

## Theorem

*If  $x + 3$  is even, then  $x$  is odd.*

- **Direct.** Assume  $x + 3$  is even.  
This means that  $x + 3 = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
Then  $x = 2k - 3 = 2(k - 2) + 1$  and therefore  $x$  is odd.
- **Contrapositive.** Assume that  $x$  is even.  
Then  $x = 2k$  for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .  
Then  $x + 3 = 2k + 3 = 2(k + 1) + 1$  is odd.
- **Contradiction.** Assume that  $x + 3$  is even and  $x$  is even.  
This means that  $x + 3 = 2k$  and  $x = 2l$  for  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ , or  $2l = 2k + 3$ .  
This means that  $l - k = 3/2$ , which is not possible if  $k, l \in \mathbb{Z}$ .