even with $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

Proof. Let $(k, n) \in \mathbb{N}^2, n = 2k$

We can now compute n^2 .

$$n^2 = (2k)^2 \tag{1}$$

$$= 4k^2 \tag{2}$$

$$= 2(2k^2) \tag{3}$$

Let $k' = 2k^2$. Then, we get:

$$n^2 = 2k' \tag{4}$$

As we can write n^2 as $2k'$ with $k' \in \mathbb{Z}$, it is also even. □

Theorem 2. *If n is odd, then n^2 is also odd with $n \in \mathbb{N}$.*

Proof. Let $(k, n) \in \mathbb{N}^2, n = 2k + 1$

We can now compute n^2 .

$$n^2 = (2k + 1)^2 \tag{5}$$

$$= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 \tag{6}$$

$$= 2(2k^2 + 2k) + 1 \tag{7}$$

Let $k' = 2k^2 + 2k$. Then, we get:

$$n^2 = 2k' + 1 \tag{8}$$

As we can write n^2 as $2k' + 1$ with $k' \in \mathbb{Z}$, it is also odd. □