

Proof that if an integer is not even, it is odd:

Assumptions made: the difference of integers is an integer.

To begin, I will define an even number n as one where there is some integer k such that $n=2k$. An integer n is even if and only if there is some k such that $n=2k$. An odd number is one where there is some integer k such that $n=2k+1$. An integer n is odd if and only if there is some integer k such that $n=2k+1$.

(Sub)proof that every integer is either even or odd:

We can start by observing that 0 is even because there is a k such that $2*k=0$ (in this case, $k=0$).

In the case that some n is even, $n=2k$. This means that $n+1$ is odd because $n+1=2k+1$. In the case that n is odd, $n=2k+1$. This means that $n+1=2k+2=2(k+1)$. Therefore, adding 1 to an odd integer results in an even integer and adding 1 to an even integer results in an odd integer. This chain logically follows forever and winds up including every integer.

Subproof that 1 is not even. Suppose 1 is even. This would mean that there is some integer k such that $2k=1$. But there is no such integer and so 1 is not even.

Proof that a number cannot be both even and odd:

Suppose that integers can be odd and even and that there is some integer n that is both even and odd. This means that there is some integer n , which is both even and odd, which means that there are integers k and j such that $n=2k=2j+1$. This means that $2k=2j+1$, which means that $2k-2j=1$. Doing some rearranging results in $2(k-j)=1$. $k-j=1/2$, but since the difference of integers is always an integer, $k-j$ cannot equal $1/2$ if both k and j are integers. This means that no such integers k and j exist such that $n=2k=2j+1$.

An alternative way of proving this last part. $2(k-j)=1$. If $(k-j)$ equaled an integer, then 1 would have to be even, but since 1 is not even, according to our proof from earlier, then $k-j$ is not equal to an integer.

This proves that a number cannot be both even and odd. But since I've already shown that every integer is either even or odd, then an integer that is not even must be odd.