

Problem 5 Prove the proposition "A positive integer n is even if and only if $3n^2 + 8$ is even."

Proof. \rightarrow "If $n > 0$ is even, then $3n^2 + 8$ is even."

Let $n = 2k$ for $k \in \mathbb{Z}$.

$$3n^2 + 8 = 3(2k)^2 + 8 = 2(6k^2 + 4).$$

Since $6k^2 + 4 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $3n^2 + 8$ is even. \square

\leftarrow "If $3n^2 + 8$ is even, then n is even"

We prove the counterpositive: If n is odd, then $3n^2 + 8$ is odd.

Let $n = 2k + 1$

$$3n^2 + 8 = 3(2k+1)^2 + 8 = 3(4k^2 + 4k + 1) + 8 = 2(6k^2 + 6k + 5) + 1.$$

Since $6k^2 + 6k + 5 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $3n^2 + 8$ is odd. \square

Problem 6. Prove the set relation $(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \bar{B}) = A$.

$$(A \cap B) \cup (A \cap \bar{B}) = A \cap (B \cup \bar{B}) = A \cap U = A$$

Here U is a universal set and we used distributive law.