

Lemma: if an integer is not even, it is odd (I will prove this by contradiction)

- 1) Definition: an integer  $x$  is **even** if and only if, for some integer  $y$ ,  $x = 2y$
- 2) Definition: an integer  $u$  is **odd** if and only if, for some integer  $v$ ,  $u = 2v + 1$
- 3) For contradiction purposes, let us assume that if an integer is not even, it does *not* have to be odd
- 4)  $C$  is defined as the set of all integers that are not even and not odd
- 5) From step 3,  $C$  is not empty
- 6) From the well-ordering principle, we can select the minimum of  $C$  and name it  $m$
- 7) Since  $m$  is in  $C$ , there is no integer  $y$  for which  $m = 2y$  and no integer  $v$  for which  $m = 2v + 1$
- 8)  $(m = 2y)$  is logically equivalent to  $(m - 2 = 2y - 2)$  since the same thing is being subtracted from both sides
- 9) Since there is no  $y$  for which  $m = 2y$ , there is no  $y$  for which  $m - 2 = 2y - 2$
- 10) There is no  $y$  for which  $m - 2 = 2(y - 1)$
- 11) Since  $y$  can take any integer value, there is also no  $y$  for which  $m - 2 = 2y$ . If there were a  $y$  for which  $m - 2 = 2y$ , then there would also be a  $y'$  for which  $m - 2 = 2(y' - 1)$ , which would contradict step 10. Specifically,  $y'$  would equal  $y + 1$ .
- 12) Since there is no  $y$  for which  $m - 2 = 2y$ ,  **$m - 2$  is not even.**
- 13)  $(m = 2v + 1)$  is logically equivalent to  $(m - 2 = 2v - 2 + 1)$  since the same thing is being subtracted from both sides
- 14) Since there is no  $v$  for which  $m = 2v + 1$ , there is no  $v$  for which  $m - 2 = 2v - 2 + 1$
- 15) There is no  $v$  for which  $m - 2 = 2(v - 1) + 1$
- 16) Since  $v$  can take any integer value, there is also no  $v$  for which  $m - 2 = 2v + 1$ . If there were a  $v$  for which  $m - 2 = 2v + 1$ , then there would also be a  $v'$  for which  $m - 2 = 2(v' - 1) + 1$ , which would contradict step 15. Specifically,  $v'$  would equal  $v + 1$ .
- 17) Since there is no  $v$  for which  $m - 2 = 2v + 1$ ,  **$m - 2$  is not odd.**
- 18) From steps 12 and 17,  $m - 2$  is neither even nor odd.
- 19) Since  $m - 2$  is neither even nor odd,  $m - 2$  is in  $C$ .
- 20) Since  $m - 2$  is in  $C$ ,  $m$  is not the minimum element of  $C$ .
- 21) This is a contradiction! Assuming our lemma to be false led to this contradiction, so our lemma is proved.

QED