

Theorem 1. For all even integers, x , and odd integers, y , $x + y$ is odd.

Proof. We assume that x and y are even and odd integers respectively, and will show that $x + y$ is odd. Using the definitions of even and odd integers, we see that

$$x = 2a \tag{1}$$

for some integer a , and

$$y = 2b + 1 \tag{2}$$

for some integer b . Expressing $x + y$ in terms of 1 and 2, we get

$$\begin{aligned} x + y &= 2a + 2b + 1 \\ &= 2(a + b) + 1 \\ &= 2c + 1 \end{aligned}$$

for some integer c , since integers are closed under addition. Since $x + y = 2c + 1$ for some integer c , we conclude that $x + y$ is odd. \square